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- 01772 533722

Lancashire Countryside Service and Rights of Way

Useful Contacts

For a full list of accommodation in the Burnley area please visit www.visitburnley.com/accommodation

Where to Stay

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Where to Stay

17 Church Square, Worsthorne, Burnley BB10 3NH
Tel. 01282 437494

The Crooked Billet

1-3 Smith Street, Worsthorne, Burnley BB10 3NQ
Tel. 01282 429040

For a full list of places to eat please visit www.visitburnley.com/foodanddrink

Places to Eat

Enjoy Yourself

To enjoy walking in Burnley please:

- Follow the Countryside Code
 - Be safe – plan ahead, follow any signs and cross roads with care
 - Leave gates and property as you find them
 - Protect plants and animals – take your litter home
 - Keep dogs under close control
 - Consider other people
- Don't forget to take adequate food and drinks
- Wear warm, comfortable and waterproof clothing and stout boots
- Carry a map, compass, mobile phone and first aid kit
- Let people know where you are going and your estimated time of return

Thank You

Our thanks go to the Burnley and District Civic Trust who came up with the original idea for the Burnley Way - especially David Ellis and Richard Catlow who put together the first set of leaflets with help from Kim Coverdale from Lancashire Wildlife Trust.

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Further Information

Burnley Tourist Information Centre
Croft Street, Burnley BB11 2EF

Tel. 01282 664421

For the latest information about the Burnley Way visit www.visitburnley.com

The forest forms a woodland network throughout the borough linked by footpaths, cycleways and bridleways. It has doubled Burnley's woodland area adding immensely to the picturesque countryside surrounding the town and giving both walking enthusiasts and other visitors the chance to enjoy an even more beautiful Burnley.

100 sites are on or close to the Burnley Way. Elwood and Forestry Commission funds. Many of these 500 hectares of new native woodland and improved 200 hectares of mature woodland using Millennium (lottery), Since 1997 the Forest of Burnley project has created over

The Forest of Burnley



Look for the Burnley Way marker on the stiles and marker posts along the route.

Walks one and six are mostly through gentle fields and woods, although despite improvements some sections are boggy particularly after wet weather. The other walks traverse high moorland routes where the terrain and weather can be severe even in summer.

Created 15 years ago by the Civic Trust and Burnley Council's Planning and Environment team, the route has been recently updated and revised into six easy sections each with parking and public transport near to the start and finish.

The Burnley Way is a 40-mile adventure from industrial heritage, along waterways, through fields, parks, old farms and Forest of Burnley woodlands to the wild South Pennine Moors. The landscape, history and wildlife are varied and fascinating.

The Burnley Way



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Walk
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Hurstwood
to Portsmouth

Distance: 8kms (5 miles)

Time: 3 hours (approx)

Difficulty: Moorland paths and tracks with some steep climbs and descents.



Hurstwood to Portsmouth

Walk three of the Burnley Way takes you from the Elizabethan hamlet of Hurstwood across Shedden Clough - with its associations with limestone extraction - and along the Long Causeway past Coal Clough Windfarm to the edge of the Cliviger Gorge.

The limestone glacial deposits and old hushings around Shedden Clough have led to old records of rare plant species. More recently the spectacular short-eared owl has been seen hunting low for voles on winter afternoons among the Forest of Burnley new woodlands and moors.

For this walk we recommend walking with a friend or group and wearing stout boots and taking waterproofs and warm clothing.

A frequent bus service will take you from Burnley Bus Station to Worsthorne village. From the village square take the footpath off Church Street across the fields to Hurstwood Lane. Head left up the lane to Hurstwood (A). Alternatively there is a United Utilities Car Park at Hurstwood.

1. Off Hurstwood Lane, from Worsthorne, the old packhorse track is to your right and heads off left after a short distance down to Foxstones Bridge across the infant River Brun below Rock Water. Climb the wet track up beside Rose Cottage and turn left into Foxstones Lane passing what was Rock Water Bird Conservation Centre. Continue for over 1km past Crow Holes and 100m beyond Middle Pasture Farm take the left fork of the old track leading to Shedden Clough (B).
2. Cross Shedden Bridge and turn right to join the track, which now forms part of the Pennine Bridleway (C). Head up for about 1km past the small woodland and take the permissive path left up to the United Utilities car park opposite the site of Maiden Cross.

Burnley Way Map KEY
(indicative map only)

	Areas
	Woodlands
	Water courses
	Sites of interest
	Start of Walk
	Finish of Walk
	Reference points

3. Go left onto the Long Causeway (D) and carefully walk along the road verge with Coal Clough Wind Farm (E) on your right. Carefully walk to where the road turns sharp left and cross to a stile near the gate to the Stiperden House Farm track – the original line of the Long Causeway.
4. The path crosses the track to another stile and runs parallel with the track for about 800m past a derelict barn through rushy pasture to another stile by the farm. Turn right and head down the rushy field keeping to the west / right side of the clough valley. You will descend a sharp dip before climbing to a stile with a Forest of Burnley sign behind it.
5. Cross through this young plantation and follow the two marker posts on the brow of the valley side before descending over stiles through another Forest of Burnley plantation to a track leading to a kissing gate opposite a cottage beside the stream below a small waterfall (**BEWARE – steep drop away from the path in this area**).
6. Turn right onto Coal Clough Lane then after 20m fork left onto a track, go down the track and cross over another stream with a waterfall then climb up the steep lane through the wood and over a cattle grid to Brown Birks. Fork left between the buildings and after 75m left again over a stile.
7. The path contours round the hillside with fine views of the Cliviger Gorge (F) before descending to a track leading to a level crossing. Cross with care and take Station Parade to the main road (A646) at Portsmouth. Here a bus service is available to take you back to Burnley.



Maps: Whilst this indicative map is accurate it is recommended that when walking the Burnley Way you use: Ordnance Survey Explorer – OL21 South Pennines Ordnance Survey Landranger 103 – Blackburn, Burnley and surrounding area.

Along the way...

(A) Hurstwood

This delightful Elizabethan village contains a number of very old attractive buildings including Hurstwood Hall, Tattersall's Barn and Spenser's Cottage, reputed to have been the home from 1576 – 1579 of Edmund Spenser the Elizabethan poet.

(B) Shedden Clough

The unusual moon-like landscape of Shedden Clough is the result of 17th and 18th century limestone extraction. Water was artificially dammed up, then released to expose glacially-transported limestone boulders, the small valleys left behind were known as the 'hushes' and the less valuable discarded stone was known as the 'sheddings'. The limestone was burnt locally in small kilns before distribution for use in the production of mortar and whitewash, and as a fertiliser.

(C) Pennine Bridleway

The Pennine Bridleway National Trail is a continuous linear trail from Middleton Top in Derbyshire to Kirby Stephen in

Cumbria and covers a distance of 206 miles. It is the only national trail specifically designed for horse riders and cyclists, but it also forms a major route for walkers.

(D) The Long Causeway

This ancient track possibly dating from Roman times; was heavily used as a packhorse trail in the 18th century by wool merchants travelling to the Piece Hall in Halifax.

(E) Coal Clough Wind Farm

The 24 wind turbines that sit high on the moors above Burnley generate enough power each year to supply electricity to 6,000 homes. The farm has public footpaths crossing the site so that visitors can see for themselves renewable energy in action.

(F) Cliviger Gorge

The spectacular Cliviger Gorge was carved out by glacial meltwaters at the end of the ice age. It is significantly different from other Lancashire landscapes and is home to a variety of wildlife including peregrine falcons, ravens and deer.

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