

Along the way...

(A) Queen Street Mill Textile Museum

The last steam powered weaving mill in Britain, where the magnificent steam engine 'Peace' powers over 300 deafening Lancashire looms that produce yards of cotton cloth for export. Interactive exhibits allow you to zoom into the looms for a closer look and you can hear all about 'life at t'mill' as former mill workers tell their stories.
Tel. 01282 412555

(B) Harle Syke

Harle Syke became the most important late-Victorian weaving village in Lancashire and employed many Burnley people. Its name means 'the shallow muddy ditch with wild flax growing beside it'.

(C) Shores Hey Farm (HAPPA)

Shores Hey Farm is the home of HAPPA (the Horses and Ponies Protection Association), which takes care of neglected horses, ponies and donkeys and nurses them back to health and fitness. Visitors are welcome to make a fuss of the animals, some of which are available for adoption. The café and visitor centre is an ideal place for walkers along the Burnley Way to stop for a break.
Tel. 01282 435067

(D) Thursden Brook

The upper reaches of the River Don are known as Thursden Brook. The valley is unusual in Burnley in that no reservoirs have been constructed in it. 'Thursden' can be variously interpreted as meaning the valley of the giant, or the goblins or Thor. The valley contains limestone hushings and the remains of lime kilns.

(E) Hurstwood Reservoir

Construction began in 1908 but was delayed due to World War One. The reservoir was not completed until 1925. It is a great place for walkers with trails leading up through the woodlands and around the reservoir. The Mary Towneley Loop part of the Pennine Bridleway passes nearby on its journey into Yorkshire and is also excellent for walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

(F) 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.



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Places to Eat

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

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Harle Syke, Burnley BB10 2HX.
Tel. 01282 412555

HAPPA

Shores Hey Farm, Briercliffe, Burnley BB10 3QU.
Tel. 01282 435067

The Bay Horse

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

Where to Stay

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

Useful Contacts

Lancashire Countryside Service and Rights of Way
- 01772 533722

Forest Of Burnley - 01282 664636

Burnley Council Park Rangers - 01282 831053

Ramblers Association - 01282 435352

Burnley Mountaineering Club - 01282 702637

Lancashire and Blackpool Tourist Board
- 01257 226600

National Rail Enquiry Line - 08457 48 49 50

Bus Enquiries - 01282 423125

Weathercall - North West - 09068 505 316
(60p per min) West Yorkshire - 09068 505 317

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

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Walk

Queen Street Mill to Hurstwood

Distance: 13.5kms (8.5 miles)

Time: 5 hours (approx)

Difficulty: Strenuous – boggy fields and steep woodland paths with a long moorland crossing.



The Burnley Way



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The Burnley Way

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.

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.

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.



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

The Forest of Burnley

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

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.



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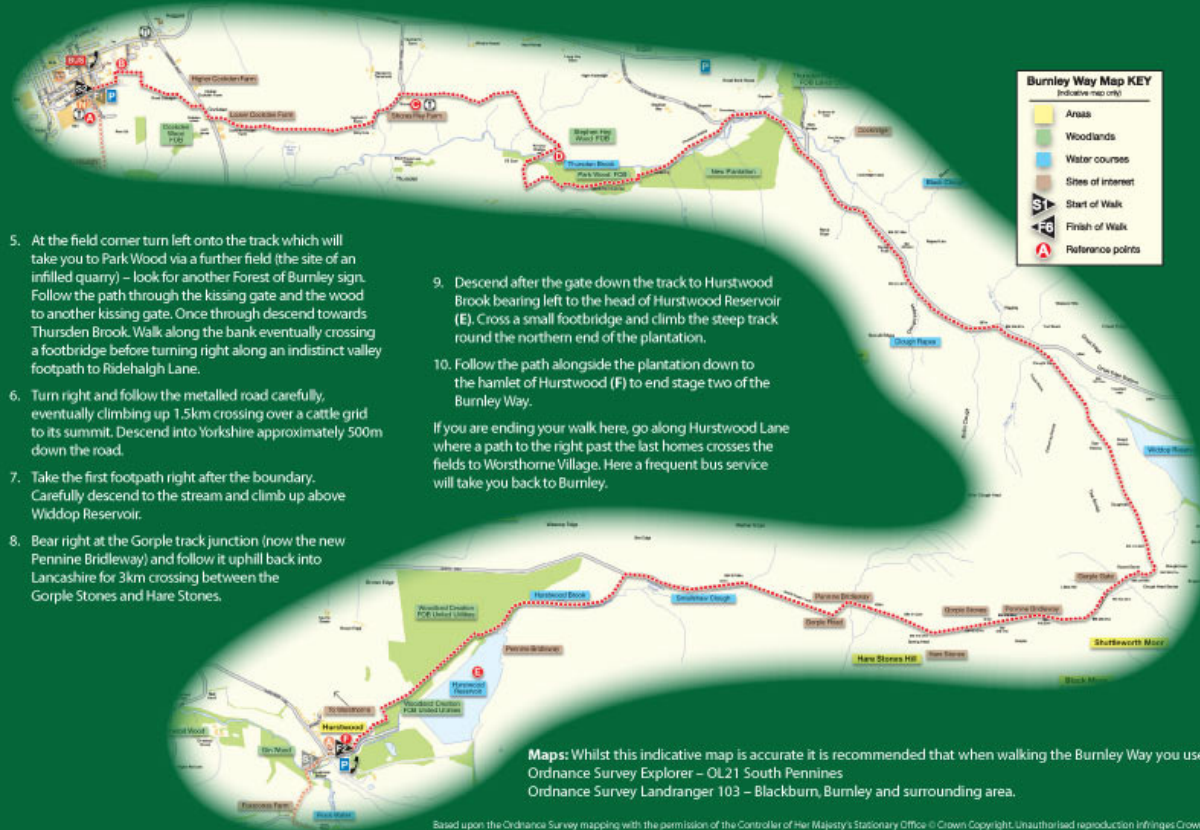
This second section of the Burnley Way takes you from Queen Street Mill Textile Museum in the village of Briercliffe, across open farm fields, woodland and high moorland, past reservoirs and on to the Elizabethan village of Hurstwood.

Between plantations of broadleaved and coniferous trees in the Thursden Valley, look out for rare grasses such as quaking grass and Grass-Of-Parnassus flower and extensive areas of heather, bilberry and crowberry. Summer visiting birds such as curlew, golden plover, skylark, twite and merlin can be seen above Black Hameldon and Worthorne Moors.

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

This walk begins at Queen Street Mill Textile Museum (A) at Harle Syke (B) in Briercliffe; a frequent bus service runs from Burnley bus station to Harle Syke.

1. Go east along Harrison Street and follow the footpath around the allotments to a metal kissing gate. Cross a field and stile through a boggy area to a second kissing gate behind Rose Cottages. Turn left and follow the lane to Todmorden Road.
2. Turn right carefully down the road. After 100m take the lane left by Lower Cockden Farm keeping to your left hand side. Cross the fields for nearly 1km to Inghams Farm. Go through the yard and turn left into Black House Lane and up 200m to Shores Hey Farm (C).
3. At Shores Hey turn right through the gate and go along the side of a modern out building. Follow the track and path for 500m, then cross a stone stile. Keeping the wall close to your right cross one field to a stile by a gateway. Descend to cross a tributary of Thursden Brook and continue to the next stone stile.
4. Turn sharp right through the stile following the wall and hedge down to the footbridge over Thursden Brook (D). Carefully climb the steps up Ell (alder) Scar and go up the right hand side of the field passing the Forest of Burnley sign.



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