The Leeds & Liverpool Canal, with a total length of 127 1/4 miles, was opened in 1816. It links the sea port of Liverpool with the Aire and Calder Navigation at Leeds so forming a through route between the Irish Sea and the North Sea. Although no longer vital to local industry it is now an important attraction for the leisure industry.

**ON THIS WALK**

**Points of Interest:**
- Smithy Lane: stop and look left to take in the magnificent views of Pendle Hill and Blacko Tower on the way down.
- Lake Burwain: built as the main feed for the canal, the Sailing Club has been using it for many years.
- Langroyd Hall: built in 1605 for the Carr family. James Carr wrote the Annals of Colne (the first written history of Colne) and Edward Carr was twice mayor of Colne.

**Flora and Fauna:**
- The area is home to a wide diversity of life. Watch out for: Great Crested Grebe, Moorhen, Grey Heron, Canada Goose and Long Tailed Tits, Water Voles, Rabbits and Foxes.
- Red Campion, Purple Loosestrife, Meadow Cranesbill and Forget-me-nots. The magnificent Holly, Hawthorn, Rowan and Ash.
- Peacock, Painted Lady and Meadow Brown Butterflies, Damsel and Dragonflies.

**HOW TO GET THERE**

From end of M65 turn left onto Vivary Way, ahead at traffic lights to the roundabout. Take first exit left onto Harrison Drive, continue to the top, go straight across at next roundabout until the road forks right up to the Rugby Club car park.

Alternatively...
- Walk up to the top of Alkincoates Park onto the lane past Rookery Cottage until you reach the woodland entrance on the right. On entering the woodland follow the path until you reach the first waymarker pointing left.
- Please Note: There is no parking adjacent to the woodland on Red Lane.

**Further Information**

Contact tourist information on 01282 661701 for answers to queries or to be put in touch with members.

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Foulridge Reservoir is a marvellous man made lake created during the 19th Century and is also known as Lake Burwain, although to all locals it is called simply ‘The Res’. In the 1920s and 30s the huge lake would freeze over and grand skating competitions were held. Over these decades we had our very own local champion ice skater - the legendary Sam Ansdell. The long, hot, never-ending summer of 1959 saw the reservoir dry up completely and it was possible to walk from one end to the other during this wonderful, sun-filled summer. In the long reeds by the side of the dried-up lake Adders were seen for the very first time in living Memory, they have not been back since!

The deep waters of the reservoir hold many species of fresh water fish including huge Pike, Striped Perch and Silvery Roach. Now and again, a mighty Eel is pulled out from the depths. The lake is also home to some superb types of birds. You can see the magnificently handsome Great Crested Grebe, the pterodactyl-like Grey Heron, the strange calling Curlew, and the Hook-Billed Great Black Backed Gull. Yes indeed, the Foulridge Reservoir is a place of great beauty and legend.