



**G. The Pendle Way**

The 45m Pendle Way explores the popular 'Witch Country' of East Lancashire. The walk begins at the Pendle Heritage Centre in the attractive village of Barrowford.

**H. Booth Bridge**

The site of a Bobbin Mill (formerly corn mill and spinning mill).



**I. Thornton in Craven**

Thornton in Craven occupies an important position close to ancient highways. In 1824 the Colne to Broughton Turnpike Trust road came through, replacing the steeper remote Colne to Skipton Turnpike above Thornton Moor.

**J. Pennine Way**

Designated by the Countryside Agency, in 1965, as Britain's first National Trail. The Pennine Way is one of the most famous and popular walks in the country and 40 years old.



**K. Leeds & Liverpool Canal**

Immediately after this bridge is a fairly tight curve to the left, and as you round it an odd sight comes into view - a bridge on top of a bridge. This curious double-arched structure carries the busy A59 road over the canal. It would appear that after the original bridge was built the height of the road was raised to eliminate a dip, and as a consequence a second bridge was built on top of the first. It looks odd, but it works.



**L. St Peter's Church**

The twin villages of East and West Marton share a parish church between them, whose name reflects the sharing - St. Peter's Martons Both. The Leeds and Liverpool Canal is visible from the church and if you have time, you may like to look around the churchyard for the memorials of some of the navvies who died building it.

**Information on Link Paths**

There are a number of link paths on the West Craven Way. These are designed to assist you to make up a number of circular walks out of the longer route and to link to public transport in the places like Barnoldswick, Kelbrook, and Earby. It is recommended that you use the following directions alongside the appropriate OS map.

**Link Path 1 – The Kelbrook Loop (7 miles)**

Follow the main route directions from point (A) to point (G), leaving the route at this point and follow the Pendle Way to Heads House. At this point do not follow the Pendle Way anymore but go onto Heads Lane through Kelbrook. At the Craven Heifer Pub follow the footpath back to Salterforth.

**Link Path 2 – The Earby Loop (7 miles)**

The link path starts at Earby Lead Mining Museum. Take the road that you can see to your right, in between the factory buildings, and stay left, through Old Earby, passing Earby Youth Hostel. Turn right onto a narrow walled footpath until you reach a lane. You can then follow the Pendle Way until you reach Point (G) on the West Craven Way. Return to Earby via Gaylands Lane.

**Link Path 3 – The Thornton Loop (7 miles)**

To do the next part of the main route start at Earby, and go straight up along Gaylands Lane, until you reach the West Craven Way, at the point just beneath Booth Bridge. Where the Pennine Way meets the canal at point (K). Use the canal towpath to go south until you reach bridge 159. Leave the towpath and turn left onto a country lane. Enter field by next gate on the left, turn right after gate and walk keeping the fence on the right close. On reaching delapidated farmhouse strike out diagonally to your left until you find the brook crossing point. Cross brook, turn left and follow field boundary all the way round in the direction of the church. At the road leading to farm take the stile and climb towards church and its back gate. Cross the main road with extreme care and follow the Pendle Way back.

**POINTS OF INTEREST**

This section explores the area to the south and east of Barnoldswick. Starting at the foothills of Weets Hill the walk takes in the undulating countryside crossing through farmland and moors.



**A. The Anchor Inn**

Dating back to the 17th century the inn is one of the oldest buildings in Salterforth and is renowned for its food and ale. It was built on top of an earlier pub, "The Travellers Rest", which became the cellar of "The Anchor Inn". Its worth a visit for its amazing display of stalactites and stalagmites which formed in the cellar over the centuries.



**B. Leeds & Liverpool Canal**

Now used almost exclusively for leisure the sight of barges transporting raw cotton to the mills of Barnoldswick would have been common place in 1800's.

**C. Lancashire Ghyll**

The stream known as Lancashire Ghyll marked the county boundary between Yorkshire and Lancashire until 1974 when reorganisation in County Boundaries moved Barnoldswick into Lancashire.



**D. Great Edge**

From the gritstone ridge you can see the views across the valley towards Colne and the reservoirs at Foulridge which feed the Leeds and Liverpool Canal.

**E. Copy House**

A carved stone in the wall marks the site of the "Dissenters Well". It was common for non-conformists to meet in places such as this. The Dissenters' Well is situated high on Kelbrook Moor and dates back to a time when the law stated it was illegal for any non-conformist religious meetings to take place within a five mile radius of any Parish Church. So it was common for meetings to be held in remote places such as the moors.

**F. Black Lane Ends**

In the 19th Century a small hamlet on the border of Lancashire and Yorkshire. The pub of the same name is said to be haunted by the "White Lady", the murdered wife of an early 19th Century landlord.

Remember that this is a countryside walk and can be wet in places. Ensure you wear adequate footwear. Keep dogs under control

# ROUTE DIRECTIONS

## From The Anchor Inn (A)

On the towpath of the **Leeds & Liverpool Canal (B)** turn left under the bridge and continue for about a mile to Mill Hill Bridge (with its "Welcome to Lancashire" plaque), go under the bridge and turn left to leave the towpath. Do not cross bridge but proceed straight to and over the stile to the right of the gate.

Follow track, turning right along field edge keeping fence to your left. Cross the Footbridge head across the field heading towards the farm buildings. Through the gate out of the field follow the track over the disused railway, through the farmyard to the A56.

Turn right towards Foulridge, once past the Cottages cross the road and go through the gate by the bus stop. Head diagonally right, across the field down to the stream. Over the stile turn left before the stream, follow the stream to a small ladder stile. At the road turn left, then right, through a squeeze gate and follow the footpath up the gully above stream, through a stile gate until you reach the wall. Continue to the right of wall, when you reach the gate, go through and turn right over the **Lancashire Ghyll (C)** then as you follow the path up, over a stile, the path is fenced on both sides past Oxenards. Go over the stile cross the lane, over another stile bear left up the field to a track turn left through the gate to the lane. Turn right up the lane to the brow of the hill, turn left over the stile onto the concessionary footpath to Throstle Nest.

At the edge of the garden take the stile to the right and follow the track away from the house, after approximately 200 metres turn left down to the stream. Cross the footbridge and turn right following the stream, past the old quarry turn left and, with the stone wall on your right, go up **Great Edge (D)**. Carry on over a ladder stile now keeping a fence to your left. At the next stone wall, go over the ladder stile, with wall to your left go downhill, then as you start uphill go left over the ladder stile then bear right across the field to a stile.

Over the stile continue over stone steps at the edge of the trees, then go left across the field before following the track across the next field. Before the ladder stile turn right through the gate and along the lane, passing to right of **Copy House (E)** (Hawes Farm). Go over the stile following the wall and over the next stile, continue uphill to another stile. Over the stile the wall bears left, go straight on over the hill and over two more stiles towards **Black Lane Ends (F)**. At the gate follow the wall left onto the **Pendle Way (G)**. Go through the gate and follow the path down the field then left across the fields towards Scald Bank Farm. Over the stone stile turn left and take the track round the back of the farm following the path over a stile and across the hillside, through the gorse, making your way down to the stream.

Over the footbridge turn right over the track through the gate into the garden of Harden Clough. Follow the gravel path past the house and over the stile. Proceed across the field, midway, at the line of bushes, and turn right down to the stream. Cross the stream and go uphill and over the stone stile. Turn left over wooden bridge then immediately right and follow the field fence uphill. At the end of the field turn right through the gate and follow the bridleway turning left at edge of the gardens.



As the track turns left across the front of the houses bear right past the telephone pole to a small ladder stile in the wall. After going over the stile, go slightly left across the hill turning left towards buildings after passing through next squeeze stile. Over next stile, turn right across the front of Bleara Side to Bleara Road, turn right to T junction. Turn left at the junction then right through Salt Pye Farm entrance. Follow the track until it turns right to the farm, here go straight on through field gate and bear right across field and over stone stile, by a field gate.

Still bearing right cross this field, and go through wall, via a squeeze stile. Bear left across this field, through the field gate and go left downhill to Bent Hall Farm. Go over the stile to farm track and turn left through the gate past farm buildings and through another gate into field. Bear right uphill past nearest telephone pole to a laddered gate. Through the gate go uphill to a gate next to the house (look out for the giant chess set in the garden). Through the gate turn right over the stile and bear left across the field, over another stile, then follow the wall up to Proctor Height Farm. Cross the front of the building onto the track. Follow this track as it turns left and uphill to the road.

Turn left onto the road until you reach Dodgsons Lane. Turn right following the lane past Dodgsons Farm. Follow the track through a gate and downhill, through the next gate cross the stream then proceed up over stone stile into field. Proceed diagonally left across slope of field to left of barn to gate above gully. Through the gate follow track round to left past old farmhouse over stream and uphill turning right before gate following grass track. Over next stile, keep to grass track with stream down to right.

At the bottom of field go right through gate and over bridge. Follow track then bear left across field heading to left of Oak Slack Farm. Pass through field entrance then through squeeze stile and up to track. Turn left and follow track uphill. Over cattle grid turn right through gate and immediately left along grass track with wall on left to gully. Keeping the gully to left carry on downhill to telephone poles, here leave gully and go directly downhill to track leading into trees. Follow track over bridge and through gate past farm buildings onto **Booth Bridge Lane (H)**.

Follow Booth Bridge Lane past Cricket Ground, over old railway line up to A56 in **Thornton-in-Craven (I)**. Carefully cross the road and turn right passing the Old Post Office. Turn left onto Cam Lane following the **Pennine Way (J)**. Keep to the lane past the last cottages on left and then past Old Cote Farm.

Keep to the lane for approx 3/4 mile, where after the lane bears left and passes farm buildings turn right through a gate into field. Proceed diagonally left across field still following the Pennine Way, pass through gate and go downhill to a stone footbridge. Over footbridge and 2 stiles cross track and go right across slope.

In the corner of field cross stile and continue in same direction over the brow of the hill and down to stile and plank bridge in the right hand corner of the field. Over the stile walk up to canal towpath. Turn right following the canal to **Bridge 160 (K)**. Cross bridge towards **St Peter's Church (L)**. Through gate head for stile to right of churchyard. Over the stile turn left keeping churchyard to the left then follow the line of an old wall and new trees to a gate onto A59. Cross road to Cross Keys Pub.