

Places to Eat

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

The Woodman Inn

129 Todmorden Road, Burnley BB11 3EX.
Tel. 01282 422715

The Waggoners

Manchester Road, Habergham Eaves, Burnley BB10 1DY.
Tel. 01282 421705

Hapton Inn

Accrington Road, Burnley BB11 5QL.
Tel. 01282 771152

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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The Burnley Way

Walk
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Towneley
to Hapton

Distance: 11.5kms (7.5 miles)

Time: 4 hours (approx)

Difficulty: Moderate with long hill climbs
and high moorland crossings



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Along the way...

(A) Towneley Coke Ovens

The Victorian coke ovens are a reminder of the industrial activity that took place in this area, including coalmining, fire-clay extraction, and brickmaking.

(B) Burnley Golf Club

Founded in 1905, Burnley Golf Club stands on the fringes of Habergham Eaves Moors. It overlooks Burnley, with panoramic views of the three peaks of Ingleborough, Wharfedale and Pen-y-Ghent.

(C) Wayside Arts Trail

This circular walk connects Towneley Hall to Burnley's new panoramic high on the moors at Crown Point. The 'Singing-Ringing Tree' is an award-winning sculpture resembling a wind-blown tree, constructed of metal pipes which have been tuned to emit a mellow hum when the wind blows through them. Along the way you pass carved Lancashire oak marker posts, bricks and kiln that form a treasure trail on the upward route.

(D) Isolation Hospital

The Isolation Hospital was built in response to a smallpox outbreak in 1902, when existing facilities proved inadequate. It later saw service as a TB treatment hospital and also during a scarlet fever epidemic in 1922. It was closed in 1952 and converted into private residences.

(E) Clowbridge Reservoir

Clowbridge Reservoir is surrounded by several United Utilities Forest of Burnley walks and trails; including one to the former hamlet of Gambleside with its ancient crosses. There are orienteering courses around the area and the reservoir is home to Rossendale Valley Sailing Club.

(F) Thorny Bank Clough

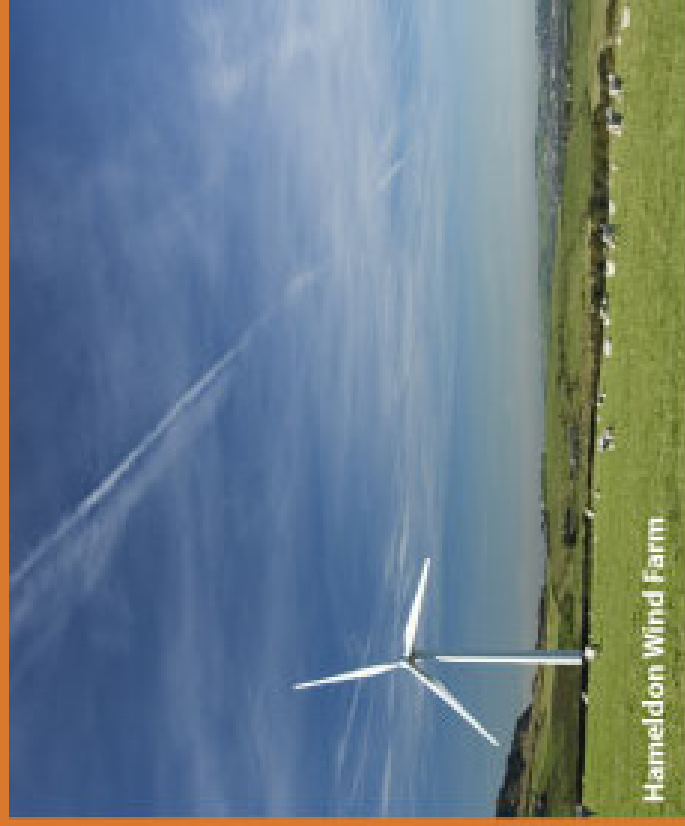
Recently Elwood and the Forestry Commission funded the planting of 50 hectares of new native woodland in Thorny Bank Clough which divides the northern flanks of Great Hameldon from those of Hameldon Hill. Three giant windmills, which can be seen from miles around, now dominate Hameldon Hill generating renewable energy for the benefit of the whole town.

(G) Castle Clough Wood

Castle Clough gorge derives its name from Hapton Castle, which stood on the eastern side of the gorge. It is thought to have been created by glacial meltwater at the end of the ice age. It now provides a valuable local recreational and wildlife area, and is one the most sheltered woodland habitats in Burnley. At the northern end of the Clough there is a small silted up reservoir which originally supplied water to the Castle Clough dyeworks.

(H) Three Ages of Transport

At this point you can clearly see how three different forms of transport from different ages were constructed in close proximity to each other. The Leeds and Liverpool Canal was completed in 1816; the railway which links Burnley to Colne and Preston was officially opened by the East Lancashire Railway Company in 1848 and this section of the M65 motorway was completed in 1983.



Hameldon Wind Farm

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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.

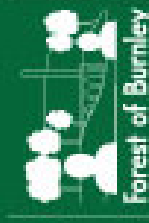


Look for the Burnley Way marker on the stiles and marker posts along the route.

The Forest of Burnley

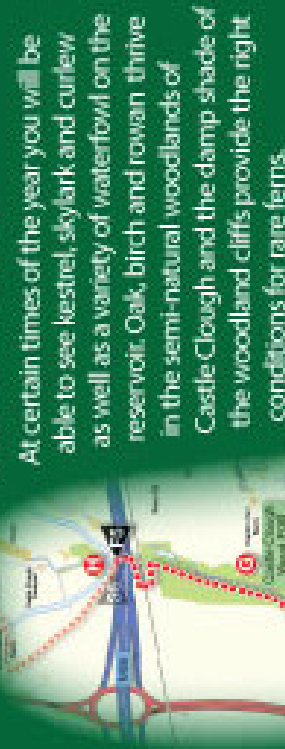
Since 1997 the Forest of Burnley project has created over 500 hectares of new native woodland and improved 200 hectares of mature woodland using Millennium (lottery), Elwood and Forestry Commission funds. Many of these 100 sites are on or close to the Burnley Way.

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.



Towneley to Hapton

On this section of the Burnley Way the walk takes you along parts of the Wayside Arts Trail with its carved bricks and marker posts; across high moor and woodlands; through the site of old industries; across farmland and into local beauty spots.



At certain times of the year you will be able to see kestrel, skylark and curlew as well as a variety of waterfowl on the reservoir. Oak, birch and rowan thrive in the semi-natural woodlands of Castle Clough and the damp shade of the woodland cliffs provide the right conditions for rare ferns.

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



Burnley Way Map KEY (includes map only)

	Arches
	Woodlands
	Water courses
	Sites of Interest
	Start of Walk
	Finish of Walk
	Reference points

Catch the bus from Burnley bus station to Todmorden Road asking to be dropped off near to the golf club. Walk up towards Barwise carpark / picnic site and carefully cross the road away from Towneley.

1. Head up the sloping track following the marker posts between the houses. Past a gate about 150m from the road, turn right parallel to the railway go through the woods past the Coke Ovens (A) and the Wayside Arts Brick Kiln by artist Julie Miles to The Kilns housing development.
2. Past some of the houses turn left (before the road descends to Rock Lane) and follow the path up the steps Behind Lower Timber Hill House, the path becomes a track. After 150m turn left onto another track with a step over horse stile. 100m further on turn right up a flight of steps to the A646.
3. Go left and after 30m carefully cross to a home driveway. The path heads to the right behind a hedge and heads tightly up some steps between the shrubbery and a fence. Go over a stile and up through a field edge to a track up past Lower Small Hazels and Burnley Golf Club (B) with a slight veer to the left by a small covered reservoir fence. At the golf course there are two alternative routes.
4. **Either a** – head straight up through the golf course up to the stile at the top of Woodplumpton Road being careful to avoid golf balls and not to wander across the fairways.
Or b – to avoid the golf course and follow part of the Wayside Arts Trail (C) turn sharp left and follow the fence and rough edge to a stile. Head across the large boggy field towards the distant barn (watch out for cattle and sometimes a bull) before veering left to a marker post and a track which hairpins right down to the stream. Follow the right bank above the stream up to Copy Clough Wood where there is a Forest of Burnley sign. Here the path crosses several small footbridges to a stile that leads up to Crown Point Road.

Turn right and carefully cross to a kissing gate and head up to rejoin the main Burnley Way route.

5. Having carefully crossed Crown Point Road, head through the kissing gate up to the hill top with the former Isolation Hospital (D) to your right. Go along the path with a wall to your right until you descend to Manchester Road via the Wholaw Nook old stone yard, now the site of new planting and the 'Four Seasons' stone carvings by Ian Cant.
6. Carefully cross Manchester Road and follow Tom Fort's Lane to Higher Nutshaw. Look for the stile across the former colliery site. Clowbridge Reservoir (E) is visible down to the left. Cross one field to a track which after 400m joins a minor road. Turn right and continue up for 1km to the base of Hameldon Hill.
7. Take the steep path up on the north side to rejoin the road at a cattle grid. Cross the stile beside the cattle grid and follow the fenced track to the left of the masts for 700m.

8. Cross a stile and veer right across the moor before descending for over 1km via the footpath and track (with wall and Thomy Bank Clough (F) to your right) to High Barley Green.
9. Turn left along a short track, then cross the common below the old shooting range to the conifer plantation where an indistinct path weaves through the trees to the far corner on the clough side. A stile leads through a field to Miste Farm and onto a track to Accrington Road (A674) eventually skirting Hameldon Plantation, managed by Lancashire County Council as part of the Forest of Burnley.
10. Carefully cross the main road to a stile opposite the conifer wood entrance. Veer left round the huts and right descending through the field to a footbridge by a wood – the Forest of Burnley site called Childers Green. Over the bridge, head up the narrow path to Mill Hill Lane. (The Hyndburn Way and the Huncoat Trail share this section of the route).
11. Turn right carefully down Mill Hill Lane which runs across this area of common land. After 100m turn left opposite the car park entrance and follow the path through the western flank of Castle Clough Wood (G) **(BEWARE – keep strictly to the path, there are cliffs in the clough below it)**. At the north end of the wood veer left over a stile and alongside the railway fence.
12. Either cross the railway carefully at the stiles and then turn right, or for a larger group continue for 250m to go underneath it by the A56 and double back on the path to rejoin the Burnley Way. Continue beside the railway then pass under the motorway bridge towards the canal (H).

If you are finishing your walk here, turn right at the canal, then go up the steps and along the path to Wordsworth Street. Turn right across the motorway footbridge and left to Manchester Road. Carefully turn left for Hapton Railway Station or the bus stop 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.

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