

(G) Bank Hall Park

Bank Hall Pit was the largest colliery in Burnley until its closure in 1972. It is now beautiful undulating parkland covered by maturing trees that turn the park into a patchwork of colour in the autumn.

(H) Heasandford House

Once the manor house of Worsthorne, Heasandford House is probably the oldest occupied house in Burnley, with structure surviving from the late 15th century. The name may originally have been 'Pheasant-ford'. It is now several private residences.

(I) Brontë Way

A 68km (42 mile) route starting at Gawthorpe Hall, in Padiham and ending at Oakwell Hall near Birstall, passing through the villages of Haworth and Thornton where the Brontë sisters lived.

(J) Houghton Hag Wood

One of the few ancient semi-natural woodlands left in Burnley, Houghton (meaning settlement on a ridge by a river) Hag Wood is very important for wildlife including great spotted woodpeckers and tree creepers.

(K) Extwistle Hall

Now in ruins, Extwistle Hall is one of Burnley's oldest buildings dating from the late 16th century. It was the home of the Parker family until a tragic accident in 1718 caused the family to abandon the Hall.

(L) 'Oggly-Coggly'

The earliest record of this name is in the Briercliffe Parish Council minute book of 1896. Of Scandinavian derivation it could mean 'the scary or stony path' or 'the path made by hobgoblins'. Equally it could be childish gobbledegook!

(M) Briercliffe

Approximately three miles north of Burnley with picturesque views over the Thursden Valley, this stone built community was once a centre for the cotton industry and contains many interesting and historic buildings dating from this period including Queen Street Mill Textile Museum.

(N) 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 producing 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



Leeds and Liverpool Canal

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Places to Eat

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

The Inn on the Wharf

Manchester Road, Burnley BB11 1JG.
Tel. 01282 459951

Roggerham Gate Inn

Briercliffe, Burnley BB10 2PQ.
Tel. 01282 418221

Queen Street Mill Textile Museum

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

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
(90p 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

The Burnley Way

1 Walk
Weavers' Triangle
to Queen Street Mill



Distance: 8kms (5 miles)

Time: 2.5 hours (approx)

Difficulty: Easy along canal and Brun Valley.
Harder on boggy fields and hills to Briercliffe.



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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.

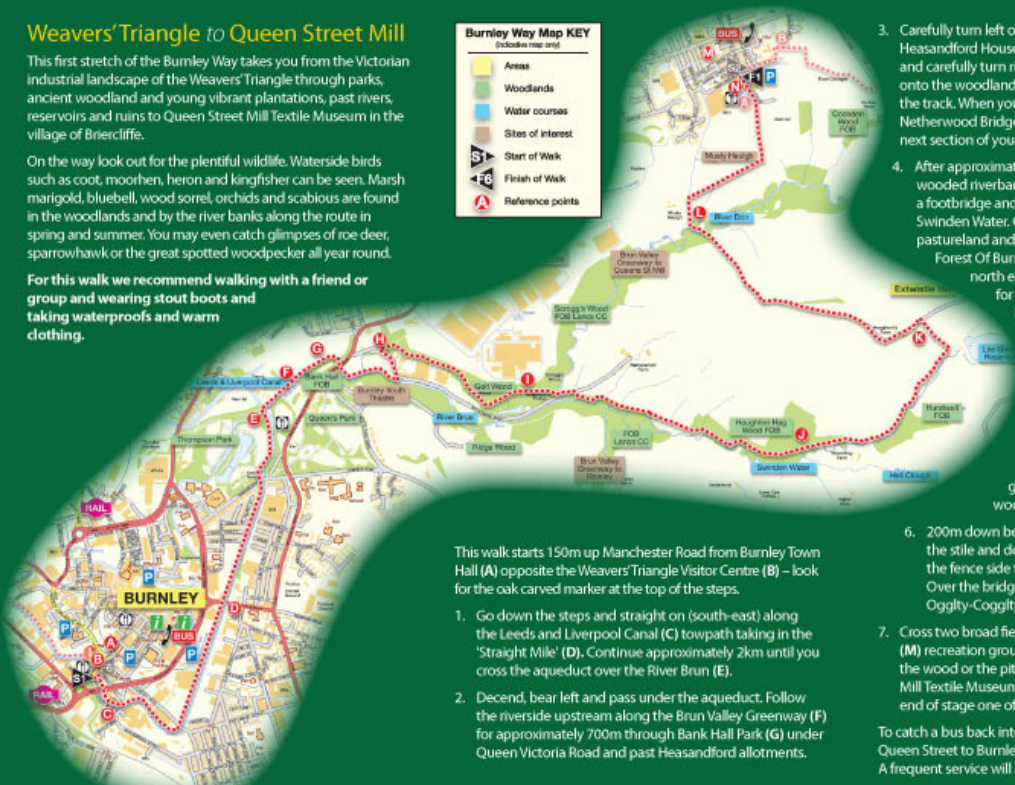
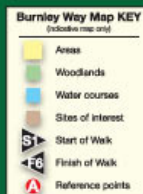


Weavers' Triangle to Queen Street Mill

This first stretch of the Burnley Way takes you from the Victorian industrial landscape of the Weavers' Triangle through parks, ancient woodland and young vibrant plantations, past rivers, reservoirs and ruins to Queen Street Mill Textile Museum in the village of Briercliffe.

On the way look out for the plentiful wildlife. Waterside birds such as coot, moorhen, heron and kingfisher can be seen. Marsh marigold, bluebell, wood sorrel, orchids and scabious are found in the woodlands and by the river banks along the route in spring and summer. You may even catch glimpses of roe deer, sparrowhawk or the great spotted woodpecker all year round.

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



This walk starts 150m up Manchester Road from Burnley Town Hall (A) opposite the Weavers' Triangle Visitor Centre (B) – look for the oak carved marker at the top of the steps.

1. Go down the steps and straight on (south-east) along the Leeds and Liverpool Canal (C) towpath taking in the 'Straight Mile' (D). Continue approximately 2km until you cross the aqueduct over the River Brun (E).
2. Descend, bear left and pass under the aqueduct. Follow the riverside upstream along the Brun Valley Greenway (F) for approximately 700m through Bank Hall Park (G) under Queen Victoria Road and past Heasandford allotments.

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.

3. Carefully turn left onto Netherwood Road. 100m on by Heasandford House (H) look for the oak carved marker and carefully turn right up the lane. After 50m turn right onto the woodland track. Continue east for 1km along the track. When you leave the woodland cross Netherwood Bridge. The Bronte Way (I) shares the next section of your route.
 4. After approximately 100m bear right along the wooded riverbank. Continue through the wood past a footbridge and up some steps on the north bank of Swinden Water. Over a stile continue for 1km crossing pastureland and Houghton Hag Wood (J) – look for the Forest Of Burnley signs. After the woodland continue north east following alongside Swinden Water for almost 1km with the Forest of Burnley Hurst Well Plantation on the opposite banking for a while.
 5. 100m before Lee Green Reservoir go left up the side of a steep field to a lane. Turn left and pass Extwistle Hall ruin (K) and Houghton Farm (painted white). 200m beyond, between the farm out buildings the track goes through a gap stile with a small woodland plantation to the right.
 6. 200m down beyond the woodland turn right before the stile and descend a boggy, rushy field following the fence side to a footbridge across the River Don. Over the bridge carefully climb up the flagged 'Oggly-Coggly' (L) path turning right at the top.
 7. Cross two broad fields to the wooded fringe of Briercliffe (M) recreation ground. Turn left up the stone track through the wood or the pitch side path up towards Queen Street Mill Textile Museum (N) and Harle Syke which marks the end of stage one of the Burnley Way.
- To catch a bus back into the town centre go 150m along Queen Street to Burnley Road and turn right to the bus stop. A frequent service will return you to Burnley Town Centre.

Along the way...

- (A) **Burnley Town Hall**
Dating from 1888 the town hall was built of Yorkshire stone in the classical Renaissance style. Key features include the imposing clock tower topped by a copper dome with a small cupola, the mosaic floors and the ornate ceiling of the council chamber.
- (B) **Weavers' Triangle Visitor Centre**
A small but fascinating museum with period rooms and interactive displays about the cotton industry the history of the Weavers' Triangle, the story of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal and the Wakes Weeks holidays. Guided walks through the Weavers' Triangle take place at various times throughout the year.
Tel. 01282 452403
- (C) **Leeds & Liverpool Canal**
Built around Burnley between 1790-1816 this 127-mile long canal is thought by many to be the finest in England with spectacular Pennine views, fascinating staircases of locks and the sturdy architecture of mills, warehouses and cottages.
- (D) **Straight Mile**
One of the 'seven wonders' of Britain's Waterways, the Straight Mile is a feature of the Burnley section of the canal where you can walk, cycle or sail along the embankment 60ft above the town centre enjoying the splendid views over Burnley and the surrounding countryside.
- (E) **River Brun**
Of Anglian origin, Burnley (Brunlea) is said to derive its name from the River Brun – meaning brown stream, with lea meaning a clearing in the wild woods.
- (F) **Brun Valley Greenway**
Extending from Burnley Central railway station through Bank Hall and Heasandford to Queen Street Mill Textile Museum, with a branch off Netherwood Road to Rowley Lake. This new walk, cycle and bridle way has carved oak markers along part of the route designed by artist John Merrill.