

## Places to Eat

For a full list of places to eat please visit [www.visitburnley.com/foodanddrink](http://www.visitburnley.com/foodanddrink).

### The Ram Inn

Burnley Road, Cliviger, Burnley BB10 4SH.  
Tel. 01282 418921

### The Old Stables Café at Towneley

Towneley Park, off Todmorden Road, Burnley BB11 3RQ.  
Tel. 01282 430111

### The Four Season

Towneley Garden Centre, Towneley Park,  
Burnley BB11 3PQ  
Tel. 01282 458967

## Where to Stay

For a full list of accommodation in the Burnley area please visit [www.visitburnley.com/accommodation](http://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

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Tel. 01282 664421

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# The Burnley Way



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Walk

Portsmouth  
to Towneley

Distance: 11 kms (6.5 miles)

Time: 4 hours (approx)

Difficulty: Strenuous - steep hill climbs  
and descent with high  
moorland traverse



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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

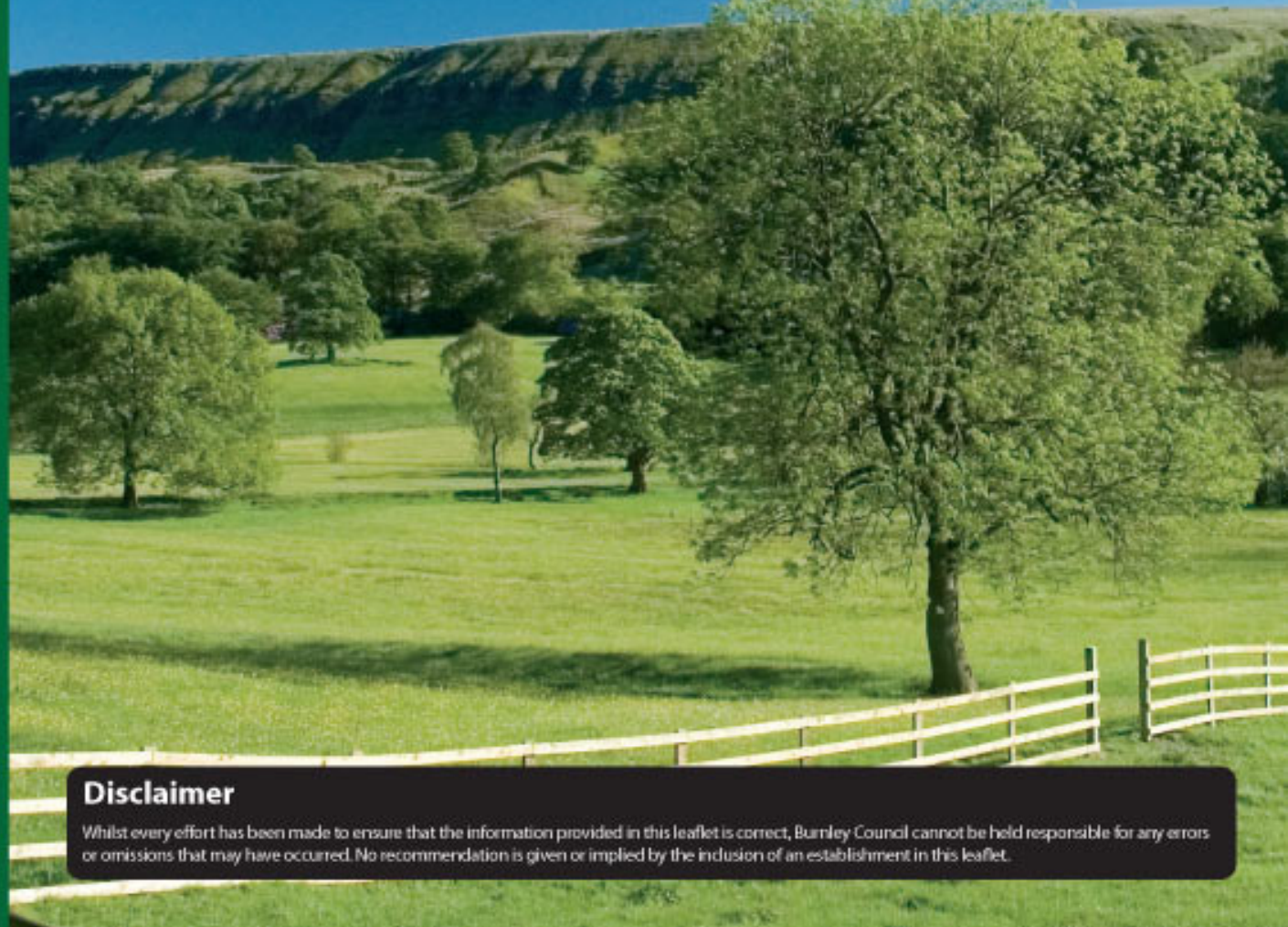
Since 1997 the Forest of Burnley project has created over 500 hectares of new native woodland and improved 200 hectares of mature woodland using Millennium (lottery), Elwood and Forestry Commission funds. Many of these 100 sites are on or close to the Burnley Way.

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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## Portsmouth to Towneley

On walk four you will climb to the highest point along the Burnley Way at the top of Thieveley Pike (A). You will pass ruins, go through new and ancient woodland, cross farmland and over the railway finally finishing this part of the walk at Towneley.

A variety of flora and fauna can be found along this route. Ravens and peregrine falcons nest in the area, while smaller birds such as meadow pipit and skylark are heard on the moors in summer. Red, fallow and roe deer can be glimpsed near Thieveley and smaller creatures such as grey squirrels and woodpeckers seen in the parkland and woods at Towneley. Cotton grass, wild garlic, bluebells and wood anemone also put on a seasonal show on the moorland and woods.

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

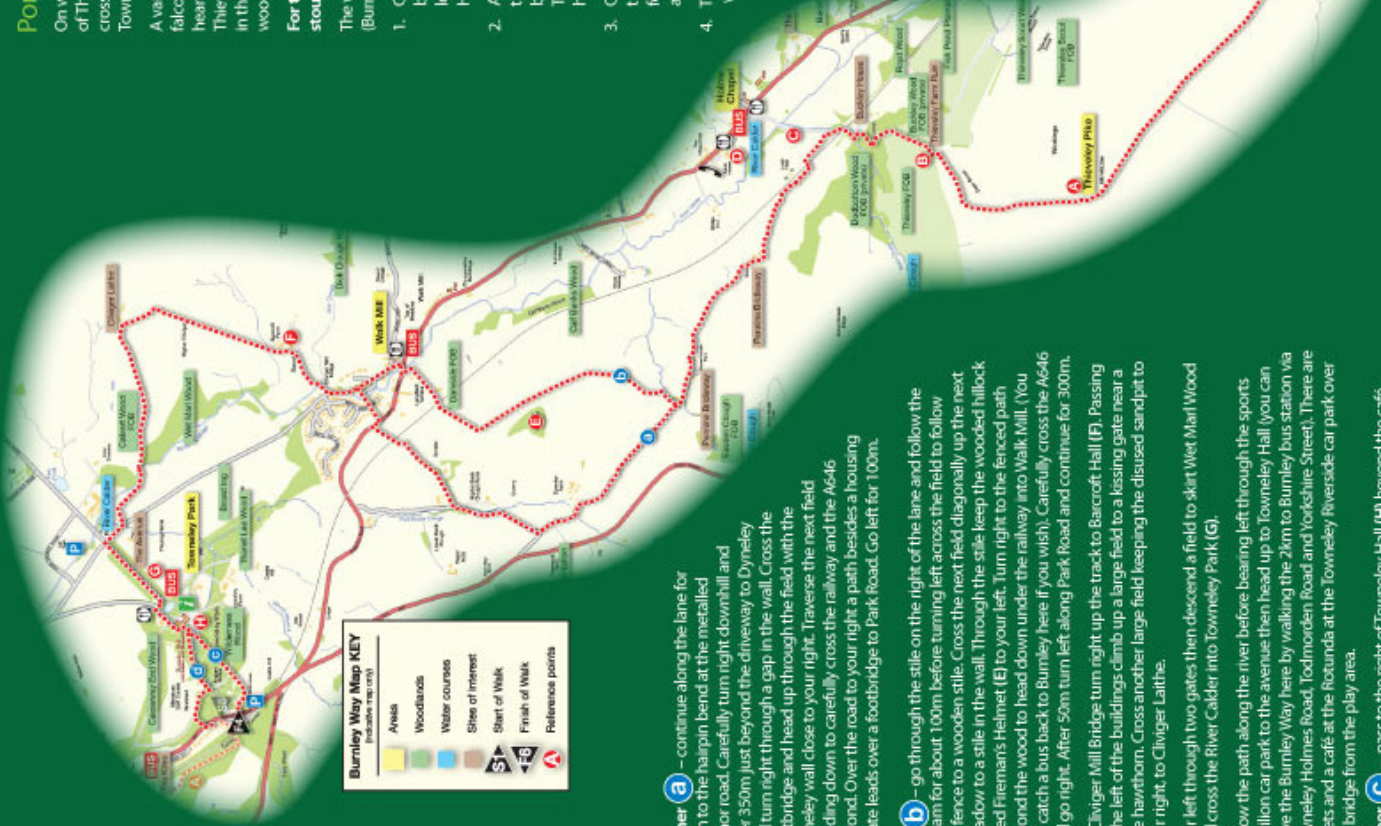
The walk starts 200m on the right hand side from the bus stop on the A646 (Burnley Road) at Portsmouth.

- Carefully cross the road to ascend a steep track for several hundred metres bearing right beneath the pylons up past a restored barn. About 200m beyond leave the track to your right and head west south west up to the summit of Heald Moor. This ridge offers several short links across to the Rossendale Way.
- At the summit bear right to the north west following an indistinct path along the broad ridge crossing a faint track and then following alongside a wall before ascending to the white Ordnance Survey triangulation column on Thieveley Pike about 2km on. The Pike is 449m (1474 feet) above sea level – the highest point on the Burnley Way.
- Cross the stile and descend to your right approximately due north, crossing a track half-way down and skirting the edge of Dean Scout rocks by keeping the fence just to your right before reaching the Forest of Burnley plantation below a kissing gate at the derelict Thieveley Farm (B) ruin.

4. The steep descent heads down through a wide ride in the new woodland to another kissing gate and continues between Buckley and Doodbottom woods. **Descend this steep section with care.** At the lane head left before swinging right under the railway to join the Pennine Bridleway (C) not far beyond.

**Here you have the option of going along Station Road back to (D) Holme Chapel for refreshment. Buses will take you back to Burnley or Foxstones Lane to walk back to Hurstwood.**

- Continue along the Pennine Bridleway past Scout Farm. Beyond the Farm the track crosses a marshy pasture to Stone House Fold. Continue straight on leaving the Pennine Bridleway (which swings up left) to 50m beyond the bridge over Easden Clough stream where you have a choice of routes.



6. **Either (a)** – continue along the lane for 1km to the hairpin bend at the metalled minor road. Carefully turn right downhill and after 350m just beyond the driveway to Dyneley Hall turn right through a gap in the wall. Cross the footbridge and head up through the field with the Dyneley wall close to your right. Traverse the next field heading down to carefully cross the railway and the A646 beyond. Over the road to your right a path besides a housing estate leads over a footbridge to Park Road. Go left for 100m.

**Or (b)** – go through the stile on the right of the lane and follow the stream for about 100m before turning left across the field to follow the fence to a wooden stile. Cross the next field diagonally up the next meadow to a stile in the wall. Through the stile keep the wooded hillock called Fireman's Helmet (E) to your left. Turn right to the fenced path beyond the wood to head down under the railway into Walk Mill. (You can catch a bus back to Burnley here if you wish). Carefully cross the A646 and go right. After 50m turn left along Park Road and continue for 300m.

7. By Cliviger Mill Bridge turn right up the track to Barcroft Hall (F). Passing to the left of the buildings climb up a large field to a kissing gate near a lone hawthorn. Cross another large field keeping the disused sandpit to your right, to Cliviger Laithes.
8. Bear left through two gates then descend a field to skirt Wet Marl Wood and cross the River Calder into Towneley Park (G).
9. Follow the path along the river before bearing left through the sports pavilion car park to the avenue then head up to Towneley Hall (you can leave the Burnley Way here by walking the 2km to Burnley bus station via Towneley Holmes Road, Todmorden Road and Yorkshire Street). There are toilets and a café at the footpath at the Towneley Riverside car park over the bridge from the play area.

10. **Either (c)** – pass to the right of Towneley Hall (H) beyond the café (toilets are available in the new wing of the hall) and continue up the Lime Avenue behind it to Foký's Cross and Barwise car park and picnic site.

**Or (d)** – go behind the Hall bear right up Boulder Walk following the Wayside Arts Trail. Turn right at Boggart Bridge, shelter then left after 130 metres to Todmorden Road.

At Todmorden Road walk towards the entrance to the golf club, a bus service will take you back into Burnley town centre.

## Along the way...

### (A) Thieveley Pike

At 1473' this is the highest point along the Burnley Way. To the north west the land falls away sharply at the precipitous Thieveley Scout – part of the Cliviger Gorge – while to the south it falls away more gently towards Rossendale.

### (B) Thieveley Farm Ruin

Thieveley Farm was the site of a 17th century lead smelting house, later it became a popular picnic spot for visitors who travelled from miles around by foot and train. Until the 1930's the occupants of the farm sold refreshments and provided amusements for the children. After the Second World War the farm fell into a state of dereliction and was eventually demolished.

### (C) Pennine Bridleway

The Pennine Bridleway National Trail is a continuous linear trail from Middleton Top in Derbyshire to Kirby Stephen in

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### (G) Towneley Park

The largest park in Burnley, you can visit the historic hall, walk through the woods, play golf, tennis or bowls, enjoy a drink or meal in the newly repointed café or take the children to enjoy the play area. Most of Burnley's major outdoor events take place here from classic car shows to outdoor theatre.

### (H) Towneley Hall

Dating from the 15th century, Towneley Hall has period rooms, fine collections of art, permanent and changing exhibitions and re-enactors who bring the history of the hall and the family who once lived there to life. A Museum of Local History is located in the brewhouse next to the hall and the café in the old stables is a great place to relax after your visit.

Cumbria and covers a distance of 206 miles. It is the only national trail specifically designed for horse riders and cyclists, but it also forms a major route for walkers.

### (D) Holme Chapel

Situated in the beautiful Cliviger Gorge, Holme Chapel was the house of Thomas Dunham Whitaker a great naturalist who planted 40,000 trees in the area and was the inspiration for the Forest of Burnley.

### (E) Fireman's Helmet

The Fireman's Helmet is named because of its shape and the crest of the trees. Called Spring Gardens on the maps it is an outcrop of millstone grit in an area of softer shale.

### (F) Barcroft Hall

A fine gritstone building dating from 1614, Barcroft Hall has many interesting stones surrounding it including the 'Idiot's Curse' and the legend of the Barcroft Boggart'.