

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.



Pendle Canal Walks

Circular Walk 3

Lake Burwain

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 Dragon flies.

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

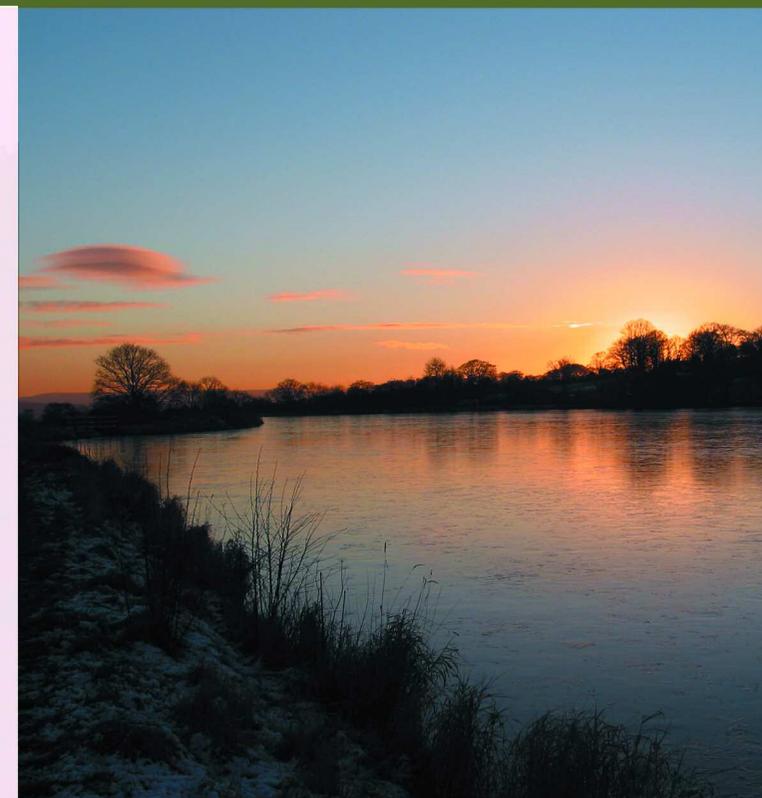
Contact tourist information on 01282 661701 for answers to queries or to be put in touch with members.

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LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

Arrive rugby club car park and walk directly across rugby field to access woodland. Follow stone waymarkers through the woodland to Red Lane.

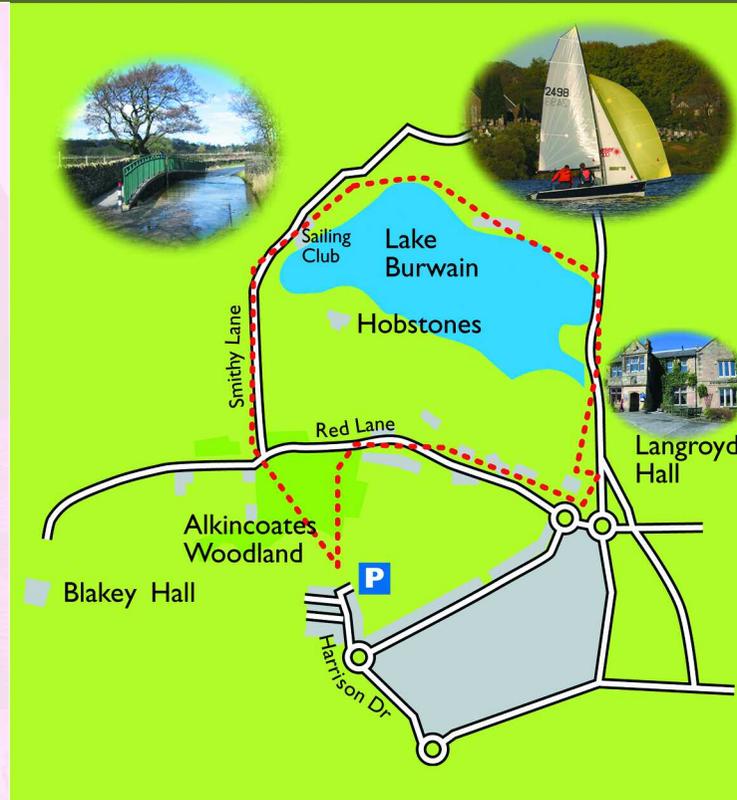
Cross the road, go down Smithy Lane, across the ford and follow the road until you reach the sailing club car park. Take the left pathway which goes behind the clubhouse and continue along the side of Lake Burwain until you reach the gate onto the road.

Turn right and continue along the road until you reach a gate on your right giving access to the other side of the lake. Go through the gate and turn immediately left, following the path through the woodland and fields. Exit onto the road just before the roundabout on the right.

At the roundabout, turn right past the entrance to Langroyd Hall and take the next road on your right (Red Lane). Continue up Red Lane until just before the road narrows, then take the footpath on the left bringing you into the woodland at a different entrance. Look back on a clear day for a spectacular view of Lake Burwain and the Yorkshire Dales.

Follow the footpath down through the woodland, exiting where you entered.

For the more energetic: after passing through the gate, follow the footpath around the other side of Lake Burwain, exiting at the sailing club. Turn left at the road, continue over the ford and back up Smithy Lane.



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.

