

STIRK HOUSE CIRCULAR WALK:

APPROXIMATELY 11 MILES (5-6 HOURS)
(WITH AN OPTION FOR AN ALTERNATIVE PATH)

DIRECTIONS:

- Leave Stirk House by the front entrance at the end of the drive and turn left along the side of the A59 towards Gisburn Village.
- After 200 yards take the second entry into "Home Farm" sign posted "Public Footpath". Follow the Tarmac road past the buildings on your left (which are now offices) and immediately after leaving the farm area, leave the Tarmac Road and follow the fence on your left, all the way up to the Railway fence. Turn right along the railway fence and then cross over the Railway at the first bridge.
- On entering the field immediately after crossing the bridge, proceed straight ahead over the brow of the hill and down the steep slope towards the hedge at the bottom. (About 150 yards).
- You have now joined "The Ribble Way". Turn right along the Ribble Way towards Gisburn following the Ribble Way markers until you come to the public road leading from Gisburn. (About 1/2 mile).
- Turn left along the road leading away from Gisburn up the hill, then down to the River and across the bridge and up the other side and then on past the Hunt Kennels (on your right). Continue to a sharp "Right Angle" corner in the road by the entrance to Park House Farm (about 1 mile).
- Leave the road and walk down the farm drive and cross the stile on the right just by the Farm entrance and follow the Public Footpath signs which then lead to Fooden Hall Farm.
- From Fooden Hall, there are two options to take leading to Bolton-by-Bowland:
 - a) Left for the scenic route round by the River, passing Bolton Hall Farm then on to Bolton Park leading to the beautiful village of Bolton-by-Bowland.
 - b) The other way is across the fields towards Cow House Hill. Over the stile on to the road then turn left along the road, down the hill into Bolton-by-Bowland.



- Walk through the village to the Coach and Horses which serves good food and quality ales etc. The footpath to Sawley starts at the end of the village just over the bridge down a Tarmac road on your left towards the farm in the distance. Just before you reach the farm, cross over the stone stile to the right and then follow the Footpath signs all the way to Sawley.

- When you reach Sawley, turn left and cross the bridge over the River and the Spread Eagle is here to your right for good food and refreshing drinks.

- From the Spread Eagle, head back towards the river across the sharp corner of the road and follow the river "Up-Stream" along the road. After a couple of hundred yards, find the Ribble Way, which is on your right through a gate. Follow the signs for the Ribble Way, up the long hill and through the middle of the "Long Farm Yard" all the way to the top then continue along the Ribble Way to "Huggan Ing".

- The path now encounters a series of stiles and bears right towards Gisburn Coates Hall. Carry on along the road over the railway; turn left to Gisburn Coates, then left and back over the Railway again towards Long Holme Row.

- Continue to follow the Ribble way down the very steep steps down to the river (TAKE CARE), turning right at the Riverbank and then along the river, up-stream towards Gisburn. The path leaves the riverbank and rises up the side of the valley getting closer to the Railway, which you may see on your right further up the side of the valley.

- Just before an isolated barn part way along the valley side, you pass through a gate on your right into a field and turn left where the Ribble Way follows the line of the hedge past the Barn. About 100 yards after the Barn which will be on your left, you will reach the point by the trees along the hedge where you first joined the Ribble Way from the Railway Bridge at the beginning of the circuit part of the walk.

- At this point, turn immediate right and climb the hill back to the bridge, then over the railway. After the bridge, turn immediately right along the fence round the field back to Home Farm and back to the A59.

- On reaching the A59, turn right and walk the 200 yards to the entrance to Stirk House.



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