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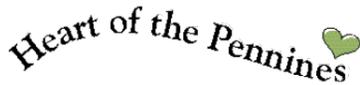
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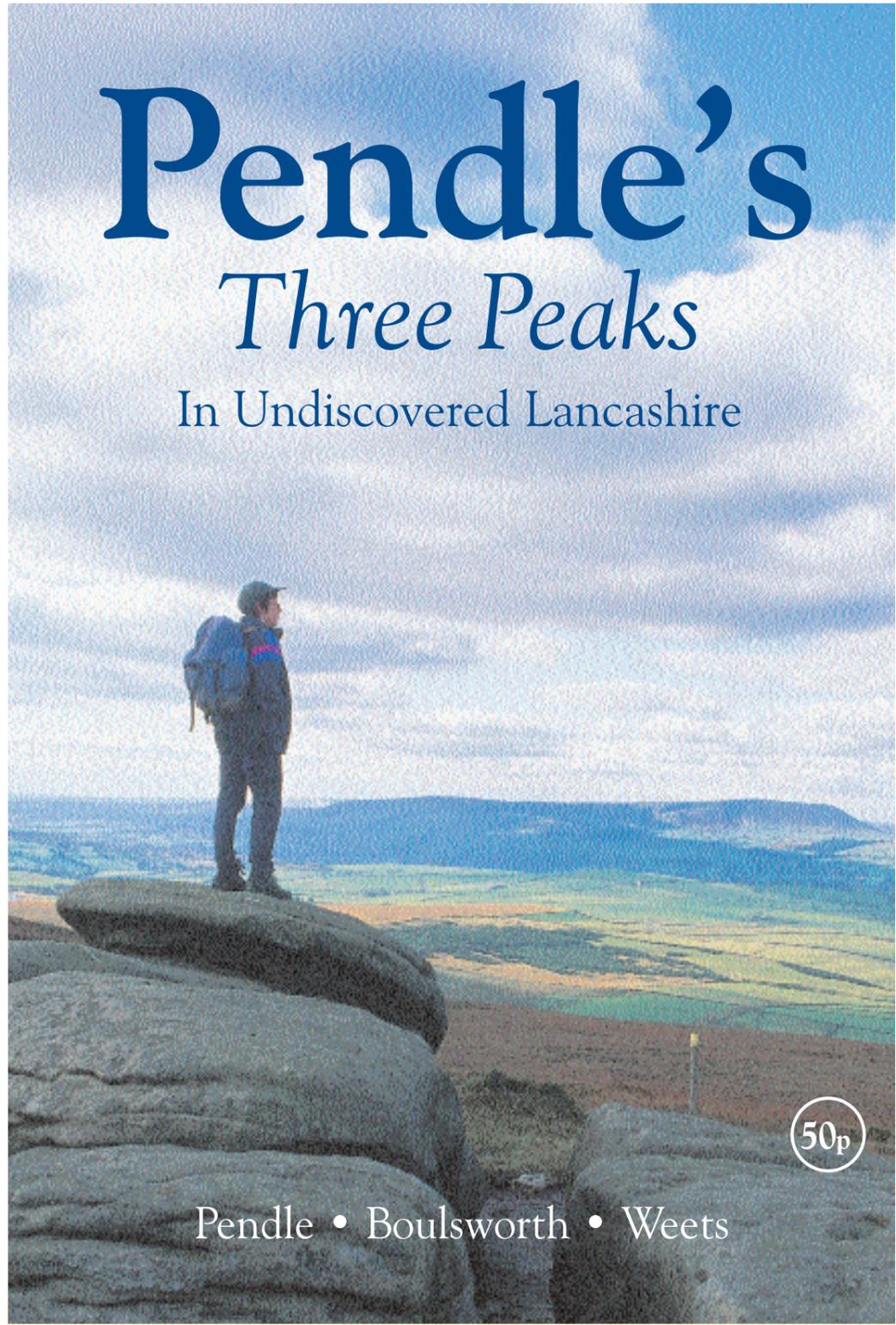
There is a great deal of excellent literature available on this area - including a Witches Trail leaflet and a Pendle Discovery Guide - to help you plan your day or short break. Also available is an excellent in-car audio tape on the Pendle Witches Trail. Plus local walking guides and OS maps.

For full mail order details please contact Barnoldswick Tourist Information Centre.



Pendle's Three Peaks

In Undiscovered Lancashire



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Pendle • Boulsworth • Weets

Introduction

Gloriously varied and unspoilt countryside awaits those who walk Pendle's own 'Three Peaks'.

Ideal for a long weekend, Pendle, Boulsworth and Weets Hills offer three enjoyable walks in this undiscovered corner of Lancashire.



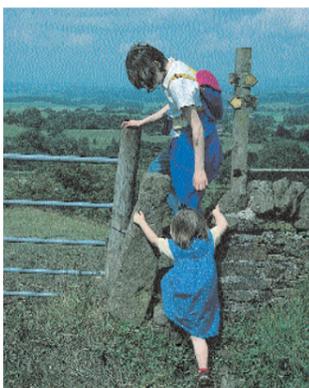
View from Pendle Hill

This guide offers landmarks and local flavour, and maps to show suggested routes. However, there are plenty of other public footpaths for the adventurous to sample, particularly on the most breathtaking of the peaks, Pendle Hill.



Dry stone waller

Each of the walks begins and ends where there is plenty of car parking and a good choice of refreshments, in three of Pendle's many lovely villages. For maps, other walking guides, and local bus information, please see the back cover.



Weets Hill

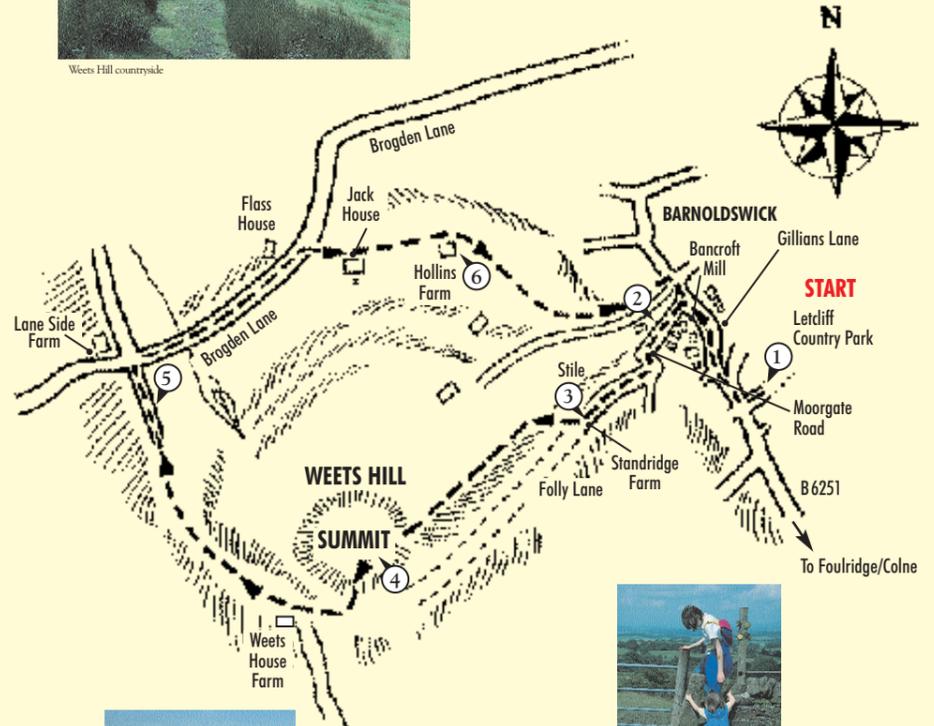
Weets Hill



Weets Hill countryside



The Town Square, Barnoldswick



Barnoldswick



Weets Hill

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Front cover: Boulsworth Hill looking towards Pendle Hill

2 OGDEN CLOUGH

Once past the lower reservoir you will be following the Pendle Way (symbolised by a witch ).

The walk becomes steeper until, after going through another stile/gate, the track levels out. Ignore the track to the right and continue towards the dam of Upper Ogden Reservoir. Cross the stone stile at the foot of the dam and climb up to the reservoir. After crossing a wooden stile the track narrows as it follows the reservoir's right bank.

At the end of the reservoir, follow the track straight on and cross a ladder stile. Immediately take the track up to the right, which still follows the stream to the left but at a higher level.

About 50 metres after crossing a tributary of the stream (Boar Clough) go right up hill by a witch  sign. After passing several more signs and crossing 3 streams, keep the last one on your left to the next witch sign and follow the clear path indicated.

3 PENDLE SUMMIT

(557 metres, 1838 feet)

Follow the path, bordered by cairns, bearing left at the post, to the summit of the hill and the trig point. From the summit there is a superb panoramic view, as George Fox (the founder of the Quaker movement) discovered in 1652 when he enjoyed a history-making religious vision on the hill. A bronze age burial mound can be found on the summit.

4 BIG END

The descent - from the trig point follow the summit path, keeping the steep side of the hill to your right, as far as the wall, then turn right. Continue with the wall on your left until you reach the stone Pendle Way sign and turn right to reach some stone and wood steps after about 50 metres. These will take you down the 'Big End', the flank of this impressive hill.

5 KISSING GATE

At the bottom of the steps go through the kissing gate and follow the sign to Barley (1.8 km) – this bears half right to another kissing gate at the right of Pendle House .

Cross 2 fields, gradually bearing right to cross a stream. Follow the track, over the stile to a farmyard, then through the little gate to follow a clear path with the stream on your right at first. After crossing several stiles and footbridges  you emerge by Ing Ends, an attractive house set in a beautiful garden, to go down the lane to return to the main street in Barley.

Weets Hill

A gentle, peaceful walk, with lovely views across Pendle and the Yorkshire Dales, it offers the contrast of vibrant green pastureland, limestone country, and moorland gritstone. Barnoldswick can be reached via the bustling shopping town of Nelson or the historic market town of Colne.

THE LOCALITY

Barnoldswick can trace its history back to Viking times, but this small town's roots are really in its canal and textile heritage. The Leeds & Liverpool Canal passes through Barnoldswick, offering an attractive feature to follow for walks.

In the summer it is sometimes possible to visit Bancroft Mill to see the 1915 steam engine (ring Barnoldswick Tourist Information Centre on 01282 666704 for opening times).

The area is surrounded by rolling farmland, but Barnoldswick also offers modern facilities including a swimming pool, shops and parks.

WALK FOOT FACTS

6 MILES (10 KM)

Takes at least three hours.

OS Outdoor Leisure Map 21 South Pennines (double sided).

Refreshments - There is a good choice of pubs and cafes at Barnoldswick.



Pendle Hill from Weets Hill summit

THE ROUTE

1 LETCLIFF COUNTRY PARK (Letcliff Hill on the OS map)

Start from the car park at Letcliff Park, at the south end of Barnoldswick, signposted off the B6251 (GR 878459). There is a picnic area and toilets, as well as an expansive view of the countryside.

Walk down to the road and turn right, following the Pendle Way sign (symbolised by a witch ). Take care on this road as it has no pavement for about 100 metres, then turn left down Gillians Lane (another  sign). Pass Bancroft Mill and continue straight on past houses, ignoring the Pendle Way sign which directs off to the right.

2 VIEWS

Turn first left down Moorgate Road (a Pendle Way sign soon appears again on the right). Continue up the road, now called Folly Lane. As you gain height there are good views of the surrounding area, with Ingleborough in the distance.

The walk features ancient hedgerows, including holly, ash and hawthorn, home to birds, butterflies and wild roses.

Boulsworth Hill

Good views, gritstone outcrops, Brontë moorland, patchwork fields, wooded valleys and a hidden waterfall feature on this energetic circular walk. The walk starts at the Wycoller Country Park Haworth Road car park at Height Laithe, which is approached from Laneshaw Bridge, on the Lancashire and Yorkshire border not far from the historic market town of Colne.



View from Boulsworth Hill

THE LOCALITY

In Norman times this whole area was a vast hunting ground. In the 13th and 14th centuries monastic cattle farms were established, which grew into the settlements of Trawden and Wycoller.

The traffic free village of Wycoller has been a source of inspiration for authors, poets and painters.

Ancient bridges cross over a pretty beck. The ruined Wycoller Hall is believed to have been the inspiration for Ferndean Manor, in Charlotte Brontë's novel *Jane Eyre*.

Wycoller is on the Brontë Way, which stretches from Lancashire into Yorkshire.

WALK FOOT FACTS

8 MILES (13 KM)

Allow at least 4 hours.

OS Outdoor Leisure Map 21 South Pennines (double sided map).

Refreshments - Wycoller and Hollin Hall Mill.

THE ROUTE

1 HAWORTH ROAD CAR PARK

Park in Wycoller Country Park Haworth Road car park at Height Laithe (GR 936394). Go down the steps and path. Go left at the fork.

2 WYCOLLER

From Aisled Barn, turn left on the broad track with Wycoller Beck on your right. Go past two stone bridges. Carry on, following the beck to cross another bridge (near the Brontë Way and Pendle Way  signs).

3 TURNHOLE CLOUGH

Take the Gawthorpe Hall direction over the stile by the stream (not up the winding track). Continue with stream on right, cross the stream by a footbridge and go left to follow a fence. Eventually, cross the fence by a stile and turn right, continuing with the stream on your left. Go through a kissing gate, and follow the fence to a stile by the stream. Go up rough steps above the stream and continue along Turnhole Clough.

4 PENDLE WAY/BRONTË WAY

The route joins the Pendle Way (symbolised by a witch ) and Brontë Way. Continue in the same direction as before, into open moorland; along the track, sometimes paved, and eventually with a drystone wall on the right. Continue for about half a mile. The long line of Boulsworth Hill is on your left.

5 SPOUTLEY LUMB FARM

Descend to join the metalled farm track (by a Pendle Way  sign) and continue to Spoutley Lumb Farm, which marks the ascent to the summit.

Turn left on to the North West Water Authority's concessionary access concrete path. At the building, follow the way-marked route on the left, passing through a gate and then climbing steeply up the slopes of Pot Brinks Moor.

The gritstone outcrop of Little Chair Stones is reached, with its huge wind-carved boulders providing a fine vantage point.

6 BOULSWORTH SUMMIT

(Lad Law) (517 metres, 1706 feet) Follow the way-marked route to the right, leading to another outcrop, Weather Stones, then on to the summit.

The descent - continue past the trig point, bearing right on the path, and Upper and Lower Coldwell Reservoirs come into view. The way-marked route descends to the Pendle Way at the bottom. Turn right and walk back to Spoutley Lumb Farm and soon after, over the ladder stile

Boulsworth Hill

on the left, following the Pendle Way  across a second ladder stile. At this point, turn half right to find a thin track, down to a concrete bridge.

7 LUMB SPOUT

Before crossing the bridge, go about 100m left downstream, to where the land falls away. Follow the sound of Lumb Spout to view the waterfall in its wooded hollow.

Return to the concrete bridge and cross the stream. Pass over two fields and through a farmyard, down a track to join a road.

8 HOLLIN HALL MILL

After about half a mile you reach Hollin Hall Mill. At the far end of the Mill, follow the public footpath sign to the right. Just over the second cattle grid, go forward through a small wooden gate, and straight on over the field to cross a stone stile to the right of Little Laithe Farm. Follow the arrow sign through the gate and continue with the farm on your left.

Follow the footpath signs, passing in front of the next farm (Germany). Keep straight on, over stiles and footbridges, finally passing Ravens Rock farm on your right.

9 PLANTATION

Pass through the plantation of young trees, down the steps and turn left to arrive back in Wycoller.

3 COUNTRYSIDE

About 100 metres after Stanbridge Farm leave Folly Lane to cross the stile on the right (Pendle Way sign) and turn left to follow the faint line of a path parallel with the wall on the left.

The path continues through more stiles, becoming a clear grassy way bordered by clumps of reeds.

After about half a mile you will reach a large well-built cairn which is the site of a beacon lit to mark special occasions.

Continue following the wall for about 100 metres then branch right towards a small cairn. The trig point comes into view.

4 WEETS SUMMIT

(397 metres, 1310 feet)

As you near the summit the majestic outline of Pendle Hill is seen for the first time, quite close by. Boulsworth Hill is to the SE and Blacko Tower is nearer, to the South. The view also takes in the three peaks of Yorkshire – Ingleborough, Penyghent and Wharfedale.

The descent - from the trig point bear left back to the wall and continue to Weets House Farm, where you leave the Pendle Way and turn right.

Follow the track down, through a gate, with a wall on your right. This is the Parish Boundary.

Another gate leads to a narrow stony lane bordered by foxgloves, ragged robin and other flowers. It joins a wide track - do not go right but follow straight on.

5 FARMS AND STILES

When you reach the road at Lane Side Farm turn right on to Brogden Lane.

After about half a mile, and about 100 metres after passing Flass House, go right over a wooden stile and follow the direction of the  sign towards Jack House Farm. After the next stile join the tarmac track and continue straight ahead with the stream on the left, to the farm. Continue past a cottage and over a stile into the field, keeping the wall on your right. At a gate and sign for the Pendle Way, go round the field to the right to find another  sign by a gate.

6 WOODLAND AND WILDLIFE

Just past Hollins Farm take the stile on the right (by the  sign) then go left to another stile/gate. Go down the farm track, over cattle grids to meet a road, then turn left.

After about 50 metres take the stile on the right, follow the  sign diagonally across two fields.

One more stile leads the way back to Moorgate Road, turn left and then right to Bancroft Mill and retrace your steps to Letcliff Park.

Pendle Hill

Moody, magnificent and steeped in history, Pendle Hill can be seen for miles around. No visit to the area is complete without following in the footsteps of the famous Pendle Witches of 1612 (a Witches Trail Guide is available – see back cover). This walk starts at Barley, a village immersed in the folklore of Pendle Hill. It is a popular circular route which is spectacular but not too strenuous. Barley can be reached via the shopping town of Nelson and the appealing village of Barrowford. From Barrowford take the sign for Roughlee and then follow signs for Barley.



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THE LOCALITY

Pendle Hill rises out of the ancient Forest of Pendle. It is not a wooded forest, but an ancient hunting ground. The area is characterised by windswept moorland, rocky outcrops, deep-sided valleys (cloughs) and rolling fields.

Pendle Hill is surrounded by pretty villages, including the starting point of this walk, Barley, but also the nearby hamlet of Newchurch. At Newchurch, visit St Mary's Church, the tower of which pre-dates 1612 and carries a unique 'eye of God'.

The Pendle Witches Trail is fascinating to follow, but it is up on the sometimes eerie Pendle Hill that you understand the word 'bewitched'.

WALK FOOT FACTS

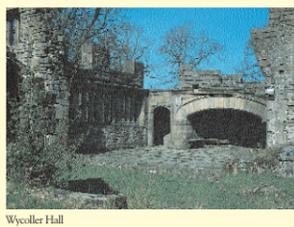
- 5 MILES (8 KM)
- Can take up to four hours.
- OS Outdoor Leisure Map 41 Forest of Bowland & Ribblesdale. OS Outdoor Leisure Map 21 South Pennines (double sided).
- Refreshments - There are pubs and tea-shops in Barrowford, Roughlee and Barley.

THE ROUTE

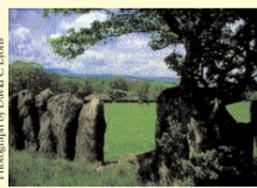
1 BARLEY
Starting at the car park and picnic site (GR 823403), go out of the main entrance, right over the bridge to the road junction and straight across the road. Follow the sign to Barley Green, with the Village Hall on your left.

Continue along the tarmac Private Road. After passing conifer woodland on your left continue straight on alongside Lower Ogden Reservoir. After crossing a stile continue straight on. A variety of woodland and moorland birds, such as curlews, can be seen and heard.

Boulsworth Hill

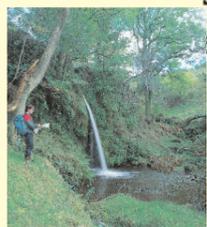


Wycoller Hall



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Lumb Spout Waterfall



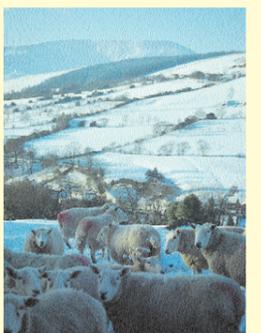
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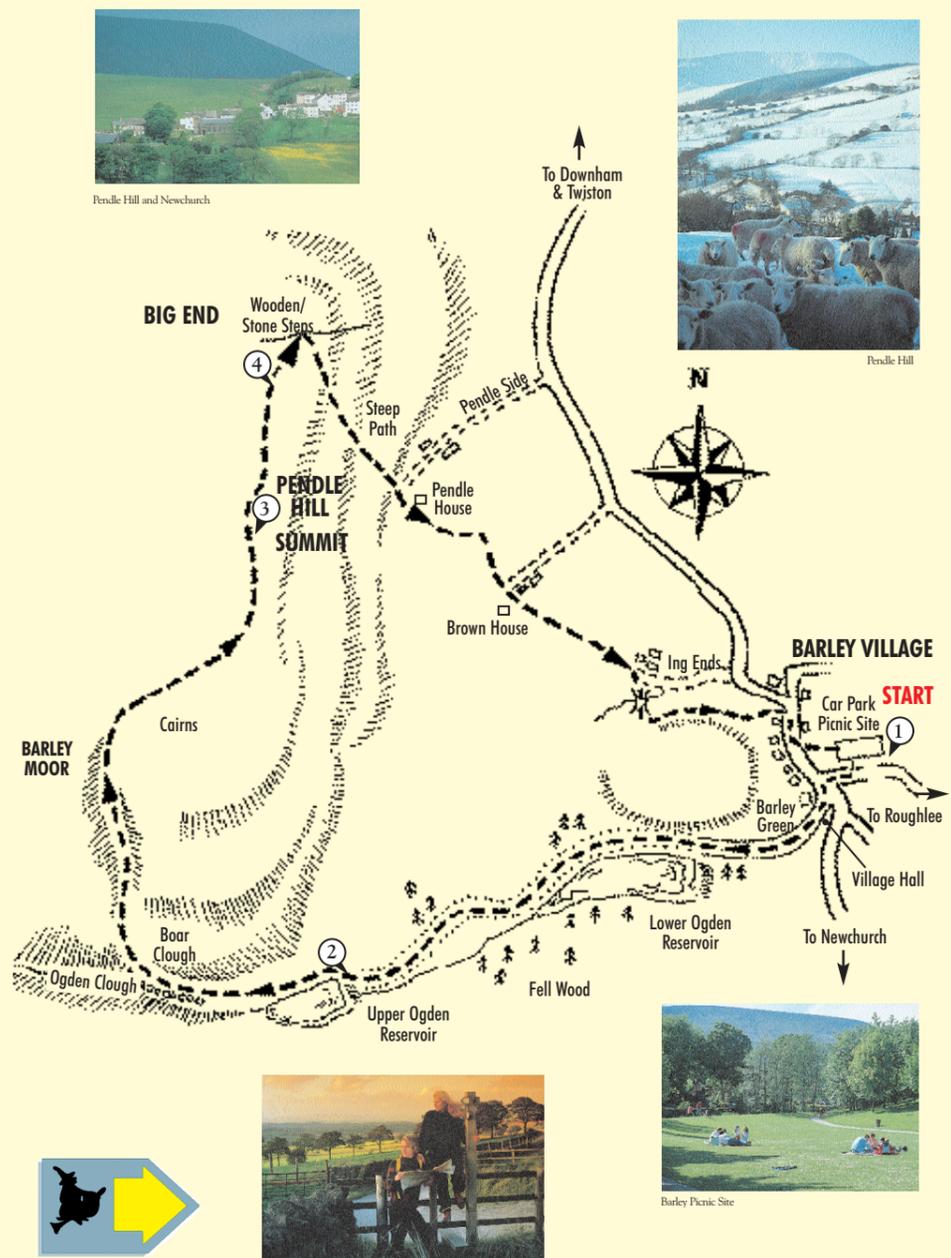
Pendle Hill



Pendle Hill and Newchurch



Pendle Hill



WAYMARKER



Ramblers on the Pendle Way



Barley Picnic Site