

Wyre Self Guided Trails: Garstang to Scorton and Back

Start Point

At the circular “Villa de Garstang” mosaic in Cherestanc Square Garstang
Post Code: PR3 1EF
OS Grid Reference: SD 4915 4529

Distance / Time

10 km (6 miles)
3-4 hours

Maps

OS Landranger 102 (1:50000) or
OS Explorer OL41 (1:25000)

Terrain

Terrain Grade: Moderate
The route follows roads, farm tracks, fields, and footpaths. The terrain is largely flat with several short hills. There are stiles, gates and steps, and paths can be wet and muddy after rain. There may be animals in the fields and farm yards. Dogs should be kept on a short lead at all times.
THIS WALK IS NOT SUITABLE FOR TRAMPER VEHICLES

About This Walk

The walk leaves Garstang along the river Wyre, via the beautiful amenity area called the Millennium Green. It passes through fields and woods leading to the picturesque and historic village of Scorton. It takes in a further section of the river Wyre on the return; watch out for Sand Martins nesting in the banks during summer.

Route Description

1. [SD 4915 4529](#) Stand on the “Villa de Garstang” mosaic facing the stone seat, turn to your right and walk to Park Hill road (10m). Cross the road at the pedestrian crossing and go down the alleyway ahead, to reach High Street. Turn left and proceed to the mini roundabout at the entrance to the High Street car park on the right. Walk through the car park heading for a footpath at the far left hand corner, with the football field on the left and the riverside picnic area on the right.
2. [SD 4937 4545](#) Follow the path around the playing field by the river, under a bridge by the river and over the flood defence embankment, using two sets of concrete steps, into the Millennium Green.
3. [SD 4958 4562](#) Follow the path for 600m to a gate onto Wyre Lane at the far end of the Millennium Green. Go through this gate and turn right for a few metres until you see a path and information panel on the left between two hedges. Follow this over the footbridge, turning left on the other side, eventually leading to a gate at the foot of Broom Hill.
4. [SD 4981 4639](#) Go through the gate and follow the path, through another gate, round the edge of some trees on the left and along the field edge, with Grizedale Brook on the left. The path eventually leaves the brook and goes straight across the field to a gate onto Hazelhead Lane.
5. [SD 5030 4692](#) Go through the gate, cross the lane and bear right, then left, into the yard of a small factory next to the railway. Walk diagonally left across the yard, go over the railway footbridge and follow the path over the motorway bridge immediately beyond. Just beyond the motorway bridge take the descending track on the left, turning sharp left at the bottom by an old stile. Follow the path through some bushes and turn right over a small bridge crossing the brook.
6. [SD 5046 4712](#) Head straight across the field ahead, with the motorway on your left, aiming for a stile in the corner of the field (about 60m from the motorway boundary) leading into the wood. Go over the stile and turn left and then right onto a track through the wood. After 400m go through a kissing gate on the right and over a footbridge into the field, turn left and walk along the edge of the field to a gate.
7. [SD 5059 4780](#) Go through the gate and walk straight across the field in front, roughly parallel with the motorway, heading for another gate next to a farm gate. Continue with a fence on your right, past a large house, then head for a gate at the right hand end of a Leylandii hedge. The gate leads onto Tithe Barn Lane.
8. [SD 5055 4820](#) Turn left and follow the lane for 400m to a footpath sign and kissing gate on the right. Go through the kissing gate and straight on through another one 25m ahead. Following the path over a small stream, through a wood to a kissing gate leading into a meadow. Bear right across the meadow and go through another gate

- and down a short track to reach Snow Hill Lane.
9. SD 5059 4875 Turn left along the lane and follow it over the motorway and on into Scorton village. Turn left at the 'T' junction in the village and follow the road (Gubberford Lane) out of the village, eventually going under the railway bridge to a ramp leading up to the river embankment. Go up the ramp and follow the paved path for 200m then down another ramp, located opposite a field gate, leading down to the road on the left. Cross over and turn right along the road to a gate, just after the last house on the left.
 10. SD 4993 4796 Go through the gate and follow the left hand field boundary to a stile near the farm buildings. Go over the stile then turn right and go through the farm yard, through two farm gates until you see a stile leading to the field beyond the farmhouse. Go over the stile and head straight across the field to another stile in the hedge. Go over this stile and you will see a field boundary opposite the stile, with rough grass / gorse on the left side and pasture on the right side. Keep to the left side of the boundary and follow the fence (you may need to meander somewhat to avoid areas of boggy ground) over a small hill until you come to a further stile, a stream and several farm gates, with some woodland ahead.
 11. SD 5008 4732 Cross the stream to a stile in the corner on the right. Cross the stile and walk straight ahead through the field, keeping the wood on your right, past a farm gate, to a stile in the hedge just before some house gardens. Go

over this stile into a playing field and bear left to a stile leading onto Hazelhead Lane. Turn left along the lane to reach the gate, on the right, which you passed through on your outward journey. Go through the gate and re-trace your steps through the field to a point underneath the large overhead power lines. Here you have a choice; either to return to Garstang along the riverside path the way you came or proceed along the slightly shorter route below.

12. SD 5003 4655 Just past the power lines take the path on the left which heads in the direction of the ruined castle (Greenhalgh castle) on a small hill in the far distance. Follow this path over a stile, over a small bridge and another stile, emerging onto Lingart Lane. Turn right and follow the lane for 100m to a gate on the left between two field gates. Go through the gate and follow the path along the right hand field boundary for 100m. At a large ash tree bear left across the field, heading in the direction of the large wind turbine in the distance, to a gate. Carry on through two further gates in roughly the same direction, eventually emerging onto the old railway embankment.
13. SD 4967 4555 Turn right and cross the bridge over the river Wyre and descend the set of steps on the left, just past the first small building on the left, to join the riverside path. Turn right and follow the path to the picnic site and car park near the bend in the river. Proceed through the car park to the mini roundabout and turn left along High Street, then right up Stoops Hall Weind to return to Cherestanc Square.

If you need to speak to someone about this route or report a problem use the following Wyre Council contacts:
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