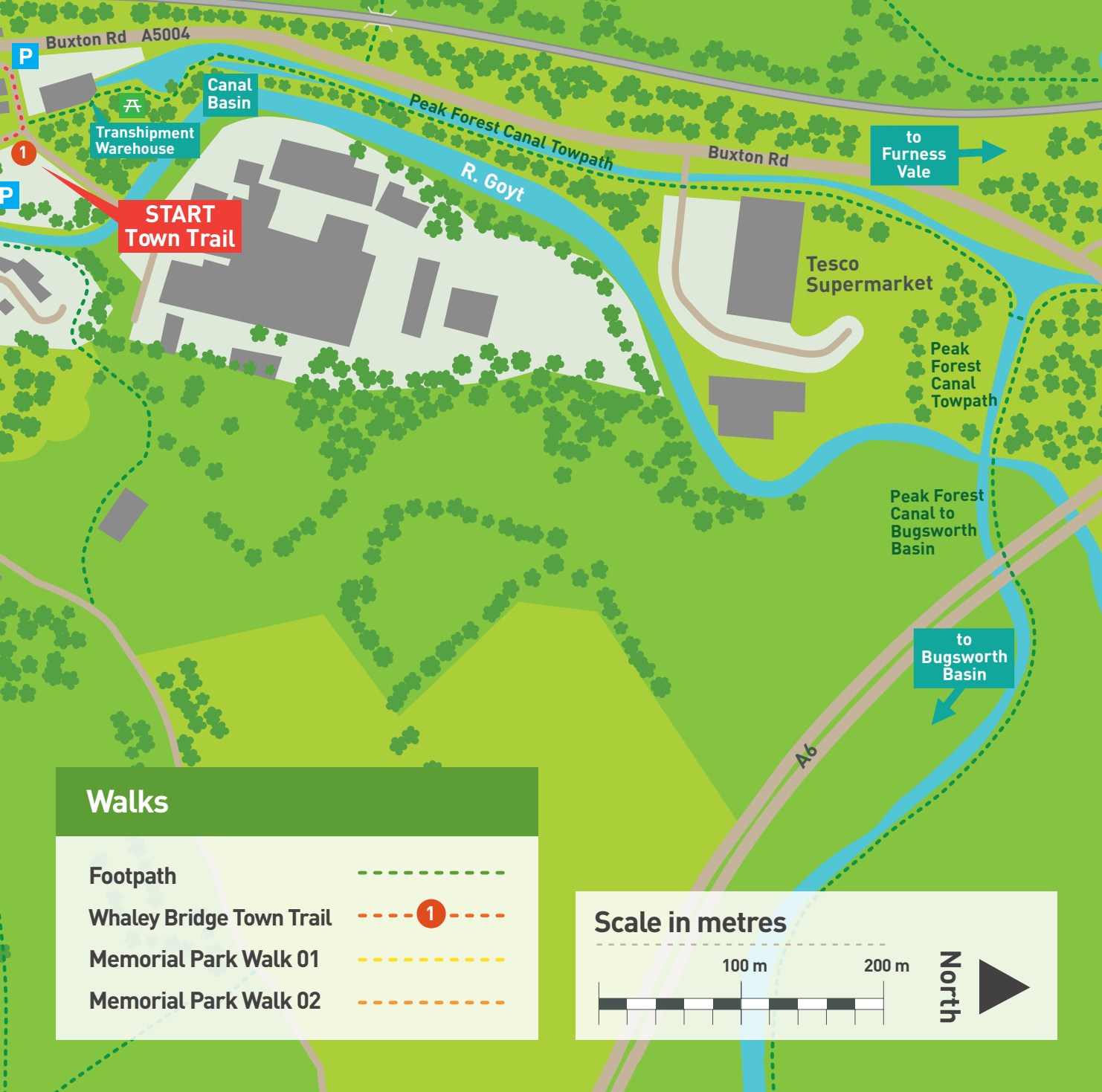


walks around Whaley Bridge

Gateway to the Goyt Valley



Whaley Bridge in the Peak, the Gateway to the Goyt Valley, offers you restaurants, traditional pubs, shops and a splendid variety of activities, all from a unique historical setting.



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Toddbrook Reservoir

Start Lane

Reservoir Road

Whaley Lane

Whaley Lane

to Taxal Edge
Mid Shires Way

Mid Shires Way

Route closed until 2022
Dam Wall

Reservoir Road

Lower Macclesfield Rd

R. Goyt

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School

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Football Pitch

Skate Park

Memorial Park

Play Area

Sailing Club

Brookfield Pond

Nature Reserve

Sacred Heart

Whaley Bridge Station

Bowling Club

School

Holy Trinity

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Buxton Rd

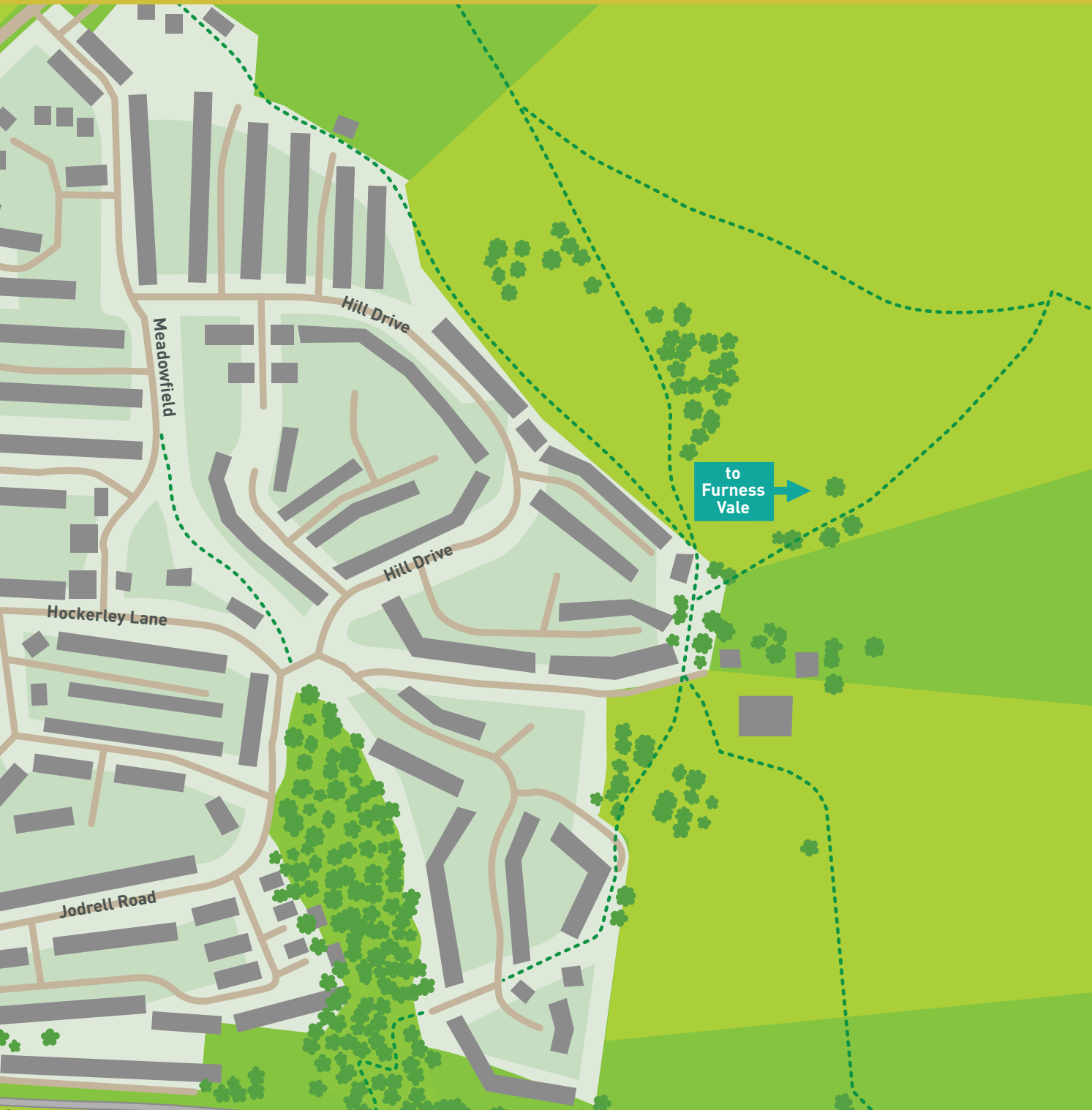


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Explore the many walks from Whaley Bridge to experience the views from the surrounding hills and pastures, the history of Transhipment Shed, Peak Forest Canal, Bugsworth Basin, route of the early tramroads across the Peaks and special scenic beauty of the landscape and Reservoirs. Notable local landscape features include the nearby Toddbrook Reservoir to the west, Bings Wood and Roosdyche glacial meltway to the east and Goyt Valley to the south.

- Restaurants, shops & pubs
- Historically significant Whaley
- Many activities & beautiful walks



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Linear Park

Good News

Old Road

Church

Buxton Rd

Whaley Incline

Bings Wood

Cricket Ground


New Horwich Road

Roosdyche

to the Shallcross Incline

to Chapel-en-le-Frith

Whaley Bridge Map Symbols

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|---|--------------------|---|---------------------|
|  | Church |  | Parking |
|  | Post Office |  | Park |
|  | Restaurant / Café |  | Tourist Information |
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|  | Inn / Public House |  | Buses |

Whaley Bridge Town Trail

Distance: 2.0 miles / 3.0 kms

Going: Good, firm paths throughout

Pace: Easy walking, but in places not suitable for wheelchairs

Take time to find out more about the history of the town and the surrounding area. See how Whaley Bridge's industry developed.

- 1 The walk starts at the Whaley Bridge canal basin. The Peak Forest Canal was opened at the beginning of the nineteenth century. The Canal Transhipment Shed (a class 2* listed building) was built in 1832 across the end of the canal. Coal and limestone were exported through the basin, whilst cotton came into the mills. The Cromford and High Peak Railway connected with the canal, entering the building at both sides of the canal. Commercial traffic ceased in the 1920's.
- 2 From the canal basin follow the road past the town centre car park. The DVY buildings were formerly stabling for railway horses. The houses across the river occupy the former site of Goyt Mill. Crossing the River Goyt by the old railway bridge, continue up the incline. This was the first of many inclines on the C&HP Railway. It was too steep for locomotives and so wagons were hauled up by horses turning a capstan. Two of the guides for the haulage chains can be seen at the top of the incline.
- 3 It's worth a short diversion on reaching Old Road – the site of a former level crossing – to view the building at the bottom of Bings Road (left and left again). This was a ventilation shaft for the Waterloo Pit, one of Whaley Bridge's many coalmines. Mining started in Whaley in the 16th century but ceased before World War 2. Returning to Old Road, you now continue to follow the path of the C&HP Railway along Calderne Terrace towards a small industrial estate. At the end of the houses turn right and descend to Buxton Road. Turn left under the railway bridge and follow the main road past the Cock Inn. A few metres beyond the Inn and before the houses, turn left onto a narrow path. This crosses a small feeder channel from Combs Reservoir to the canal.
- 4 Continue the short climb until you rejoin the old railway track bed. The path follows the railway, passing through a short tunnel under Chapel Road towards a small industrial estate, the Cromford Court Sheltered Accommodation and the Shalldross Incline. (A separate leaflet guiding you on the Shalldross Trail can be picked up at the town car park). Various remains of the railway can be seen along this stretch.
- 5 Immediately after going through the tunnel turn right climbing the steps onto Chapel Road. Turn left and descend to the crossroads. Cross Buxton Road at the traffic lights into Macclesfield Park (BS2470). After crossing over the Goyt, turn right into Goyt Road and continue into Memorial Park. In the park take the wide path to the left, passing the War Memorial, and then the next path to the left up the path to Toddbrook Dam. (To avoid this short climb and stiles continue through the park, passing the children's playground).
- 6 Crossing the dam gives good views of the surrounding hills and over Whaley Bridge. This reservoir is a feeder for the canal (the highest in England). Turn right after continuing across the dam onto Reservoir Road. In a few metres turn left through a small metal gate to Brookfield Pond. This former millpond for Bingswood works is now a nature reserve. Returning to the entrance and rejoining the road, turn left, descending the hill.
- 7 On the right is another entrance to the park, where those not going over the dam will emerge.
- 8 About 80m before the railway bridge (opposite house no 9) turn right through a gap in the hedge and descend steps. Pass under the railway bridge. The small courtyard on the left used to be a bakehouse. Turn left into Market Street, pass the Mechanics Institute and return to the canal basin.

Note: The Town Trail is numbered on the map overlaid



Photo: Terry O'Malley

Memorial Park Walks

Take a gentle stroll amongst Whaley Bridge's Memorial Park

The Memorial Park was opened in 1920 to remember the brave men of Whaley Bridge who lost their lives in the 1st World War.



Park Walk 01

Distance: 0.75 mile / 1.25 km

Going: Firm paths

Pace: Gentle Park walking

Route 1 This takes in all the lower footpaths (wheelchair friendly), with small inclines.

Park Walk 02

Distance: 1 mile / 1.7 km

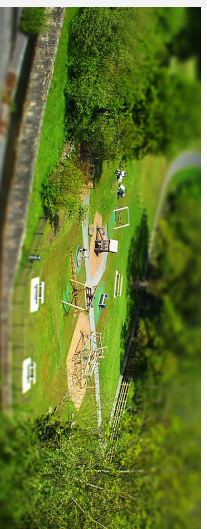
Going: Firm paths

Pace: Park walk with steep inclines

Route 2 This walk has steep inclines 1.75 km.

Memorial Park was awarded the prestigious Green Flag in 2015, 2016 and 2017 an award which recognises the best green spaces.

More information at www.whaleypark.co.uk



The benefits of walking

Walking is now seen as the best way to exercise and get fit. It's free, anyone can participate, and you do not need special clothing or footwear.

Just 20-30 minutes of walking a day can:

- Increase your fitness and stamina
- Reduce blood pressure
- Reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke
- Reduce the risk of type 2 diabetes and osteoporosis
- Help reduce stress
- Help you lose or maintain weight
- Above all, it makes you feel great

Whaley Bridge Walk

Distance: 6.0 miles / 9.7 km (3 hours 20 minutes)

Going: Firm paths and cross-field paths

Gentle walking, many stiles and three uphill sections

Discover the beauty of Whaley Bridge's scenery and the heritage of its Industrial past.

- 1 From the Station Car Park, turn right, passing under the Railway Bridge. Continue up Reservoir Road, taking a left turn into Memorial Park. Cross over Todd Brook below the dam and take the lower path until the next bridge. Cross the River Goyt into Wheatsheaf Road and turn right onto the main road. Immediately before the bridge over Randall Carr Brook cross the main road and take the track of the former Cromford and High Peak Railway. Turn right onto the track bed and follow the path under Chapel Road, past Cromford Court to Shalldross Incline. *This was an important industrial estate served by the railway. The railway continued uphill via the Shalldross Incline to the east of the scout hut.*
- 2 Follow the incline to Shalldross Road, turn left to reach Elmor Lane. Cross the road and take the track past Shalldross Nursery. Follow this path over the next three stiles, for k left and descend to the rear of Cadster House, where a left turn leads down below the railway to join Chapel Road.
- 3 Cross the main road, turn left and continue to a signposted track. Follow the track passing Ivy Bank Farm. Proceed down Eccles Road, taking the first right by Park House. The path then runs from Horwich Fold through open fields with good stiles, passing the cricket pitch to emerge on the New Horwich track.
- 4 A left turn onto the rough path takes you to a signposted path to the right. This skirts Throstledale, keeping close to the Roosdyche. *Originally thought to be of Roman origin, the Roosdyche is in fact the bed of the glacial melt-way, 13m wide and 8m deep. The path provides exceptional views across Whaley Bridge.*
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Photo: Rosdyche

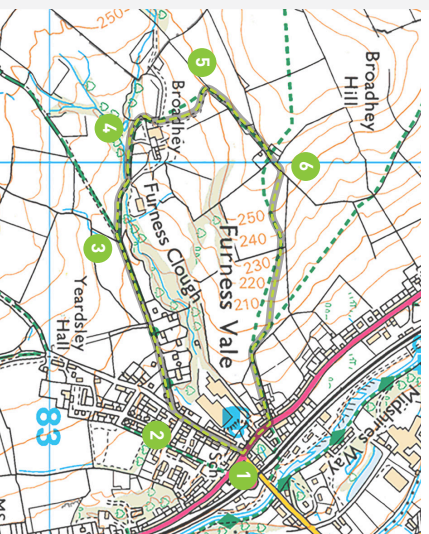
- 6 Continue over a series of ladder stiles. The route follows a fence into open fields below Mosley Hall Farm, to a stone stile above you. Follow the well-marked path through fields, exiting onto Western Lane, Buxworth. Turn right and take the path on the left between the football and cricket pitches. Cross the footbridge over the A6 bypass to arrive at the Buxworth Basin at the head of the Peak Forest Canal.
- 7 *Buxworth Basin was an extremely busy inland port. Limestone was brought down by wagon under gravity from the quarries near Buxton and transferred to barges.* Pass the Navigation pub and take the towpath towards Bridgemont. Continue around the bend under the A6, and cross the canal using footbridge no. 34. Cross the A6 to a track heading to the railway bridge.
- 8 Immediately after the bridge take the footpath on the left to Hockerley Farm and Hockerley Old Hall to enter the field over a stone stile.
- 9 Turn left to follow the wall behind the houses up to Stoneheads. On reaching the Whaley Bridge to Disley road, turn left and follow the road downhill to turn right onto Start Lane. Proceed along the lane, until you reach the stone ginnel footpath just past Purdown's garage and before Springbank. Follow this down to Reservoir Road, turn left to pass Todd Brook Reservoir and Brookfield Pond nature reserve to return to the station.



Furness Vale Walk

Distance: 1.6 miles / 2.7 km (43 minutes)
 Going: Firm paths and cross-field paths
 Gentle slopes.

Explore Furness Vale and the rolling countryside that gives this place its character.



- 1 From the centre of Furness Vale take Yeardsley Lane SW.
- 2 Fork right into Diglee Road.
- 3 After leaving the interesting variety of houses behind, again take the right fork into Diglee Clough. Cross the culvert and climb a short distance towards Broadhey Farm.
- 4 Immediately before the farm entrance track a left-hand track rises to the left the large barn conversion through a gate and onto the flanks of Broadhey Hill. From the brow of the hill, panoramic views stretch back across Whaley Moor, west across the remains of Kiln Knoll Barrow, north and west to New Mills, Lantern Pike, Kinder Scout and Chinley Churn.
- 5 On the hilltop, at the end of the track, stands a barn. Pass the barn to a gate on the right and stile into the meadow. Follow the wall to your left and descend the field to a depression.
- 6 Over a stile in the lower wall into the lower field to join a path running in from Disley Parish. Follow the field's bottom fence south east to a stile where the walk goes through two gates to reach the A6, north of the centre of Furness Vale.



1 Public Rights of Way

A public right of way is a route which members of the public have a right to use at any time. There are four different rights of way.

Public footpaths - available for walkers only, although you may take a pram, pushchair or wheel chair along it, if practicable.

Public bridleways - for the use of walkers, horse riders and cyclists. Bridleways are often waymarked with blue arrows.

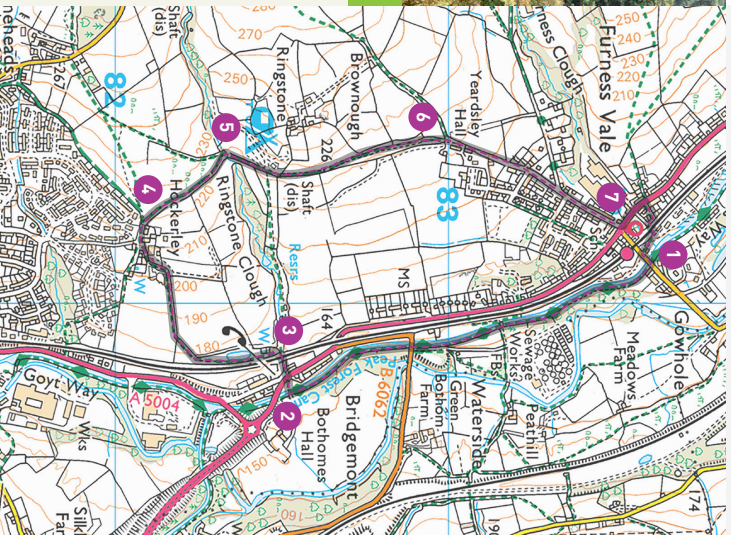
Roads used as public paths (RUPPs) - these often have the appearance of green lanes (although the term has no legal meaning) and are available to the same users as bridleways. There are public vehicular rights along some RUPPs - seek local guidance.

Byways open to all traffic (BOATSA) - available for use by motor vehicles, motorcycles, riders, cyclists and walkers. At present there are none in the area covered by this guide.

Ringstones Round

Distance: 2.6 miles / 4.3 km (1 hr 3 minutes)
 Going: Firm paths and cross-field paths
 Gentle walking.

Furness Vale to Bridgemont, Hockerley, Ringstones and Yeardsley Hall Walk
A canal side walk, with return along the lower hills above the valley with fine views. (Please put your dogs on a lead)



- 1 From Furness Vale Station, cross Station Road and go down the hill to cross the Peak Forest Canal. Immediately at the end of the bridge go down the steps to join the Canal Towpath. Proceed in a southerly direction (back under the bridge) for approximately half a mile. The canal runs parallel with the A6 and the railway line to Buxton. Across the valley runs the railway line to Sheffield.
- 2 After passing an iron footbridge and a road bridge you reach a second iron footbridge marked 34. (Put your dog on the lead!) Cross the bridge and go up the path to the busy A6. Cross the road via the traffic island into the small hamlet of Bridgemont. Proceed past the children's playground under the railway bridge.
- 3 Immediately at the end of the bridge parapet take the footpath on your left running beside the railway. After 200 yards proceed over a stile into an open field and follow the stone wall to the right uphill to another stile. Pass around the chicken pens and through the gate into the lane in front of Hockerley Farm.
- 4 At the top of the yard, between two oak trees and to the right of the farm gate take the stone stile and turn right along the track besides the stone wall running gently uphill with views across the valley and over to Eccles Pike, Bugsworth and Chinley Churn.
- 5 Drop down to the gate at the head of Ringstones Clough, below Ringstone Caravan Site, and carry straight on uphill along the road to Yeardsley Hall. Look to the east to admire the views towards Gowhole and Chinley Churn.
- 6 Walk down Yeardsley Lane past the interesting variety of houses and bungalows to the Furness Vale Community Centre (café open Tues and Thurs afternoons).
- 7 Cross the A6 by the pedestrian crossing and turn right to return to the station down Station Road to the left. Alternatively, turn left, 100 yards and turn right down Old Road then at the bottom take the footpath under the railway which exits on Station Road, just below the station.
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