

Lots House Circular Bridleway

Start Point

Cloughton Quarries

★ SD 569 641

Distance/Time



6.5 Miles
10 Km
Approx
2 Hrs

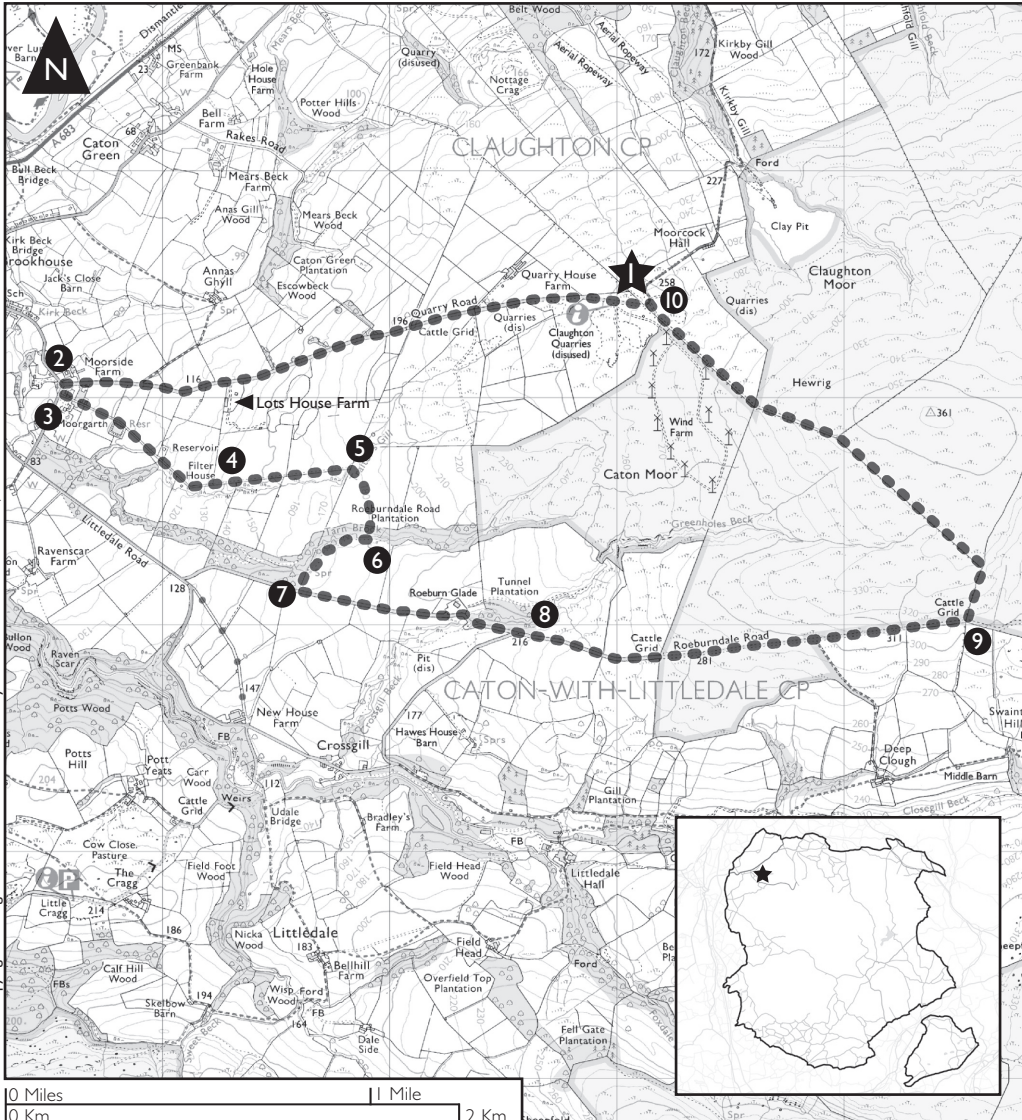
Terrain

Tracks, fields and roads. Gates. Some short steep sections.

OS Explorer

OL41

'Forest of Bowland and Ribblesdale'



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Route Description

Secure parking for horseboxes available on the route:
Ring **01524 770802**.

- ★ Turn left and follow Quarry Road to the bottom where it meets Moorside Road at a T-junction.
- 2 Turn left along Moorside Road and after approx 50m take the first track on your left.
- 3 Continue along this track uphill to its end, and it will bring you out through a field gate into a large field.
- 4 Keeping the drystone wall on your right-hand side continue uphill along the field track and through the next large field. Continue over a stone arch bridge to a field gate.
- 5 Go through this gate and turn right following the way-marked concessionary bridleway down to the woodland. Enter this narrow woodland and cross Tarn Brook via a ford, then up the southern side of the woodland out into a field.
- 6 Turn right and follow the waymarked route along the top of the bank around to meet a drystone wall. Keeping this wall on your right continue for a short distance until you reach a field gate that takes you out onto Roeburndale Road.
- 7 Turn left and follow this road past Roeburn Glade (here there is a steep and sharp S-bend in the road) and a woodland on your left-hand side.
- 8 Ignoring the road off to your right, continue along Roeburndale Road for approx 1.2 miles (2km).
- 9 At the second cattle grid turn left and up onto the track that takes you over Whit Moor and Cloughton Moor, keeping the drystone wall on your left.
- 10 After approx 1.2 miles (2km) this track brings you to a bridle gate. Turn left and through a second bridle gate and you are back at Cloughton Quarries



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About This Route

Lots House Farm is an upland stock rearing farm in the lower Lune Valley rising to 340m above sea level at the top of the moor. Currently the main enterprise on the farm is sheep rearing, with approximately 550 home-bred ewes. The bridleway passes through a mixture of pastureland and woodland.

The pastureland is favoured by nesting waders, in particular lapwings. On the eastern edge of the farm is sited an eight turbine wind farm.

The area has for many years provided raw materials for brick making, with several brickworks in the area. The brickworks at Cloughton is still linked by the last remaining and operating aerial runway in the country, to a quarry on Cloughton Moor.

This route starts and finishes at the disused Sandstone (Flags) Cloughton Quarries. The route also takes you past the site of disused Brookhouse brickworks on Roeburndale Rd (now Roeburn House), which operated from before 1930s through to late 1960s using shale from an adjacent quarry.

Sustainable Tourism

The Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is a protected landscape that has international importance for its heather moorland, blanket bog and rare birds. In 2005 the AONB became the first protected area in England to be awarded the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas, joining just 30 other areas across Europe. The Charter is awarded to protected areas that are delivering tourism that is both nature and landscape friendly and which contributes to the economic development of the region. The Charter approach ensures that organisations, local people and businesses are working together to protect the area, whilst at the same time increasing opportunities for visitors to discover and enjoy its special qualities.

You can contribute to sustainable tourism by:

- Leaving the car at home and using public transport instead
- Purchasing local products, including food and drink
- Making a donation to the Bowland Tourism Environment Fund through donation boxes at participating businesses in the area.

Countryside / Moorland Code



From a gentle stroll or relaxing picnic, to a long-distance walk or heart-pumping adventure, the countryside provides every opportunity for enjoyment and relaxation. If you follow the Countryside Code wherever you go, you'll get the best enjoyment possible and you'll help to protect our open spaces now and for future generations.

1. Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs
2. Leave gates and property as you find them
3. Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
4. Keep dogs under close control
5. Consider other people
6. Prevent uncontrolled moorland fires

Safety

If you are going on this ride, it is strongly recommended that you:

- Dress Appropriately – a riding helmet to the current standard is essential. Wear snug fitting trousers, sturdy shoes with a small heel and try to avoid wearing any loose clothing or jewellery.
- Carry the right equipment – including an Ordnance Survey Map (OS Explorer OL41); compass; small first aid kit; high energy snack; something to drink; mobile phone (be aware that coverage may be patchy); whistle.
- Always let someone know where you are going and what time you expect to be back.
- Do not take any unnecessary risks.

If you are in difficulty or see someone in difficulty, please dial **999** and ask for **Mountain Rescue**.

To report any other incident contact:

- **Countryside Service** - **01772 534 709**, open 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday
- **Lancashire Constabulary** - **0845 1 25 35 45** or **999**
- **Local Equine Vet** - Dimples Veterinary Practice, Garstang - **01995 602276/ 602143**