📟 Bowland Rambler – Newton to Slaidburn circular

2 Hrs

Terrain



Tracks, fields, roads, gates and stiles. Can be very wet and boggy underfoot especially after bad weather. This walks passes through farmland so be aware of livestock and keep dogs on a lead.



Key to Facilities

Newton



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Walk Description

GPS: SD 6980 5052

From the bus stop begin walking down towards the Parkers Arms pub; pass the pub on your right, continuing along the road and over the bridge. Once over the bridge follow the footpath over the stone stile and into the field on the left.

2 GPS: SD 6989 5028

Continue straight across the field until you reach a wooden stile. Keep ahead following the water's edge and you will come to a wooden gate.

3 GPS: SD 7033 5041

Once through the gate continue over a footbridge and continue with the tree line to your right until you reach a wooden stile.

4 GPS: SD 7057 5048

Head diagonally right across the field to reach a metal gate, then take a left onto the lane. Continue along the lane for a short while until you reach Manor House.

5 GPS: SD 7113 5074

Go past the barn and take a right into the farm yard, keeping to the left wall. Follow the farm track down to the bridge over Easington Brook.

6 GPS: SD 7137 5073

Before the bridge turn left at a way marker and continue over a stile for about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile following the riverbank towards Broadhead Farm.

7 GPS: SD 7201 5110

At the farm go through two sets of gates into the farmyard and then continue until you reach the farm drive on the left.

8 GPS: SD 7203 5123

Continue up the drive until you reach the road, go straight across and through the metal gate. Keep to the left as you go uphill until you reach a metal gate in the left wall at the top.

9 GPS: SD 7188 5160

Turn right through the gate and keep to the right edge of field and then over a stone stile in the wall. Then keep left and ahead, beginning to bear right when you reach a wooded area on your left. Go through the gate and onto the road and go right, briefly uphill and then see a wooden gate and stile on your left. Take care here on the roadside as there is no footpath.

() GPS: SD 7158 5223

Go down the hill ahead to reach another wooden gate, through a small business complex where you will then join the main road, take a right and follow the road into the centre of the village of Slaidburn.

GPS: SD 7132 5230

Continue past the car park and bus stop on your right, and just before the village hall turn left along the riverbank and follow the river to join a riverside path. The path follows the river, before diverting round a small sewage works. Continue along the track, past Dunnow Hall and along the bottom edge of Dunnow Great Wood. **Note: do not take the path across the river.**

(2) GPS: SD 7027 5079

After the wood, take the path marked by the gate ahead and through two small plantations. Turn right at the road and uphill into Newton village and the bus stop.

About This Route

Newton in Bowland

The lovely village of Newton-in-Bowland is surrounded by small fields enclosed by dry stone walls and woodland. Stone cottages in this conservation area village are meticulously cared for and stand above the River Hodder.

The Parkers Arms pub is the perfect place to start or finish your walk, welcoming walkers and well behaved dogs, whether it's just for a pint of good local ale, a cappuccino, a small bite to eat, or afternoon tea. For full details visit **www.parkersarms.co.uk** or ring ahead to check opening times **01200 446236**

Slaidburn

Visiting Slaidburn is like stepping back in time. Isolated and protected by the surrounding Bowland fells, and largely owned by a single family for almost 200 years, the village has remained un-spoilt by modern development and is virtually unchanged since the early 19th Century. Slaidburn whilst picturesque is also a living, working village still largely dependent on agriculture, with a large number of its inhabitants working in the local area.

If you are looking for refreshments why not visit the popular Riverbank Tearooms, a picturesque spot next to the river, for some lovely homemade produce **www.riverbanktearooms.co.uk** or if you prefer a pub the Hark to Bounty Inn is home to the original Moot Courtroom of the Forest of Bowland **www.harktobounty.co.uk**



The Bowland Rambler Bus service (13) is a summer Sunday and Bank Holiday scenic bus service direct from East Lancashire and Settle into the heart of the Forest of Bowland.

For further details of walks from the bus and a timetable visit **www.forestofbowland.com/ramblerbus**