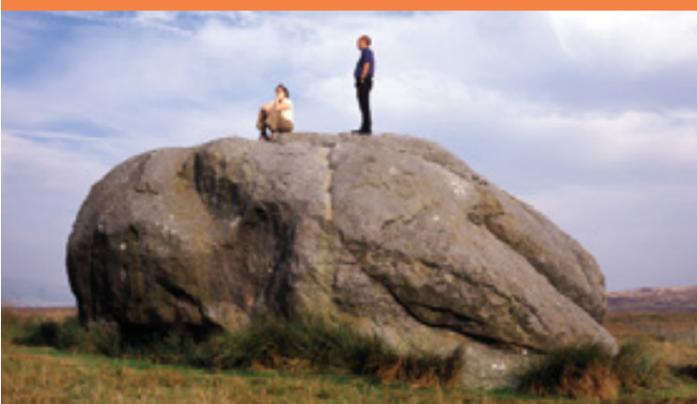


FOREST OF BOWLAND

Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



The Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is a nationally protected landscape and internationally important for its heather moorland, blanket bog and rare birds. For more information regarding the Forest of Bowland AONB, visit the website at www.forestofbowland.com or ring 01772 534709 for an information leaflet.

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Slaidburn and its history

Visiting Slaidburn in the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty 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.

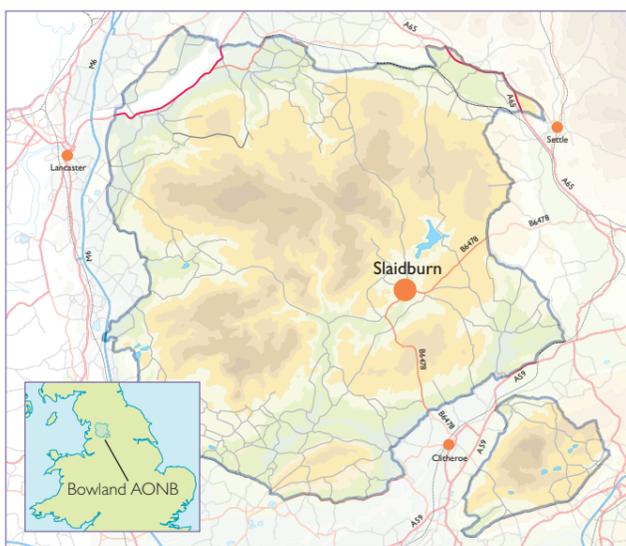


Slaidburn whilst picturesque is also a living, working village still largely dependent on agriculture, with a large number of its inhabitants working in the local area.



How to find us

Public Transport: There are several buses a day on Monday to Saturday from Clitheroe to Slaidburn, service B10, with some going on to Settle. Check Traveline 0870 608 2 608 or www.transportforlancashire.com for the latest information. Rail connections are at Clitheroe and Settle.



By Road: Slaidburn is on the B6478 road approximately 9 miles from Clitheroe. It can also be reached from the A65 road that runs from Skipton to Kirkby Lonsdale by turning onto the B6478 at Long Preston.



WELCOME TO SLAIDBURN

Local Attractions and Activities



A circular walk starting in Slaidburn

On the walk detailed overleaf, look out for the limestone outcrops, which have formed much of the landscape around Slaidburn. They were once part of tropical reefs along a chain of islands and take the form of rounded hills and knolls. The angular, light grey limestone, often containing fossils of marine creatures, has been used locally in the dry stone walls. The limestone bedrock creates a very thin but fertile soil, in places only 3-4 inches thick, and supports a wide range of wildflowers and grasses. The wildflower meadows around Myttons Farm are managed in a traditional way to ensure their survival. They are at their best in May and June.



In addition there's an excellent network of quiet roads and plenty of opportunities for cycling and riding around Slaidburn, while walking routes will take you across moorland and alongside the river and reservoir. For peace and solitude, head to the relatively undiscovered fells and valleys.

Historic buildings and attractions

St Andrew's churchyard has several interesting stone monuments. The church is mostly 15th Century with a three-decker pulpit, massive ancient doors and a Jacobean chancel screen. Nearby are Brennands endowed school and the heritage centre which is leased from the King-Wilkinson family that owns much of the property in the village.

Near to the war memorial and village shop is a wooden first aid box that used to contain a stretcher for injured fell walkers. The well at the roadside near there was built to commemorate the golden jubilee of Queen Victoria.

The Hark to Bounty Inn is home to the original Moot Courtroom of the Forest of Bowland. The area called Mount Pleasant is a group of houses formerly used by handloom weavers with typical rows of windows on the top floor to allow in the maximum amount of light onto the looms.

The Slaidburn Silver Band, founded in 1898, has its own world-famous march called "Slaidburn". You may be lucky and hear it played by the current band in the village or at a local engagement.

The "lost villages" of Dalehead and Stocks in Bowland, which were flooded when the upper reaches of the River Hodder were dammed to create Stocks reservoir in the 1930s, were strongly associated with the village of Slaidburn. Many former residents of these villages were buried in Slaidburn.

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The walk detailed below right is best followed using **Ordnance Survey Explorer Map OL 41 'Forest of Bowland and Ribblesdale'**. It takes approximately 1 1/2 hours to complete and is mostly easy walking over fields grazed by sheep and cattle with several stiles – some of them steep. Robust footwear or Wellingtons are advisable.

The Olde Stables 5



Woodhouse Gate Farm, Slaidburn, Clitheroe, BB7 3AQ
Tel: 01200 446240
Web: www.woodhousegatefarmcottage.co.uk
Visit Britain ★★★★★ Rating

Thoughtfully renovated cottage on an organic dairy and sheep farm with 2 double and 2 twin bedrooms. One double room and a shower room are situated on the ground floor and are disabled-friendly. Extremely comfortable and furnished to a high standard both outside and in. Excellent holiday or weekend break accommodation.

Laythams Farm Cottages 6



Back Lane, Slaidburn, Clitheroe, BB7 3AJ
Tel: Ian Driver on 01200 446454
Email: idriver@nildram.co.uk
Web: www.laythamsfarmcottages.co.uk
Visit Britain ★★★ Rating

Classic 17th century Pennine Longhouse with full CH. The Farmhouse with grand piano, pool table and 3 bedrooms sleeps up to 9 using 2 double bed-settees. The adjoining Laythams cottage has full CH and sleeps up to 6, again using 2 bed-settees. Large or family parties up to 15 in number can be accommodated.

Youth Hostel Association (YHA) 7



King's House, Slaidburn, Clitheroe, BB7 3ER
Tel: 0870 770 6034
Email: slaidburn@yha.org.uk
Web: www.yha.org.uk

Former 17th Century Inn offers a stay with open fire, beamed ceilings and a cosy atmosphere. Ideal area for walkers and cyclists. The hostel is a comfortable retreat to return to - the listed building has recently been refurbished to a high standard. Phone to check availability.

Stocks Fly Fishery 8



Catlow Rd, Slaidburn, Clitheroe, BB7 3AQ
Tel: 01200 446602
Email: stocksfishery@btinternet.com
Web: www.stocksreservoir.com

Largest fly fishery in NW England spanning 360 acres; extremely well stocked with quality triploid Rainbow, Brown and Blue trout. The lodge is open from 8am until dusk with a member of the team always on duty to offer help and advice. Well-stocked tackle shop and café. Latest fishing reports, hotspots, weather forecasts etc – on website.

Slaidburn Church & Heritage Centre 1



Church Street, Slaidburn, Clitheroe
Web: www.htnw.co.uk

Slaidburn Church opening times, everyday 9.30am to dusk. Conducted tours please contact Mary Parker 01200 446686. Service every Sunday at 11am. The Heritage centre on Church street will not be open to casual visitors in 2006. It should reopen in 2007 after refurbishment.

Mytton Farm Crafts 2



Myttons Farm Crafts, Woodhouse Lane, Slaidburn Clitheroe, BB7 3AH Tel: 01200 446200

We are 2 miles from the village. An Aladdin's cave of unusual crafts and gifts. Handpainted pottery, watercolours, painted glass, jewellery and lots more. Go past the front door of the Hark to Bounty for 2 miles and follow the brown signs.

Summer openings Wed, Thurs and Fri 1pm to 5pm Sat and Sun 11am to 5pm and Bank Holidays. Winter opening Nov to 1st May Sat and Sun only 11am to 5pm

Hark to Bounty Inn 3



Townend, Slaidburn, Clitheroe, BB7 3EP
Tel: 01200 446246
Email: harktobounty@supanet.com
Web: www.hark-to-bounty.co.uk

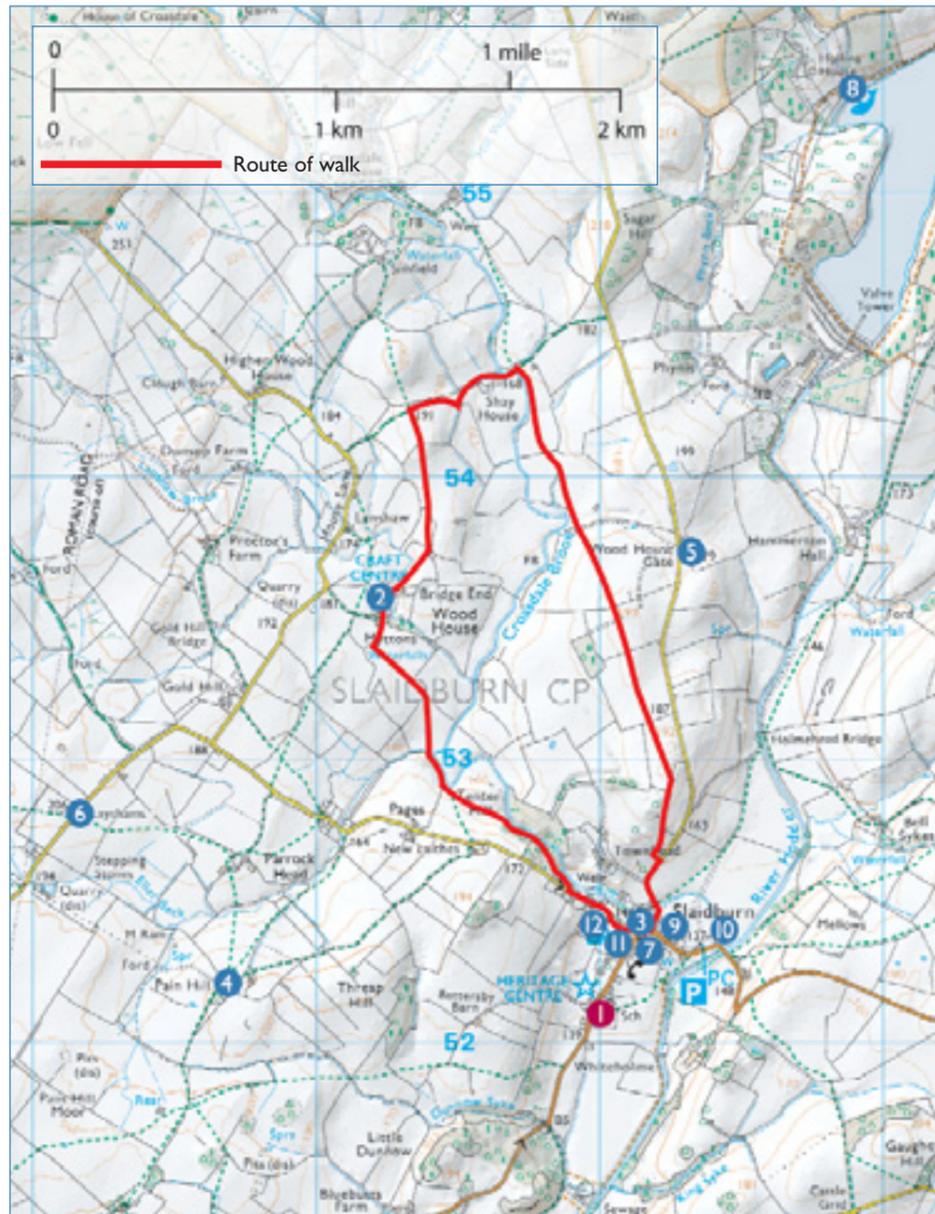
A family run country hotel with function rooms and two distinctive dining areas. The bar provides home cooked meals in a traditional pub atmosphere while Squires Restaurant serves food combining the freshest ingredients with Lancashire flair.

Burn Fell View Holiday Cottage 4



Pain Hill Farm, Slaidburn, Clitheroe, BB7 3AH
Tel: 01200 446654
Visit Britain ★★★ Rating

A detached two bedroom bungalow on a working farm. Full oil central heating. Hall, lounge with open fire, dining kitchen with automatic washer and microwave. One double and one twin bedroom. Additional bed-settee in the lounge. Outside there is a large lawned garden, garage and ample parking away from the main farm.



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Quirks and Foibles 9



5, Chapel Street, Slaidburn, Clitheroe, BB7 3ES
Tel: 01200 446225
Email: Quirksandfoibles@btinternet.com
Web: www.quirksandfoibles.co.uk

An eclectic mix of rustic home and garden wares - pine and painted furniture, jewellery, bags, cards and gifts, unusual crafts and unique vintage finds. Browsers welcome!
Open daily 11am to 4pm except Mondays. Easter to October.

Riverbank Tearooms 10



The Green, Slaidburn, Clitheroe BB7 3ES
Tel: 01200 446398
Email: riverbanktearooms@hotmail.com
Web: www.slaidburn.com/riverbank

Riverbank tearooms is a cosy licensed café with friendly staff, overlooking the village green and river Hodder. Try our quality home cooked meals and snacks or choose from the extensive range of homemade cakes.
Open daily throughout the year 10am to 5pm. More than just a cup of tea.

Village Shop and Post Office 11



2, Church Street, Slaidburn, Clitheroe, BB7 3ER
Tel: 01200 446268

Fresh fruit and vegetables, milk, bread etc. pre-packed coal & kindling, wines, spirits & beer. Everything you would expect of a local shop and more! Cards, newspapers, local maps and guides, lottery, phone topups, photocopier, laundry and dry cleaning service. rod licences and permits for fishing on the Hodder.
Open daily.

The Hidden Door 12



12, Townend, Slaidburn, Clitheroe, BB7 3EP
Tel: 01200 446850
Web: www.thehiddendoor.co.uk

The Hidden Door, formerly Slaidburn Pottery, is tucked away discreetly just 100 yards from the Hark to Bounty Inn. Newly opened Easter 2006 we offer a wide range of gifts, crafts and collectables at very reasonable prices.
Open daily from 10am to 4.30pm apart from Mondays - except for Bank Holidays.