



Scorton Picnic Site

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Start Point ★

Scorton
Picnic Site.
SD 5044 5040

Distance/Time

Circular Trail
1600m, Approx.
1+ hrs

Terrain

Tarmac car park. Flat easy walking (no gates). Well surfaced paths (occasional puddles). Suitable for wheelchairs, pushchairs & Trampers

Trail Description

★ GPS: SD 5044 5040
Take the path to the left hand-side of the car park, crossing a small ditch and heading north follow the edge of the River Wyre through the alder woodland. You may catch glimpses of a fleeting kingfisher skimming along the river, or a dipper 'bobbing' on a rock.

④ GPS: SD 5066 5081
After meandering a further 200m you arrive at a boardwalk taking you alongside a shallow pool teeming with water snails and pond skaters. Beyond the boardwalk the tree canopy becomes much higher and the understorey of bramble beds beneath hide the secretive roe deer.

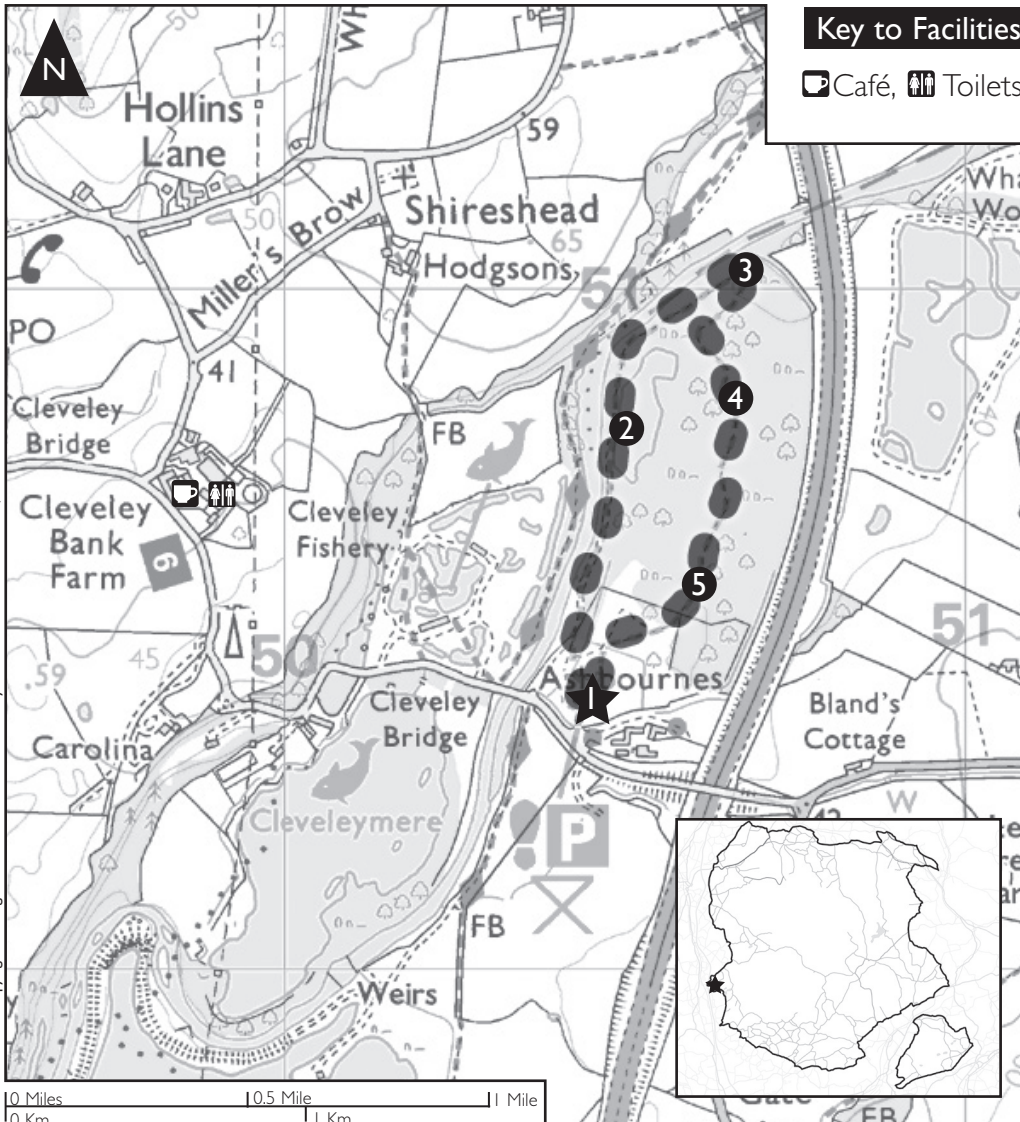
② GPS: SD 5048 5074
After 400m you reach the mere (pond) and bird hide. Numerous species can be seen including mallard, coot, moorhen and the occasional swan, not to mention the frogs, toads, newts and the common darter.

⑤ GPS: SD 5059 5054
Continue another 450m and the woodland gives way to a grassy meadow managed for its wild flowers. Butterflies can be seen fluttering between the flowers of the clover; knapweed, birds foot trefoil, and common spotted orchid. Where the path separates bear right on the surfaced path and follow it back to the car park.

③ GPS: SD 5068 5102
Continue along following the river for a further 300m where the path turns abruptly to the right - 3. Here you will notice a change in the trees with a small area having been cut down and allowed to re-grow ('coppice').

Key to Facilities

☕ Café, 🚻 Toilets



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About This Trail

This Local Nature Reserve nestles between the M6 and the River Wyre and is managed by Lancashire County Council. The circular trail starts and finishes at the picnic site car park and follows the River Wyre through predominantly alder and willow woodland before returning through a flower rich meadow. Numerous picnic tables on grassy areas surround the tarmac surfaced car park from which to observe the abundant bird life.

It was once fertile agricultural land until used for gravel extraction in the 1950's, thus giving rise to the numerous ponds and lakes ('meres') in the area.

Scorton is a picturesque village and a great starting point for walking, riding & cycling.

Eateries:

- **Apple Store Café**, Wyresdale Park – café set in a sheltered walled garden
- **The Barn** – coffee shop, gift shop and garden centre
- **The Priory** – includes restaurant, café bar and outdoor lifestyle shop
- **Stepping Stones Restaurant** – Claylands Park

Accommodation:

- **Barnacre Cottages** – 5 star self-catering cottages
- **Cleveley Mere** – lakeside boutique self-catering lodges
- **Fell View Park** - small, friendly touring site for caravans, motor homes and tents
- **The Priory** – hotel, restaurant, cafe bar and outdoor lifestyle shop
- **Claylands Park** – holiday homes, lodges, touring caravans & tents
- **Cleveley Bridge** – log holiday homes, fishing lodge & camping pods

Tramper Safety

Please ensure you are accompanied when using the Tramper, as some routes may include gates and are remote. You should also take warm and waterproof clothing as the weather can change very quickly. Please also note that some of the trails include sections of public highway.

For further information about general safety and the Countryside/Moorland Code visit:

<http://forestofbowland.com/Walking-Safely>

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