Bluebells and Woodland Delights from Cobble Hey

Route Summary

Tracks and fields, gates. Can be wet underfoot

Route Overview

Category: Walking
Length: 3.990 km / 2.49 mi
Last Modified: 28th August 2018
Difficulty: Medium
Rating: Unrated
Surface: Undefined
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Description

Cobble Hey has been a working hill farm for more than 150 years, and still farm sheep and beef cattle. The gardens were opened to the public in 2002. The farm is also a haven for breeding wading birds. During the spring time, lapwing, curlew and redshank regularly raise their young on the surrounding fields.

The walk starts and finishes at Cobble Hey Farm & Gardens. Parking is available free of charge for those using the tea room. Please note parking is only available during opening times: Thursday to Sunday (4 days a week except for Bank Holiday Mondays) from Feb 11th until the end of October, 10.30am until 4.30pm. Visit cobblehey.co.uk

Part of the route follows a series of stone waymarkers depicting wildlife of the forest of Bowland. Members of the public attended a stone carving workshop to produce these beautiful pieces of art.

St. Johns Church serves the village of Calder Vale, the hamlet of Oakenlough, and the surrounding countryside. Local Philanthropist and owner of the Bleasdale Estate, William James Garnett donated the land for the church and the adjoining school in 1860. the foundation stone was laid in 1861, and the completed church was consecrated in August 1863. The church is built of white freestone quarried locally.

Waypoints
Head north from the cobble yard of Cobble Hey. Just past the farm house turn right through a gate and go past the animal pens and childrens play area to another gate. Continue through the field bearing slightly left of the wall on the right. The field dips by a stream where there is a gate, head for the gate.

Continue straight ahead up through the field, heading for Cobble Hey farm yard.

At Higher Landskill, turn left at the end of the first building on the left and walk between the buildings and farmhouse. Pass through the gate and rejoin the hedged track used on the outward journey. Follow the track to a gate in the field. Pass through and follow the left hand fence around to the left and pass through another gate. Turn right, keeping the fence on the right until you reach a gate and pass through.

Continue stright ahead through the churchyard and school playground. At the road junction, turn right.

the track passes through Lower Lanskill Farm. Continue along the track, following it round to the right, down to Higher Lanskill Farm.

Enter Higher Landskill Farmyard and turn left just beyond the farmhouse and follow the farm road to Calder Vale.

After the gate, climb the field straightahead, keeping the fence on the left, and follow this and to the next gate. Follow the fence on the right as it bends round to another gate at the start of a hedge lined track.