Brookhouse and Anna's Ghyll

Route Summary

Roads, lanes, tracks and fields. Can get muddy in parts. Take care crossing the A683 and on unpavemented road sections. Expect livestock. "Walking safely" information available at www.forestofbowland.com Walkers are advised to carry OS Explorer map OL41.

Route Overview

Category: Walking
Length: 4.600 km / 2.88 mi
Last Modified: 4th January 2018
Difficulty: Medium
Rating: Unrated
Surface: Undefined
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Description

This walk is based on a route developed by Caton-with-Littledale Footpath Group and Lancashire Countryside Service as part of the wider "Birds of Caton-with-Littledale" project.

Caton and Brookhouse are situated in the valley of the River Lune. The villages are close to the picturesque Crook of Lune, an area which has attracted praise from artists and poets in the past and remains a popular location today.

The walk starts from the car park at Bull Beck, near Caton, taking in farmland above the village of Brookhouse and the village itself.

Waypoints

1. Bull Beck car park
   (54.07882; -2.70160)
   Leave the car park via the path to the right of the toilet block. Carefully cross the layby and then the main road. (Note: the A683 is a busy road with fast-moving traffic and care should be taken.) Go through the gate on the opposite side and turn left to follow the Lune Millennium Park path.
2. At the point where the path is crossed by an access lane, turn left to the main road. Cross the road (take care again here) to go up narrow Holme Lane ahead. Follow the lane to the end.

3. At the end of Holme Lane cross the road and turn left to walk past the Black Bull Inn and up the road to St. Paul’s Church. Cross the road with care (limited visibility from the right) and continue along Caton Green Road, passing Kirk Beck Close on your left, until you reach the end of the houses. At the last house on the left, cross the road to climb the stile in the hedge.

4. Follow the old hedge line up the hill and look out for the stile in the wall at the top. Cross the stile and follow the short hedge then cross the field to a corner and keep to the left of the wall. Follow the path on to Anna’s Ghyll Farm, passing through a stile on the way. (Note: the route can be very muddy along parts of this section.)

5. Follow the footpath signs to the right and out of the farmyard, then follow the farm track until it reaches the road.

6. Turn right to a T-junction and then right again, down into the village of Brookhouse, taking care on the unpaved road.

7. At the road junction, cross the road and turn right then at the next road junction cross the road and bear right down Holme Lane, just before the bridge.

8. At the end of Holme Lane, cross the main A683 and turn right to follow the Lune Millennium Park pathway before re-crossing the main road opposite Bull Beck car park.