

# Bentham Line: Clapham Circular Walk

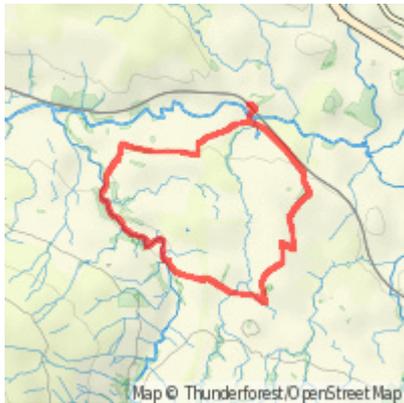
Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



## Route Summary

Roads, tracks and fields. Can get muddy in parts. Take care on unpaved road sections. Expect livestock. "Walking safely" information available at [www.forestofbowland.com](http://www.forestofbowland.com) Walkers are advised to carry OS Explorer map OL41.

## Route Overview



Category: Walking  
Length: 8.170 km / 5.11 mi  
Last Modified: 11th February 2019  
Difficulty: Medium  
Rating: Unrated  
Surface: Moderate  
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## Description

This circular walk is mostly across farmland and offers a lovely introduction to the varied landscapes of Bowland – from riverside woodland to open moor, with stunning views of the Craven hills as well as the Bowland fells.

## Waypoints

1

(54.10542; -2.41047)

From the station car park turn right, onto the road and immediately right to go under the railway bridge – turn around to see the impressive Clapham viaduct! Over the bridge and take the stile on your right and head up the hill going over a stile in the wooden fence and up to the gate at the top (Clapham Caravan Park).

2

(54.10369; -2.41168)

Go in front of the house and look for the gate to the left of the old barn, head across the field to a stone stile in the wall, then continue straight, over the brow of the hill and then down towards a black metal spilt gate. Go through this

and continue diagonally left, then through a metal gate between the last two buildings on the left.

### 3

(54.10167; -2.41903)

Turn left and take the right fork, continuing on a farm track, follow this track uphill and around the right bend by a barn, and then along this track towards Clapham Woods Farm (approx. 1km.). Enjoy the views of the Wenning valley ahead

### 4

(54.10160; -2.43220)

After a small woodland on the left, continue and before a cattle grid go over a stone stile in the wall on the left and go straight up the field heading towards the right of a stone barn. Go through a gap in the hedge into the next field and follow the stone wall on your left.

### 5

(54.09864; -2.43460)

Through a wooden field gate, then continue descending on a grassy path to the back of Clapham Wood Hall. Go through 2 gates next to the house then turn left and through a further wooden gate, following the river a short way to emerge onto the road.

### 6

(54.09669; -2.43550)

At the road (take care as it is narrow and it is also the Way of the Roses cycle route!) Turn left for a few metres, keeping on the right hand side facing any traffic, and at the end of the woods, take a stile on your right into the field following the way marked path.

### 8

(54.09053; -2.42519)

At the bridge stay on the same side of the river, cross the track, over a footbridge and go through a wall stile, followed by a fence stile. Follow a series of yellow topped way-marked posts up the slope, to the left, and then along the top of a steep wooded cliff above the beck.

### 9

(54.08871; -2.42296)

At the end of the woodland bear left away from the beck to a stile beside a metal gate. Look for the way marked post ahead, beside an old boundary ditch and follow this ditch to a wall stile and footpath sign beside the road through Keasden Common, or Clapham Moor.

### 10

(54.08786; -2.41827)

Cross the road, keeping an eye out for traffic, sheep and cattle! Turn left and take the first track on the right leading to

Dub Syke. Keep straight on the track (don't turn up to Dub Syke) but take a signed footpath over the wall to your left, head right for a footbridge and then through a pedestrian gate. Cross the open field, heading diagonally left to a gate in the valley bottom.

## 11

(54.08633; -2.40936)

Cross the track and take a pedestrian gate into the field opposite, walk along the beck side to the front of Long Bank Farmhouse.

## 12

(54.08566; -2.40760)

On reaching a track, turn left directly up the hill towards the plantation woodland, keeping it to your right. Continue to follow this track, through a wooden gate then continue ahead along a grassy track keeping the hedge/fence boundary to your right, until you reach the roadside at a wall stile beside a small plantation.

## 13

(54.09172; -2.40487)

Turn right for a short distance along the road, then take the footpath on the left just before the Keasden Heights Lodges. Continue to a gate in the boundary fence ahead, then head diagonally right to the corner of the field down in a shallow valley. On a clear day the views of Ingleborough from here are beautiful!

## 14

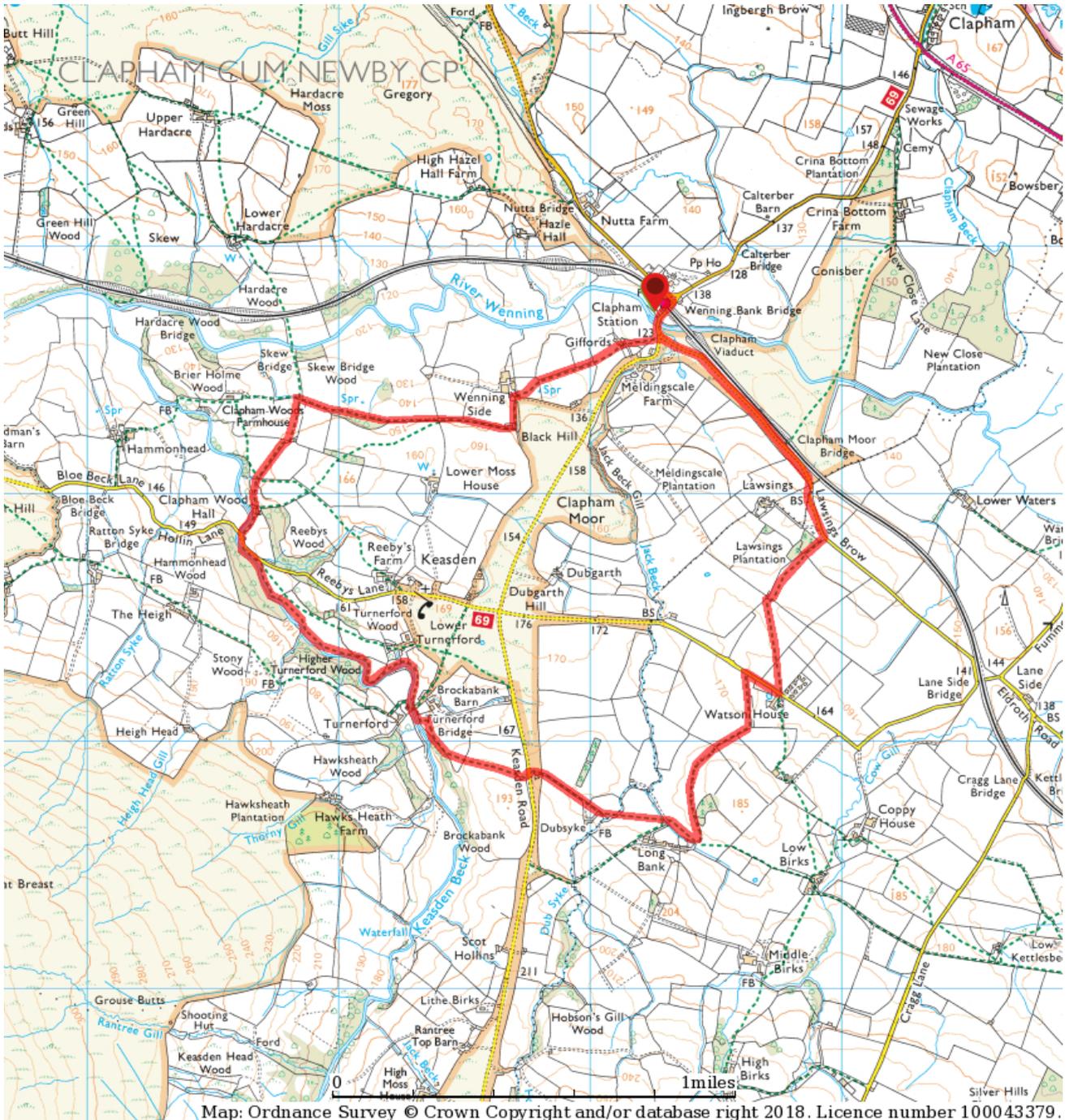
(54.09433; -2.40359)

Through the gate, then continue straight up the hill, keeping the fence to your left.

## 15

(54.09663; -2.40006)

When you reach the road (Lawsings Brow) turn left and follow it back to Clapham Viaduct. Turn right to go under the bridge and back to the station.



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