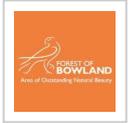


## Clitheroe Short

Circular (1hr  
30mins)

Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



### Route Summary

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This circular starts in the market town of Clitheroe and follows footpaths on tarmac, stone surfaces and through fields. Climbs are gradual and the surface is largely level, but be sure to wear sturdy footwear especially after periods of wet weather and take care when crossing the A59.

### Route Overview

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Category: Walking

Rating: Unrated

Surface: Moderate

Date Published: 8th October 2020

Difficulty: Easy

Length: 6.520 km / 4.08 mi

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### Description

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This walk is a leisurely circular beginning and ending in Clitheroe. The uphill walking is not challenging and the overall climb of around 95m is staggered over a long distance using established footpaths. This route offers great views of Pendle Hill to the southeast and Longridge Fell to the north.

At the foot of Pendle Hill you will approach Little Mearley Hall, a 16th century building and now a working farm.

### Waypoints

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#### Start - SD 74753 41601

(53.87021; -2.38581)

From Pendle Road in Clitheroe look for a fingerpost indicating a footpath just south of Alpe's Butcher Shop. Follow the path up a gradual incline and cross Highmoor Park Road, continuing straight ahead on the track. Stay on the track until you reach a kissing gate just beyond a collection of old farm buildings to your left.

## Waypoint 2 - SD 76158 41670

(53.87073; -2.36412)

The waymarker will direct you towards an outcrop of trees extending towards you from the east; head just to the left of these and cross the boundary. Continue along the footpath through a metal field gate and then cross a short land bridge over Mearley Brook. Follow the well-marked path towards the buildings at the foot of Pendle Hill and enjoy the sight of Little Mearley Hall.

## Waypoint 3 - SD 77370 41753

(53.87120; -2.34583)

Exit the field through the timber field gate and turn immediately right onto the farm track. Follow it south-west for around half a mile, passing through Laneside Farm via a metal field gate until you reach a collecting on buildings. On your right you will see some old gateposts marked 'Mearley Hall'; follow the track through here and, sticking to the track, head to the right of the large building ahead of you (and watch out for the ruins of Mearley Hall on your left). You'll see a field gate straight ahead of you – use it to enter the field beyond the boundary.

## Waypoint 4 - SD 76821 40904

(53.86378; -2.35394)

This path will take you downhill gradually through three fields towards the A59 via a stile – take care to keep to the right of the small stream. Cross the stile at the end of this stretch and carefully cross the A59, then use the timber field gate ahead of you to re-join the tarmac track from earlier. Cross the track immediately and take the footpath back towards Clitheroe. At the next boundary you will emerge through the field gate which you didn't take earlier (you took the path under the trees instead). Re-trace your steps towards the town from here, this time passing the collection of old farm buildings on your right before reaching your starting point on Pendle Road.

## Waypoint 1 - SD 75326 41637

(53.87030; -2.37669)

Head through the kissing gate and follow the footpath towards the A59. When you reach the corner of the field head through the gate to your left and take the path beneath the trees, emerging with an old barn on your left. From here, follow the footpath east and join the tarmac track which runs parallel to the A59. Turn left here and follow the track as far as you can, before carefully crossing the A59 and proceeding through the gate into the field straight ahead.

