

Sabden Short Circular (1hr)

Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



Route Summary

This route uses a mixture of solid tracks and footpaths through fields. As a result, be sure to wear sturdy footwear during or following periods of wet weather.

Route Overview



Category: Walking

Rating: Unrated

Surface: Smooth

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Difficulty: Easy

Length: 3.870 km / 2.42 mi

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Description

Sabden is a small village on the south-side of Pendle Hill in the Ribble Valley, Lancashire (and within the boundaries of the Forest of Bowland AONB) located at around 500ft above sea level.

This short circular walk climbs from the village of Sabden towards the Nick o' Pendle before taking you around Churn Clough reservoir and looping back towards the village from the east. Offering views of Pendle Hill and, on a clear day, Darwen Tower to the south-west this circular is an easy walk with gradual climbs over long distances.

Waypoints

Start - SD 78027 37774

(53.83572; -2.33534)

From Stubbins Lane, head north towards St Nicholas' Church and look for signs for Badger Wells Cottages. Continue past the church until the road forks left and right; turn left here and cross the bridge. Once across, head up to the right and up a track continuing towards Pendle Hill. At the top of this path go through the metal field gate, then carry on up the gradual incline ahead of you. Still going south, pass a small water course and follow it up hill until the track bears



right through a gate.

Waypoint 1 - SD 77955 38551

(53.84272; -2.33687)

Once through the gate proceed east up the small grassy slope rather than continuing north to Pendle Hill. From the brow you will see Churn Clough reservoir; continue towards it through a metal, then timber, field gate. Follow the track around the north-end of the reservoir, bending round towards the lone house. Before you get there, keep your eyes open for a kissing gate on your left, at the point that the plantation ends.

Waypoint 2 - SD 78594 38304

(53.84058; -2.32672)

Through the kissing gate stick to close to the boundary to your right; go through the following gate next to the house's boundary and straight across the field ahead to a dry stone wall. Follow the wall south-east towards a tarmac track. When you reach the track follow it down the hill and keep an eye open for a waymarker post on your left; this will point you left down the hill through a field. A track runs perpendicular at the bottom of the slope.

Waypoint 3 - SD 78779 37874

(53.83659; -2.32385)

When you reach the track bear right briefly and look for a small metal gate on your left. Go through this gate and continue due south through two fields crossing two stiles. You will again see a tarmac track running perpendicular; reach it by continuing straight across a short land bridge over a stream. Turn right along the track back to the village.

