



Welcome to Wray



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An Accessible Guide to the charming village of Wray in the Forest of Bowland National Landscape

Nestled in the Forest of Bowland National Landscape, Wray is the Scarecrow Village of Lancashire, attracting thousands of visitors every year to its annual Scarecrow Festival and Country Fair.

This charming village boasts Wray Village Store with its delightful selection of food, drinks, freshly brewed Atkinsons Coffee and arts, crafts and gifts made locally across the Lune Valley. Wray is also home to the George & Dragon pub, a thriving village institute, two churches, a children's play area, Greenfoot Garden Centre and the beautiful riverside tearooms at Bridge House Farm.

Rivers Hyndburn and Roeburn flow through the village, which is surrounded by beautiful scenery, walks for all, cycling routes and picnic spots.

History

At one time Wray was a local textile centre, with silk mills, tanners and coopers, and clog and basket makers, taking advantage of the fast-flowing waters of the nearby rivers. The sublime mix of 17th century yeoman's houses with cottages and alleys dating from the 18th century, gives this village considerable character, as do the cobbles and corbelled doorways.



Image by Mark Sutcliffe



1967 Wray Flood

A flash flood of the River Roeburn on 8th August 1967 resulted in the loss of houses, bridges, livestock, vehicles, and personal possessions. Despite the scale of the devastation, no serious injury was done to any residents. The flood is illustrated in the Millennium Mosaic, completed in September 2000, which represents the wind and storm spewing out a great tide of water. The mosaic is in the 'Flood Garden' on Main Street, the site of some of the houses demolished by the flood. Photos of the flood are displayed on the village website and literature is available to peruse in Wray Village Store.



Planning Your Visit:

Walks:

Bridges & Wray Flood Walk (0.7 miles, wheelchair & pushchair friendly):

www.forestofbowland.com/walking#47400853

Rivers & Village Ramble (1.4 miles):

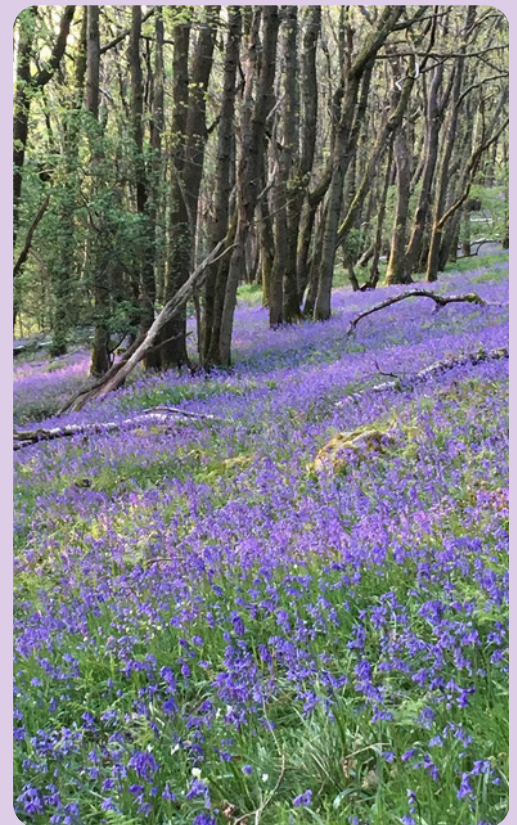
www.forestofbowland.com/walking#47400831

Roeburndale Walk (7.3 miles):

www.forestofbowland.com/walking#802546074

Village Facilities:

- Accessible toilet located in Bridge House Tearooms
- Level or ramp access to the tearoom, pub and village shop
- Playground adjacent to the playing field and there is a car park adjacent to the tearoom (note: no public toilets)
- Please note: in some areas of the village there are narrow, or no pavements, and cobbles instead of a pavement
- Quiet areas with seating are available in the centre of the village next to the river, or in the parkland area which can be accessed on a level path beside the church from Main Street.



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village walks



Wray Scarecrow Festival Itinerary

Early May Bank Holiday Week

Head to the designated car park. The Scarecrow Festival is organised and run entirely by volunteers, so car park donations are essential to support the annual event and local charities.

Morning – Take a walk around the village, exploring all the nooks and crannies for Scarecrows – they turn up in the funniest of places!

Lunchtime and Refreshments - There are plenty of places to stop for refreshments, including Wray Village Institute, Wray Village Store, Bridge House Tearooms and the George & Dragon Public House, all of which have disabled access. Alternatively, there are many places to sit down with a picnic, especially by the river at The Flood Gardens.

Early afternoon – Midweek, Wray Village School opens its gates so that visitors can enjoy traditional maypole dancing. Again, this is an accessible venue and everyone is very welcome! Times are published on the village website.

Evening – If you haven't yet enjoyed a cool drink in the beautiful beer garden of the George & Dragon, or by the river at Bridge House Tearooms, make sure you do! Or call in to Wray Village Store for some delicious treats for the journey home.

Be sure to take a look at the Wray Facebook page or Wray Village website to see what's on during your visit. Throughout the ten day festival, Wray hosts many exciting events:

10K run, fell race, Bowland Populaire cycling event, history tours, car boot sale, evening Scarecrow Parade, fairground rides, ball race, silent disco and on the Bank Holiday Fair Day the village is awash with music, bands, stalls, ice-cream, storytellers, animals, food outlets and much more!



Useful Links:

Discover

Wray Village Website: www.wrayvillage.co.uk

Wray Scarecrows Facebook & Insta pages: @wray scarecrows

Discover Bowland: www.discoverbowland.uk

Forest of Bowland National Landscape: www.forestofbowland.com

Eat, Drink & Shop

Wray Village Store: wrayvillagestore.co.uk

George & Dragon Pub: georgeanddragonwray.weebly.com

Bridge House Tearooms: www.facebook.com/BridgeHouseFarmWray

Stay

Room in Wray: www.airbnb.co.uk/rooms/49290504

Riverside Tailor's Cottage: www.airbnb.co.uk/rooms/48181140

Roeburnscar Holiday Cottage: www.roeburnscarholidaycottage.co.uk

Hornby Castle: www.airbnb.co.uk/rooms/6370189

Directions

By Road

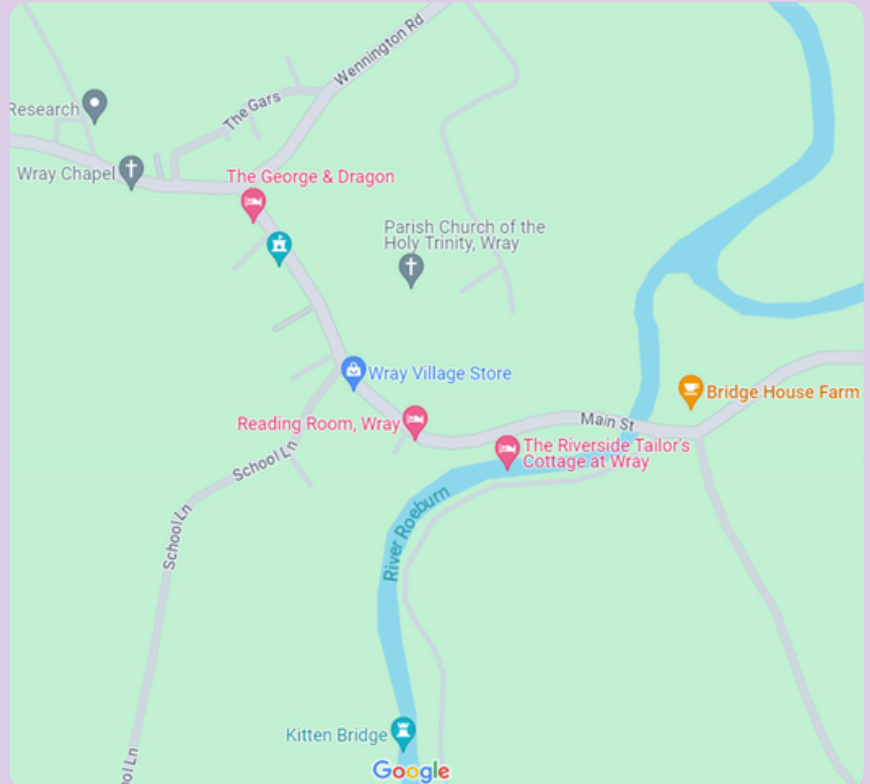
Leave the M6 at J34 and take the A683 away from Lancaster. The road to Wray is signposted to the right, just after Farleton.

By Public Transport

Bus services run from Lancaster, Ingleton, Wennington and Kirkby Lonsdale.

By Train:

Take a service from Lancaster or Leeds to Wennington Station on the Bentham Line – approx. 1 mile from Wray. Cycle, walk or hop on a bus to get to the village (please check local timetables).



**For further info visit:
www.wrayvillage.co.uk**