



# Bentham Line: Clapham Circular Walk

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## Start Point ★

Clapham Station  
★SD 7329 6780

## Distance/Time

4 miles  
2 hours

## Terrain

Undulating with several stiles, across tracks and fields (can be muddy). This walk passes through farmland. Follow the country code and remember to be particularly careful near livestock. Refer to the "Walking Safely" information on the Forest of Bowland AONB website.

## Key to Facilities

- Clapham station
- Clapham village (2.3km/1.5 miles away)
- Toilets, Pubs, Shop, Cafés,
- Accommodation

## About This Walk

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.

## Can You Help?

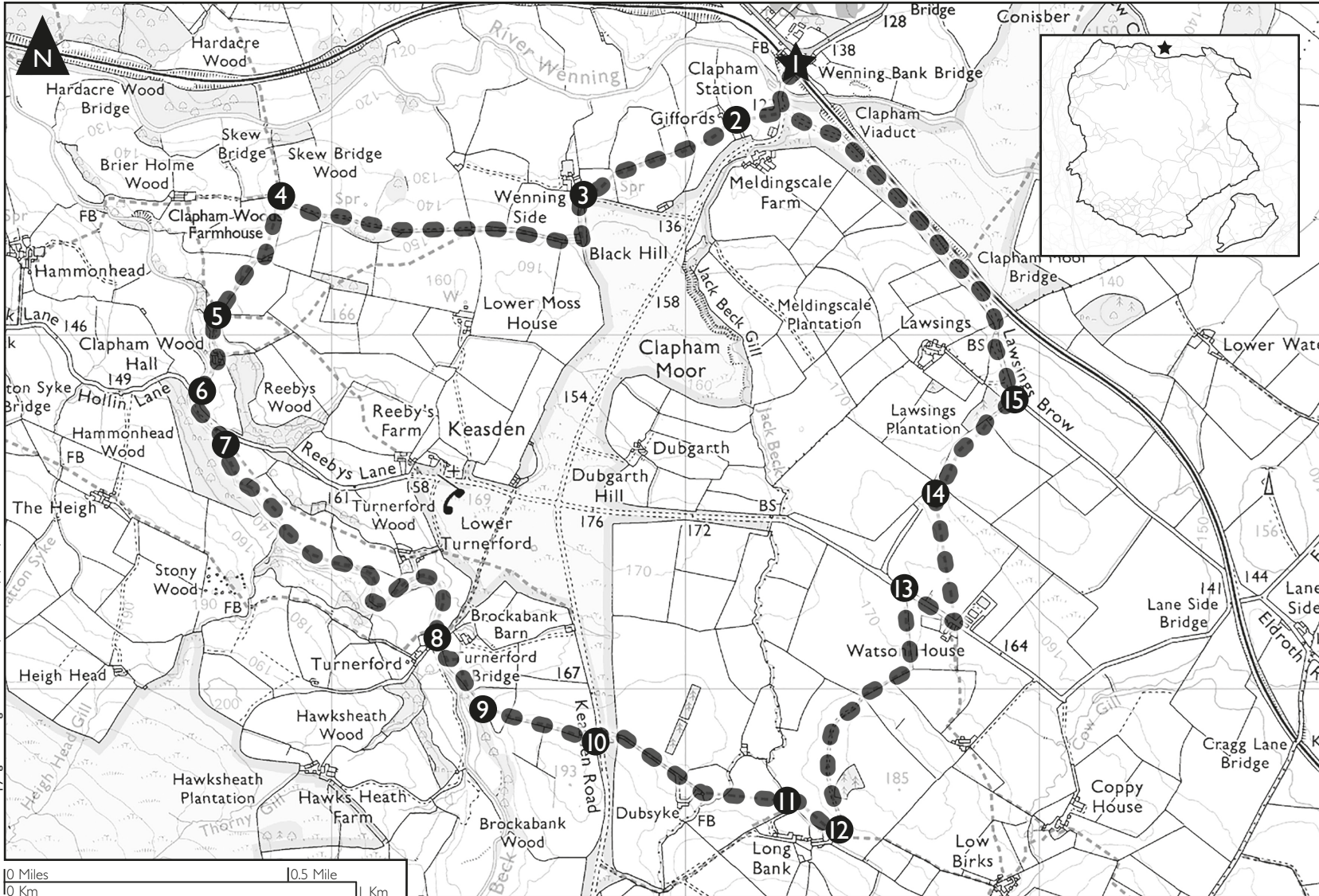
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## Walk Description

### ★ GPS: SD 7329 6780

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 GPS: SD 7314 6760

Turn right, 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 GPS: SD 7271 6738

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. 1 km.). *Enjoy the views of the Wenning valley ahead.*

### ④ GPS: SD 7185 6737

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 GPS: SD 7169 6705

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 GPS: SD 7162 6683

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.

### ⑦ GPS: SD 7171 6671

Keep to the riverside path for another 1.5 km to Turnerford Bridge. *Look out for heron fishing in Keasden Beck which flows down from Bowland Knotts.*

### ⑧ GPS: SD 7231 6612

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 GPS: SD 7244 6594

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 GPS: SD 7275 6585

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 GPS: SD 7330 6566

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 GPS: SD 7342 6558

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 GPS: SD 7362 6624

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 GPS: SD 7372 6657

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

### ⑮ GPS: SD 7362 6617

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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