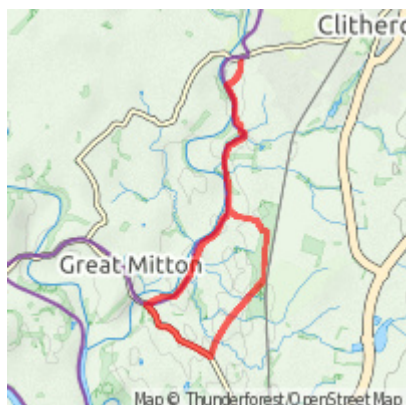![viewranger™ logo]

Edisford Bridge to Little Mitton

Route Summary

Roads, lanes, tracks and fields. Few stiles. Can get muddy in parts. Take care on unpavemented road sections. Expect livestock. "Walking safely" information available at www.forestofbowland.com Walkers are advised to carry OS Explorer map OL41.

Route Overview

Category: Walking

Length: 8.520 km / 5.33 mi

Last Modified: 21st December 2017

Difficulty: Medium

Rating: Unrated

Surface: Undefined

Date Published: 1st September 2017

Description

This route is one of a series of "Clitheroe Walks" which were produced to encourage walkers to discover the history, culture and wildlife of Clitheroe and the surrounding area. This walk passes through Standen Hey Community Woodland: 55 acres of native broadleaved trees planted in 2003.

Waypoints

1️⃣ 1.

(53.86798; -2.41546)

Leave the car park and take the path down to the Riverside Cafe and picnic area (also the location of the disabled car park). The first part of this walk, up to stage 4, is accessible by powered wheelchairs/scooters and may be accessible by people using manual wheelchairs with assistance.

2️⃣ (53.86555; -2.41800)

2. Turn left and follow the surfaced path along the riverback. The path eventually turns sharp left and slopes up away from the river bringing you to a gate. Go through the gate onto a tarmac drive and turn right then immediately left to follow the track to Henthorn Road.

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3 (53.86059; -2.41484)

3. Turn right and follow this road, passing the household waste recycling centr on your left. Keep to the road and note the lovely riverside views to your right, including views of Kemple End. Continue through where it is signed 'Private Road - Footpath Only'. You will pass Fishes and Peggy Hill Farm on your left as you approach Shuttleworth Farm. (Access for wheelchairs is not possible beyond this point.)

4 (53.85233; -2.41807)

4. Take the kissing gate to the right of the main farm gates and continue, via a second kissing gate and a gate, on a track that runs alongside the river. You will pass an aqueduct carrying the piped water supply from Haweswater then reach a weir and a flow measurement station.

5 (53.84960; -2.42225)

5. At the flow measurement station take a diagonal route away from the river and across the field to go over a footbridge. Once over the footbrige follow the slope of the field ahead slightly uphill to, and through, a kissing gate then alongside the fence on the right to another kissing gate.

6 (53.84414; -2.42699)

6. Go through the kissing gate and bear slightly right to follow the path close to the right hand fence line. As you head down the slope head to the left hand side of the pub (Aspinall Arms) buildings ahead, along a fence and then alongside a low, brick building to go through a gate which brings you out onto the Whalley-Mitton Road next to the pub.

7 (53.84333; -2.43180)

7. To continue the walk turn left and go past Mitton Hall Hotel and Little Mitton Farm. When the road bends to the right look for a footpath going off to the left (the first of two). This takes you through a copse and over a small footbridge then through open fields to a stone cross base (Hardhill Cross) where you join the line of a Roman road.

8 (53.84196; -2.41748)

8. From the cross continue ahead and through a kissing gate into Standen Hey Community Woodland. Just before the railway crossing turn left and continue through the woodland along a tussocky ride. You will come to an old hedgerow/fenceline that links with an existing footpath. Turn left away from the railway and leave the woodland. (Note: this stretch of path can be very muddy.)

9 (53.85086; -2.41188)

9. Bear right, across the fields to the tree-line, then follow the path down to Fishes and Peggy Hill Farm. You will pass through two farm gates on a track which runs alongside the farm. This will bring you back out onto the private road, where you turn right to retracce your route back to Edistord Bridge.

(53.86795; -2.41548)

Finish

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Altitude in meters