



Roeburndale Walk

OS Explorer

OL41



Start Point



Distance/Time

Bridge House Farm tearooms

★ SD 6060 6747



8 Miles

3 Hrs 45 Mins

Terrain

Very steep terrain,
Stout footwear and suitable
clothing essential

Public transport

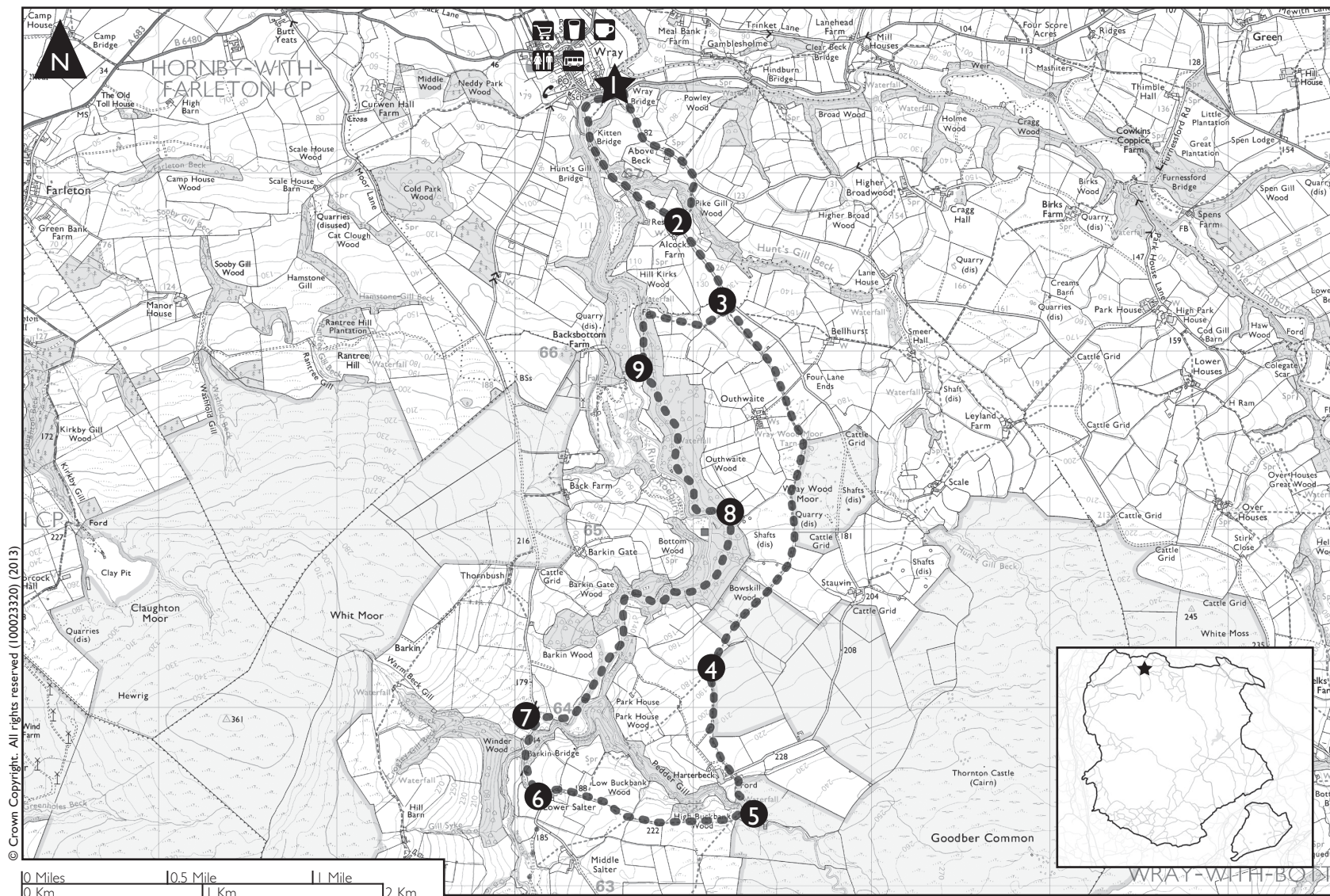
Bus Route **80** Service -
Lancaster to Ingletton

Key to Facilities

Shops, Pubs, Cafes,
 Toilets, Bus stop

GPS Waypoints (OS grid refs)

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Walk Description

Use of a map for this walk is essential please use OS Explorer OL41

★ **GPS:** SD 6060 6747

Leave Bridge House Farm tearooms and continue straight ahead up the steep road and follow this road for about 1km passing on your left the sawmill at Above Beck. Take the footpath to the right down the track, which is bounded by recently laid hedges on both sides up to Alcocks Farm.

② **GPS:** SD 6092 6667

At Alcocks Farm turn left and follow this road for about 0.5km.

③ **GPS:** SD 6122 6625

Take the footpath to the right; turn left across a small meadow over a stile in the hedge (Care here not to take the footpath that goes through the gate and down to Outhwaite Wood). This path takes you alongside a hedgerow line through two fields then across Outhwaite farmtrack, and continues alongside drystone walls past the edge of Wray Wood Moor. Keep on the footpath as it crosses several rushy pastures till you reach a field barn.

④ **GPS:** SD 6109 6420

At this point the footpath splits in two. Take the left fork up to Harterbeck Farm. At the farmyard follow the footpath that takes you south out

through a field gate and over a small stream. Continue down the grassy back and over a footbridge above the waterfall.

⑤ **GPS:** SD 6131 6344

Take the footpath that bears right down through several fields and into the yard of Lower Salter Farm.

⑥ **GPS:** SD 6014 6350

Turn right and follow the road past the Methodist chapel down to Barkin Bridge

⑦ **GPS:** SD 6005 6382

Cross the bridge and take the concessionary footpath to your right. This path follows the left bank of the River Roeburn for 1km then over a footbridge and continues down the right bank through the woodland.

⑧ **GPS:** SD 6120 6503

After approx 1km the path splits; take the left fork downhill, and continue through the woodland and out into a field. Ahead of you is a large footbridge.

⑨ **GPS:** SD 6068 6583

Do not go over this footbridge but turn right, up a track out of Outhwaite Wood into a steep pasture and walk up to the road. Turn left and follow this road for 2km back into Wray village and Bridge House Farm tearooms.

About This Walk

The valley holds one of the largest and most important areas of ancient semi-natural woodland in Lancashire. Those along the steep eastern valley slopes through which the footpath runs are designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest. The wide range of soils is reflected in the range of woodland types represented. Upland Oak woodland with Bilberry, Wavy Hair Grass, and Heath Mosses is the most extensive, whilst mixed Ash woodland with Dog's Mercury, Ramson's and False Brome, and Wet Alder woodland are also present. The woods support a diversity of breeding birds including Wood Warbler, Pied Flycatcher, Redstart and Green Woodpecker.

The River Roeburn has shaped the landscape as we know it today and

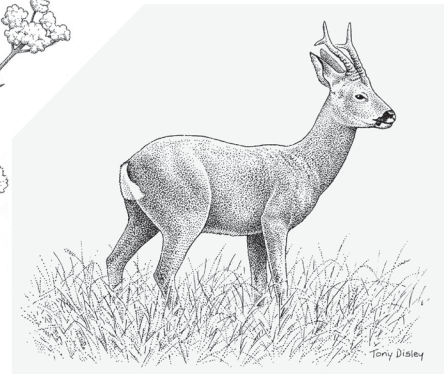
continues to provide vital habitats for the resident wildlife. The valley's ancient roots as a hunting ground can be seen in the place names of the area. Roeburn, Harterbeck and Bowskill Wood all make reference to deer stalking and it is said that even the name Barkin Wood relates to the strange barking calls made by the deer.

Many of the meadows and pastures alongside the river have escaped agricultural improvement as a result of their small size and inaccessibility. They continue to be managed traditionally and support a rich variety of plants and invertebrates. Look out for plants such as Common Knapweed, Harebell, Pignut and Yellow Rattle. Wet ground supports plants such as Marsh Marigold, Meadowsweet and Ragged Robin.



▲ Pignut

Tony Disley



▲ Roe Deer

Tony Disley



▲ Ragged Robin Tony Disley