

Worston Short Circular (1hr)

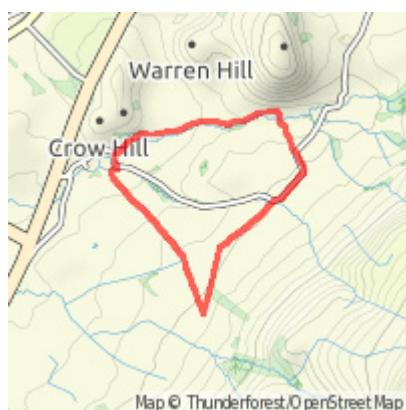
Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



Route Summary

This circular route mainly follows footpaths through fields, though there are some sections on country lanes and a hard-surfaced bridleway. The walk is largely flat but be prepared to deal with muddy, waterlogged fields after periods of wet weather.

Route Overview



Category: Walking
Rating: Unrated
Surface: Smooth
Date Published: 8th October 2020
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 3.510 km / 2.19 mi
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Description

Starting at the foot of Crow Hill, the route skirts the southern edge of Worsaw Hill and offers great views of Pendle Hill's northern face. Look out for Little Mearley Hall below Pendle Hill, then enjoy a view of the Ribble Valley en route back to Worston.

Worston is easily accessible being situated just off the A59 near Clitheroe. In line with the rich Roman history of the rest of this area of the Ribble Valley, 1000 Roman silver Denarii were reportedly discovered whilst working on a road linking the village to Chatburn in the 1700's. Going further back still, Worsaw Hill, which is even closer to the village than Pendle Hill, is known to have been the location of a pre-historic burial ground.

Waypoints

Start - SD 76935 42784

(53.88063; -2.35234)

Starting in Worston, walk along the road away from the A59 and towards Pendle Hill. Pass a waymarker at the foot of Crow Hill on your left, and continue along the road. Keep an eye open for the next waymarker on your left; follow this track through the field gate heading towards Worsaw Hill. You'll then see a fingerpost on your right which will take you across a small bridge and through a kissing gate. Now in a field, keep the fence to your right and proceed east. Pass through another kissing gate and again continue along the fence line, keeping it to your left. Ahead you will see a collection of buildings (including Worsaw End House); cross a timber stile to reach it.

Waypoint 1 - SD 77838 43024

(53.88285; -2.33853)

Once over the stile turn right and head through another kissing gate ahead of you to a metal field gate. Once through that gate, enter the field to your left via a timber field gate. Approach the metal field gate straight ahead of you but turn right before passing through it. Keep the fence to your left and head south towards Pendle Hill. Cross the stile or field gate ahead of you and join West Lane. Continue along the road and follow it around to the right, passing a sign for Angram Green Camping and Caravanning Club to your left.

Waypoint 2 - SD 77826 42516

(53.87832; -2.33862)

Beyond this look for a fingerpost in the hedge line on your left pointing to a field. Following this direction through a kissing gate and then cross a small footbridge and proceed south-west along the well-trodden path. Continue through two more kissing gates and leave the field onto a tarmacked bridleway. Turning left on the road here proceed up the gradual slope towards Little Mearley Hall. Look for a fenced field on your right; turn right when you reach the fence and proceed north along the fence line.

Waypoint 3 - SD 77327 42184

(53.87532; -2.34636)

At the bottom of the fence line go through a small metal gate and across a small stone ford. You will be able to see Worston again ahead of you, along with a footpath through the field. Climb the gradual incline and proceed straight ahead downhill, crossing the timber stile at the bottom of the slope. Carrying on ahead, pass through a field gate or across the adjacent timber stile to reach West Lane and the village once again.

