

Newton Circular

Route Summary

Route Overview



Category: Walking

Length: 5.250 km / 3.28 mi

Last Modified: 4th January 2018

Difficulty: Medium

Rating: Unrated

Surface: Undefined

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Description

This walk starts from the pretty village of Newton-in-Bowland and takes in a riverside path, parkland close to Knowlmere Manor and a suspension bridge over the River Hodder! There are lovely views from the higher ground.

Some parts of the route are especially wet and muddy, particularly the long field to the east of The Heaning at point 7.

Waypoints

1 (53.95060; -2.46150)

1. At the far end of the car park take the steps on the left down to the road. Turn right to walk along the road then cross over to take the first lane on the left. Walk to the junction and turn left to go over the bridge and take the first footpath into the field on the right.

2 (53.94746; -2.46065)

2. Head across the field then over a stile. Continue, with the river on your right, keeping ahead to another stile.

3 (53.94393; -2.46422)

3. Cross the stile and keep ahead until the river begins to bend to the right. At this point go diagonally left uphill towards a stile in the fence. Cross the stile and keep diagonally left to head towards the gate in the middle of the next fence. Go through the gate and keep ahead, bearing slightly to the left towards a barn conversion. Head towards the

barn until you reach a stile in the hedgerow on the left. Climb the stile.

4 (53.93925; -2.46881)

4. Turn right onto the road and continue a short way until you reach a 'private road' on your right. Walk along this road until you reach the second stile on the right. (At this point you can carry on along the road and over Giddy Bridge for a view of Knowlmere Manor - a very impressive building. You will then need to retrace your steps back to the stile.)

5 (53.94070; -2.48102)

5. Climb the stile and bear diagonally right across the field to a suspension bridge over the River Hodder. Cross the bridge and keep ahead then, after approximately 150 meters, bear slightly left across the field to climb a stile. Keeping the knoll to your left follow the path round and then over a stile which crosses a stream then across the next field and over the stile to the road.

6 (53.94676; -2.48362)

6. Turn right along the road (take care of traffic here) and then take the first stile on your left. Head across the field, crossing a track in the trees, and climb over a stile next to a gate.

Follow the left hand field boundary up to another stile.

7 (53.94849; -2.47912)

7. Climb the stile but note that the lower part of this field is very wet and muddy. IN PARTICULAR, THE GROUND JUST BEYOND THE STREAM HAS AREAS OF VERY DEEP BOG AND A ROUTE ROUND NEEDS TO BE CHOSEN CAREFULLY. Once across the stream bear slightly left to avoid the worst area before bearing right again to follow the line of the path straight up the field, keeping the old hedge line on your right.

8 (53.95060; -2.47599)

8. At the top of the field climb the ladder stile in the wall. Cross the field ahead to go through a stone squeeze stile then walk ahead to climb a stone stile onto the road.

9 (53.95221; -2.47225)

9. Cross the road and climb the stile opposite. Keep ahead, following the path downhill and over a footbridge then uphill keeping the old hedge line on your right. As the hedge line bends to the right, continue ahead for a short distance then turn right and cross the field to go over a stile next to a barn.

10 (53.95192; -2.46762)

10. Continue downhill to cross over a stile and then another field before crossing a final stile which brings you out on the edge of the village. Make your way along the access road to the main road and turn left to retrace your route back to the car park.

