

Bentham Line: High Bentham Circular Walk

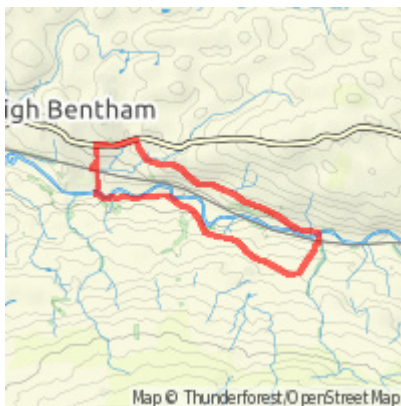
Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



Route Summary

Roads, tracks and fields. Can get muddy in parts. Take care on unpaved road sections. Expect livestock. "Walking safely" information available at www.forestofbowland.com Walkers are advised to carry OS Explorer map OL41. (A very small section of the walk is covered by OL2.)

Route Overview



Category: Walking
Length: 6.700 km / 4.19 mi
Last Modified: 12th August 2019
Difficulty: Medium
Rating: ★★★★★
Surface: Moderate
Date Published: 11th February 2019

Description

Based on the Bentham Heritage Trail, published by the local Market Towns Initiative, this walk takes in some of the lovely scenery along the valley of the River Wenning and affords wonderful views of the Forest of Bowland fells to the south and the hills of the Yorkshire Dales to the north. Interpretation boards along the route provide information on everything from farming and wildlife to industrial heritage. A section through the town of High Bentham allows walkers to make the most of the facilities available in this rural town.

Waypoints

1

(54.11558; -2.51113)

From the top end of the car park, walk uphill to the 'T' junction and turn right. Go past the War Memorial and auction mart both to your right, heading out of the main part of the town, until reaching the first footpath on the right.

2

(54.11856; -2.50314)

Take the right hand of the two tracks (over the cattle grid) and on reaching an area of open land 25m down the track climb the stone stile in the wall on the left. Cross the drive to go through the waymarked gap opposite and turn right to follow the grass track.

3

(54.11742; -2.50270)

Climb the stile at the end of the track and bear diagonally left across the field and down the hill then over the stone bridge. Follow the left hand field edge round to the stile in the corner of the wall. Once over the stile, bear left up hill to a gated stone stile and onto a narrow track.

4

(54.11603; -2.49951)

Turn left and follow the track for a short distance. Just as the track bends to the left, go through the stile ahead, across the field and through the gate at the far side. Bear slightly right down the slope and through the gate at the end of the wall.

5

(54.11589; -2.49645)

Contour round the slope and over the stone stile in the next boundary. Bear slightly right across the field and through the gate in the next boundary. Walk across the field past the cattle shed (on your right).

6

(54.11402; -2.49280)

At the interpretation board go into the yard and turn immediately left then bear right through the farm gateway to pass in front of the house. Go through the next gate and follow the track, keeping right at the fork, and through the next gate. Walk past the farm buildings on the left and at the next field boundary go through the gate. Bear slightly right across the field to cross the stile in the next boundary then bear diagonally right to the gate near the corner of this field.

7

(54.11227; -2.48498)

Go through the gate and bear left to the far corner of the field. Go over the stile and keep straight on with the woodland edge on your right to cross the field and go through the gated stile in the field corner. Continue along to join the field track then through the field gate to bear slightly left and over the stile in the next wall. Bear slightly right as you cross this field to reach the stile onto the road. Take a look at the info board and stone bench.

8

(54.10927; -2.47270)

On joining the road turn right and follow the road over the river and the railway then bear right uphill, at the top of the hill, at the T-junction turn right.

9

(54.10498; -2.47736)

Take the first footpath on the right, just past New House, and follow the right hand field boundary until you reach the stone stile. Cross the stile and go down the short slope to cross the footbridge over the stream then follow the path to the stile in the next wall. Go through the stile and across the field to the gate in the next boundary. Cross this field and go through the stone V-stile.

10

(54.10827; -2.48610)

Take the path ahead, past the ruined building on the left and follow the field edge to go through the gated stile. Continue ahead, first along the field boundary, then bearing right across the field to meet the woodland edge which you follow to the next boundary. (Take care where the field edge is eroding in places here).

11

(54.11040; -2.49249)

Cross the stone stile and follow the grass track down to the buildings ahead. Climb the stile and follow the footpath between the farm buildings.

12

(54.11182; -2.49509)

Just before the end of the last building on the left, go through the field entrance on the right hand side and bear diagonally left across the caravan field, through the metal kissing gate and follow the path keeping the river on your right. Just before the next boundary, turn left along the wall-side and go through the gate in the corner of the field. Head across the middle of the field to the next boundary. Go over the stone stile and across the field to go through the gap in the wall then follow the field edge to the road. On reaching the road turn right and follow it to the junction with Thickrash Brow road.

13

(54.11300; -2.51028)

Turn right and follow this road back to the station.

