

RECOMMENDED FOR THOSE WANTING THE CHALLENGE OF THE "BIG BURNLEY WALK"

LONG WALK
13.5 miles



Active Burnley



This route seamlessly weaves through the borough's network of footpaths, combining the rural countryside, whilst being just a stone throw from urban life. Explore Burnley's iconic trails and landmarks, including; sections of the Burnley Way, Leeds & Liverpool Canal, the Singing Ringing Tree, Brun Valley Forest Park and Towneley Park.

SAFETY INFORMATION

- This is a self-led walk and reasonable navigation skills are needed.
- There will be tail walkers on each route. If you are unsure of the route or where to go, we recommend you stay with the tail walker.
- There may be limited check points or opportunities to refuel on route. All walkers must carry adequate food and water for their journey.
- Please take extra care when travelling on or near roads. When crossing roads, use traffic islands and pelican crossings where possible.
- When walking near water, please stick to footpaths and tow paths, staying away from the water's edge.
- All children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult and be under constant supervision.
- If you leave the walk or don't plan to stay on the route or return to the finish, please call or text 07811 024 936 with your full name.
- Remember to check in at any check points and again at the finish.

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WALK INSTRUCTIONS

Start/End - Offshoots Community Garden - Towneley Park

1. Turn left as you exit Offshoots. Keep left on footpaths around the garden and pass through the tunnel. Continue forward across the road travelling on the footpaths in a loop through Thanet Lee Woods.
2. Turn right to leave the woods, picking up the first footpath on your right. Keep right around the edge of the playing fields until you meet a gate on your right.
3. Proceed through the gate and field to Park Rd. Continue forward and cross a wooden footbridge on your right.
4. Turn left signposted "Burnley Way". Cross the road, to head up the steps to turn right onto Burnley Rd.
5. Immediately cross over to pick up the footpath on your left up and across the train tracks.
6. Head forward through the field with the fence to your right, before arriving at a gate. Continue through the gate with the wall directly to your left to cross the footbridge onto Dynley Lane.
7. Turn left, continue ahead to the junction.
Turn right and continue to Bacup Rd.
8. Turn left and travel along Bacup Rd for approximately 300m before crossing over to pick up the signposted footpath next to Heyne Farm. Continue uphill passing the house on your left to meet a stile in the wall.
9. Take the vehicle track on your left uphill. Look for a lone way marker post on the hill beyond the wall. Head diagonally up the field towards this, to meet a gate in the wall.
10. Pass through the gate continuing uphill towards the iconic Singing Ringing Tree.
11. Continue straight ahead following the footpath between fence boundaries before reaching Crown Point Rd.
12. Turn right onto Crown Point Rd, before crossing over to pass through the first gate on your left.
13. Continue downhill on the wider trodden paths, passing through two walls and continuing towards the corner of the woodland.
14. Cross a stream and continue uphill until you reach the junction of the bridleway. Turn right to join the bridleway and continue downhill to pass through a gate.
15. Turn left and follow the footpath through the woodland as it winds downhill towards the reservoir. Turn right through the gate and continue with the reservoir on your left to Manchester Rd.
16. Cross over, turn right and travel along Manchester Rd until you reach the green sign for "Habergham Eaves". Cross back over to pick up the footpath through the wall on your right.
17. Continue along this footpath with the wall on your left to reach Crown Point Rd.
18. Take the footpath through the fence and wall next to the cattle grid. Continue through the gate on your right and follow the way markers downhill through the golf course.
19. The path will reach a small wooded area on your right before reaching a building. Continue along the edge of the building, to pick up a footpath through a small woodland. Proceed downhill to the gate with large green fencing on your left.
20. Continue down to the farm track and as you pass the outdoor riding school. Don't follow the lane instead take the stile over the fence picking up a footpath downhill where you will exit onto New Rd.
21. Turn left to the end of the lay-by. Cross the road to pick up the footpath directly in front of you. Head down the steps and turn right to follow the footpath with the fenced meadow on your left and New Rd on your right.
22. Turn left as you approach the crossroads before the gate directly ahead of you. Turn left and keep left, continuing with the meadow to your left until you reach the gate.
23. Turn right and head downhill. At the bottom of the steps turn right and right again to exit onto the road.
24. Turn left and then left again to travel up Rock Lane. Cross the road to pick up the footpath directly ahead of you up the steps.
25. Continue uphill through the fields following the way markers through the woods. Pass through the gates and over stiles towards the farmhouse.
26. Turn right continuing along Howarth Rd to reach a recreational area on your left and rows of terraced houses on your right.
27. Turn right onto Healey Wood Rd and continue straight ahead crossing Spring Hill Rd. Pick up the footpath in front of you heading downhill to Marlborough St.
28. Cross Marlborough St and use the bridge to cross the canal. Turn right and join the canal towpath.
29. Continue along the canal towpath passing Finsley Gate Wharf before travelling along the Straight Mile and then passing Thompson Park on your left.
30. As you pass the park, keep an eye out for an exit and take the downhill footpath to your left.
Turn left to pass under the canal bridge.
31. Continue with the river on your right to a fork in the path where a right turn will lead you under the road signposted to Netherwood & Rowley.
32. Turn left onto Netherwood Rd and as you approach the cottages, follow the Burnley Way Markers on the wooden arrow sign.
33. At the first crossroads in the footpath, turn right, signposted "Netherwood, Rowley Lake".
34. At the next fork in the footpath, branch left heading steadily uphill. Signposted "Goit Wood, Briercliffe".
35. As the Rd forks again, keep right heading downhill and turn left on the road.
36. Pick up the footpath on your right, crossing a wooden bridge to continue uphill towards Rowley Lake.
37. Continue straight ahead to join the footpath around the lake, keeping the lake on your right. Cross a small metal bridge and head gently uphill. Keep an eye out for a left turn uphill. Join this footpath and keep left until you join Brownsde Rd.
38. Turn right onto Brownsde Rd and continue forward to meet Brunshaw Rd. Cross over to Brunshaw Ave.
39. Travel down Brunshaw Ave, turning left at the first side street. Continue forward through the woodland ahead of you.
40. Turn right and continue downhill on the footpaths to meet Park Bridge Rd. Cross over and follow the footpaths alongside the river with the children's play area on your right.
41. Cross the wooden bridge by the Rotunda Café and travel up the Avenue; towards Towneley Hall and back to Offshoots Community Garden to finish.