

ROUTES AROUND ROSSENDALE

FEATURING 8 FANTASTIC WALKS



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The Routes Around Rossendale project aims to provide a series of way marked circular loop paths to explore the Rossendale Valley from Waterfoot to Shawforth. The loop paths are designed for beginner to intermediate walkers and range from urban roads to the country tracks of the Pennine Bridleway and Mary Townley Loop. All loop paths start and end at a main car park and always bring you back to the main arterial road that cuts through the heart of the valley.

The project funded by Natural England's Paths For Communities scheme and by Lancashire Environmental Fund has also ensured a new 1km section of off road multi user path running from Blackwood Rd to Rakehead Rd has been implemented – providing yet another piece of the ambitious Valley of Stone Greenway (off road multi user routes from Rochdale to Rawtenstall). This new route forms part of Loop 5.

A GUIDE TO USING THE LOOP PATHS

The Route Around Rossendale 8 Loop paths are clearly waymarked using colour coded discs:

- The loop paths are intended to be walked on foot though some of the loop paths may follow bridleways and byways.
- Each loop is circular and varies in length, style and terrain. Some loops are flat and in the valley, other loops take you onto the hills. Be aware of this when you plan your route.
- Each loop has a stated, starting point and the routes are designed to be walked in the direction specified. You are advised to follow the direction of the route.
- Each loop will always take you back to the main A681 that runs through the Rossendale Valley.
- Take warm and waterproof clothing and always allow for the worst weather.
- Some of the loop paths are steep and tough in places, so you need to be fit & prepared.
- In hot weather protect yourself from the sun and carry additional water.
- Be aware that some surfaces can become slippery in wet weather.
- Carry some form of identification in case of emergencies.
- Please note that mobile phone coverage is not available on all the loop paths.
- Follow the Countryside Code: www.naturalengland.org.uk/countrysidecode

THE LOOP PATHS

LOOP 1: EDGESIDE PARK & FEARN'S HALL CIRCUIT

A valley side walk mainly on the roads and through Edgeside Park, with panoramic views of the valley around Waterfoot. One steep descent to the A681 Newchurch Road.

Starting Point: Waterfoot Car Park. Distance – 1.5 miles / 2.4km. Direction – Clockwise

From the main car park in Waterfoot turn left along the main A681 Newchurch Road towards Bacup. At the junction of Townsend St / St John's St, turn left and follow Loop 1 waymarkers. On your return to the main A681 turn right and follow the road to return to the main car park in Waterfoot.



LOOP 2: COWPE & BOARSGREAVE

The Cowpe Valley is a Rossendale in miniature, and this walk follows the road along the valley with a short ascent above Boarsgreave to the lower section of Rooley Moor Road.

Starting Point: Waterfoot Car Park. Distance – 2.5 miles / 4km. Direction – Anti Clockwise

From the main car park in Waterfoot, turn left, cross the main A681 and turn right into Cowpe Road passing Waterfoot Health Centre. Follow Cowpe Road until you reach Kearns Mill. Then continue to follow the Loop 2 waymarkers. On your return to the main A681, turn left and either walk back to the starting point in Waterfoot or jump on the A464 bus.



LOOP 3: AROUND THE HEAD OF THE COWPE VALLEY

A splendid high level circuit around the head of the Cowpe Valley, mainly using tracks and old highways. The views are extensive especially to the North and overlooking Cowpe.

Starting Point: Waterfoot Car Park. Distance – 5 miles / 8km. Direction - Anti Clockwise

From the main car park in Waterfoot, turn left, cross the main A681 and turn right into Cowpe Road passing Waterfoot Health Centre. Continue to follow the Cowpe Road for approximately 500 metres, and then take a right turn following the Pennine Bridleway signs and the Loop 3 waymarkers. Continue to follow the Loop 3 waymarkers. On your return to the main A681 at Stacksteads, turn left and either follow the main road back into Waterfoot or jump on the 464 bus.

LOOP 4: EAST & WEST HILE

A hillside walk northwards from Stacksteads, mainly on farm lanes and tracks, with excellent views from this central vantage point.

Starting Point: Stacksteads Car Park. Distance – 2.5 miles / 4km. Direction – Anticlockwise

Turn left out of the car park and immediate left again up a small snicket opposite J B Carpets. After 70 metres cross Booth Rd and go straight on with Holy Trinity Primary School on your right. Continue straight ahead, the path becomes grassy and sometimes wet. Continue to follow the Loop 4 waymarkers. On your return to Booth Rd, retrace your steps back to the car park.

LOOP 5: ADRENALINE LINK & ROOLEY MOOR ROAD

An upland walk mainly on strong surface, past the Adrenaline centre at Lee Quarry and using the Adrenaline Link to gain the commanding heights.

Start Point: Stacksteads Car Park. Distance - 5 miles / 8km. Direction - Clockwise

From Stacksteads Car Park turn left, cross the main A681 and follow signs for the Stacksteads Recreation Ground (using the lane between Rose N Bowl and J B Carpets). Continue to follow the Loop 5 waymarkers. As you return down Rakehead Lane take a right turn onto the new multi user path and through the Stacksteads Riverside Park before turning left back up the snicket and returning to the car park.



LOOP 6: CUTLER & HEIGHT BARN LANE

This valley side walk is on roads and farm tracks along a line of farms with views overlooking Stubbylee Park.

Start Point: Stacksteads Car Park. Distance – 3 miles / 5km. Direction – Anti Clockwise

From Stacksteads Car Park turn left, cross the main A681 and follow signs for the Stacksteads Recreation Ground (using the lane between Rose N Bowl and J B Carpets). Continue to follow the Loop 6 waymarkers. As you return back to the main road – New Line (A6056), turn left, continue along the main road as it joins the A681 Newchurch Rd and return to Stacksteads car park. Alternatively jump on the hourly 465 service on New Line or the 464 service from Newchurch Road (every 10 mins).



LOOP 7: DEANGREAVE & LEE TRAMWAY

The walk from New Line Reservoir ascends to the trackbed of a former moorland tramway along the edge of Height Barn Moss, with great views over Bacup, Sharneyford and Britannia.

Start Point: New Line Reservoir Car Park. Distance – 3 miles / 5km. Direction – Anti Clockwise

From the car park turn left and follow the Loop 7 waymarkers.



LOOP 8: BRITANNIA TO SHAWFORTH

A short walk in Shawforth mainly on hard surfacing, following an old lane and returning along the course of the old railway line.

Start Point: Britannia Greenway Car Park. Distance 1.5 miles / 2.5km. Direction – Anticlockwise

Exit at the rear of the car park and follow the Loop 8 waymarkers. Returning by the NCN cycle route 92, continue to follow the main road until you return back to the car park.



VIEW MAP ONLINE



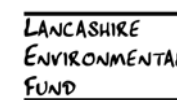
An interactive version of this map is available at:

www.visitrossendale.com/routes-around-rossendale

PROJECT SUPPORTERS



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THINGS TO DO

Bacup Market

Bacup, OL13 0AA
Open Wednesdays and Saturdays 9am - 4pm

Bacup Natural History Society

24 Yorkshire Street, Bacup, Lancashire, OL13 8AE

The "Nat" as it is more fondly known locally is situated on Yorkshire Street, Bacup. It is open every Thursday night from 7.30 pm, other times by arrangement.

Visitors are welcome to come and view a comprehensive collection of old local newspapers, vast collection of local photographs and local history artefacts.

Bacup Royal Court Theatre

Bacup, OL13 9NR
01132 595524

The Royal Court Theatre is a huge 484 seat Victorian theatre, and acting on this stage is as close to professional as it gets!

Fearn's Equestrian Centre

Fearn's Moss, Stacksteads, Bacup, OL13 OTG
www.fearnsequestrian.moonfruit.com
07577284628

Fearn's is a small friendly riding school that caters for all ages of children and adults from the age of 4 upwards. It has excellent facilities including a 60 metre floodlit arena. Located close to the Mary Townley Loop providing beautiful hacking.

Adrenaline Gateway Mountain Bike Trails

Lee Quarry and Cragg Quarry, Futures Park, Bacup

Lee Quarry boasts around 8km of tough technical mountain bike trails comprising rock gardens, drop offs, tabletop jumps, challenging climbs and apparently, some of the biggest berms you will find in the UK.

Peers Clough Horse Riding / Trekking

01706 210552

Peers Clough Packhorses are based at Peers Clough Farm in the Rossendale Valley in the South Pennines, a wild, wonderful and occasionally wuthering landscape at the place where Yorkshire and Lancashire collide. A land of steep-sided valleys, heather-covered moorland, canals, reservoirs and packhorse trails.

Rossendale Pennine Adventure Limited

Millar Barn Lane, Waterfoot, Rossendale, BB4 7AU
07715366196

Based from Ye Olde Boot and Shoe at Waterfoot in the stunning valley of Rossendale, Pennine Adventure provides adventure and fun amongst some of the best mountain bike and hill walking areas the Pennines has to offer. Located directly on the increasingly popular Mary Townley Loop, a mile from Lee and Cragg Quarries, on Sustrans regional route 91 and just off The Rossendale Way all rides and walks can be taken directly from its door step.

The Horse and Bamboo Theatre

Bacup Road, Waterfoot
www.horseandbamboo.org
01706 220241

The theatre started life in Rossendale, in Lancashire, England, and in Rossendale it remains. The theatre continues to work in many of the same ways it did in 1978, with masks, puppets, music and story-telling.

Its new base, the Boo, in Waterfoot, Rossendale, is large enough to serve as a venue for theatre shows and other arts events.

PLACES TO EAT

Mario's Pizzeria Restaurant

74 Market St, Bacup, OL13 0AT
01706 879407

Poppies Deli Café

95 Newchurch Rd, Stacksteads, OL13 0DM
01706 872653

Rose N Bowl

264 Newchurch Rd, Stacksteads, OL13 0UG
01706 879555

Maddy's Café Bistro

462 Newchurch Rd, Stacksteads
OL13 0NB
07855 569788

Bally's Bites

232a Newchurch Rd, Stacksteads
OL13 0UE
01706 874491

PLACES TO STAY

Tippett Farm – Self Catering

Cowpe, BB4 7AE
01706 224743

Glen Heights – B&B

190 Booth Rd, Stacksteads, OL13 0TH
01706 875459

Rossendale Holiday Cottages – SC

Dean Lane, Water, Rossendale, BB4 9RA
01706 300 147

Rossbrook House – B&B

New Line, Bacup, OL13 0BY
01706 878187

Pasture Bottom Farm – B&B

Bacup, OL13 9UZ
01706 873790

Dam Top Riding Centre – SC

Dam Top Farm, Rawtenstall, BB4 7P2
01706 600463

Peers Clough Farm – B&B

Peersclough Rd, Lumb, BB4 9NG
01706 210552

Ye Olde Boot & Shoe

Millar Barn Lane, Waterfoot, BB4 7AU
07715 366196

678 Guest House – B&B

678 Burnley Rd East, Whitewell Bottom, BB4 9NT
01706 215884

LOCAL INTEREST GROUPS:

Stacksteads Friendly Riders (Horse Riding Club)

sfrc@orangehome.co.uk

Stacksteads Countryside Park Group

www.stacksteadscpg.co.uk

FORBA - Forest of Rossendale Bridleways Association

www.forba.org.uk

PMBA – Pennine Mountain Biking Association

www.pmba.org.uk

Rural Rossendale

www.rossendale.co.uk

FOVOS - Friends of Valley of Stone

www.valleyofstone.org.uk

Valley at Work

www.valleyatwork.co.uk

ABOUT PROFFITTS



Proffitts – Investing in Communities (CIC) is a venture with a fresh and lively approach to community based regeneration, neighbourhood management and green space solutions. We are committed to connecting local people with local investment and giving them the opportunity to improve their communities.

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