Wyre Self Guided Trails: Fisheries Along the Wyre

### Start Point
At the Post Office in the village of Scorton, approximately 2 miles North of Garstang.
Post Code: PR3 1AU
OS Grid Reference: SD 5021 4883

### Distance / Time
9.2 km (5.7 miles)
2.5-3.5 hours

### Maps
OS Landranger 102 (1:50000) or
OS Explorer OL41 (1:25000)

### Terrain Grade: Easy
The route follows roads, farm tracks, fields and footpaths. The terrain is largely flat. There are stiles, gates and steps, and paths can be wet and muddy after rain. There may be animals in the fields. Dogs should be kept on a short lead at all times.
THIS WALK IS NOT SUITABLE FOR TRAMPER VEHICLES

### Route Description
1. SD 5021 4883 Begin in centre of Scorton, stand with your back to the Post Office. Turn to your left and head along the road (north) out of Scorton, ignoring the lane on the left (Station Lane) follow a sign for Scorton Picnic Site. Approximately 500m outside Scorton look for a finger post on the left marked 'Wyre Way'.
2. SD 5029 4930 Take the footpath, indicated by the finger post, to cross a small stream then turn right along the edge of a field before re-crossing the stream at a gate. Continue along this path, with a stream on the left, to cross a bridge and past a derelict barn and over several stiles, until it joins a wide gravel track.
3. SD 5025 5010 Turn right along the gravel track until it joins the tarmac road near the bridge over the River Wyre – this is Cleveley Bridge. Turn left over the bridge and immediately take a path on the right which follows the river upstream. The path initially follows a raised bank, but after 200m the path divides; take the right fork, which descends from the bank and soon leaves the riverside. Take the left fork which leads into a field via a stile and boardwalk.
4. SD 5053 5103 Continue straight ahead, keeping to the right of a ditch / stream which runs along the centre of the field until you can cross near the far end of the field, close to the motorway. Bear left up the hill heading towards a motorway footbridge just over the brow of the hill.
5. SD 5067 5139 Cross the motorway footbridge and bear slightly left across the field ahead to a small stream. Cross the stream and bear right to a stile in the field boundary ahead. Continue straight ahead across the field to join the field boundary (a row of tall conifer trees) on the right, which screens a stone yard. Continue along the line of trees to a stile in the corner of the field. Cross the stile to join a tarmac lane. Follow the lane to the right (do not enter the stone yard) past the 'Welcome' sign at the entrance to 'Guys Farm Activity Centre'.
6. SD 5094 5157 Continue past the farmhouse on the left, go through a gap in the wall ahead, then turn immediately left. Go past a novel ‘public footpath’ sign (two footsteps on a post) and through a very short passageway/tunnel. The path then continues through a grassy area at the back of the establishment and leads to a gate opening onto the large field beyond. Continue straight ahead, eventually converging on the right hand field boundary, to a footbridge and gate entering a caravan site.
7. SD 5113 5192 Go through the gate and bear left along a wide gravel path with caravans on either side. Go through a gate towards the site buildings and on entering the parking area (just past the children’s playground) turn right and follow the wide track heading towards woodland. Bear left at the next track junction and continue until a large lake is seen on the left. Just after the start of the lake take a well marked path on the right into the trees. This proceeds through woodland beside the river to a gate onto a tarmac road beside a bridge over the river.
8. SD 5186 5221 Turn right along the road, over the bridge, and turn right into a gated track about 100m further along the road – with a large lake visible beyond. Avoid the locked gate ahead by using the footbridge on the right, then bear left through two stiles into a field. Head for
the far left hand corner of the field, to a point where the hedge (straight ahead) and the fence (on the left) converge, marked by a white post.

9. SD 5195 5187 Proceed through a gap at this point and continue along the left field boundary to a stile. After crossing the stile bear right and follow the path up onto a raised bank. Continue left along this path through the trees until it exits onto a gravel roadway. Turn right and after 100m take a path on the left leading into woodland. Follow this path, which winds through the trees, to a footbridge with some steps beyond, thence to a stile leading into a field. Cross the stile into the field.

10. SD 5153 5125 Follow the right hand field boundary (with the stream also on your right) for about 300m to a kissing gate on the right. Go through the kissing gate and turn left, follow the hedge until a further stile is reached near a group of houses. Cross the stile and continue up an alleyway between the houses to join a tarmac access road. Bear left and follow the access road for about 700m until it joins a road.

11. SD 5112 5030 Turn left at the road junction, past the entrance to Lee Green Farm on the right, then turn right into Arkmere Lane. Follow the lane for 600m until it turns sharp left, with a gated entrance to Wyresdale Hall Estate straight ahead. Go through the pedestrian gate into the Estate grounds and follow the track ahead, past a large lake on the left and past Wyresdale Hall on the right. The track eventually joins Snow Hill Lane at a sharp bend, keep straight on here with a stone wall on the right.

12. SD 5084 4902 Continue straight ahead down Snow Hill Lane, over the M6 Motorway and on downhill into the centre of Scorton.

If you need to speak to someone about this route or report a problem use the following Wyre Council contacts:

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