

Wyre Self-Guided Trails: Garstang & Barnacre Circular Walk

Start Point

At the circular "Villa de Garstang" mosaic in
Cherestanc Square Garstang Post Code: PR3 1EF
OS Grid Reference: SD 4915 4529

Distance and time

5.9 km (3.7 miles) 1.5-2.5 hours

Maps

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

Terrain Grade: Moderate

The route follows roads, farm tracks, fields and footpaths. The terrain is largely flat but with several short, steep, ascents and descents. There are stiles, gates and steps, and paths can be wet and muddy after rain. There may be animals in the fields and farmyards. Dogs should be kept on a short lead at all times.

This walk is not suitable for tramper vehicles

About this walk

This walk is mostly through field paths east of Garstang, but begins along the course of the old Pilling railway, before climbing gently to the village of Barnacre. The return has great views west over the Fylde plain to Morecambe Bay, Fleetwood and Blackpool.

1. SD 4915 4529 Stand on the “Villa de Garstang” mosaic facing the stone seat, turn to your right and walk to Park Hill Road (10m). Cross the road at the pedestrian crossing and go down the alleyway ahead to reach the High Street. Turn left and proceed to the mini roundabout and turn right into High Street car park. Walk through the car park heading for a footpath at the far-left hand corner; the path has a football field on one side and the riverside picnic area on the other.
2. SD 4938 4545 Follow the riverside path around the playing field to the first bridge and climb the stone steps situated in the wall to the left side of the bridge. Turn right at the top of the steps and walk straight ahead along the line of the old railway. Continue on until you pass by a large electricity pylon on the right, then take the footpath on the left which climbs the railway embankment for about 150m to a metal pedestrian gate on the left.
3. SD 5045 4541 Go through the gate and head diagonally half right, across the field (often very boggy and sometimes planted with crops), to its boundary with Castle Wood on the opposite side of the field. Turn right and follow the field boundary, with the wood on your left, to a gap in the corner leading to the railway bridge.
4. SD 5063 4552 Cross the railway bridge, and the Motorway bridge beyond it, and continue straight on (do not turn left onto a path which crosses the front of a cottage) until reaching Parkhead Lane at a gate. Bear left and continue along the lane for about 500m to Clarkson’s farm on the left. Just past the farm take the stile and footpath on the left and follow this along the field edges, negotiating a gate and three stiles, until it emerges onto Delph Lane – you will notice Barnacre Church to your right.
5. SD 5122 4602 Cross the lane and take the path next to a post box, down some stone steps, and onto a footbridge. Cross the bridge and continue to your left following the riverside shrubbery. Go through a pedestrian gate and bear right, uphill, passing an old quarry on your left to reach the corner of a wood. On reaching the wood descend steeply, with the wood on your left, until you reach a stile in the corner of the field. Go over the stile and turn right following the fence line to a large Alder tree on the left of the path (on the left beneath the tree you can see the remains of Lady Hamilton’s Well). Walk diagonally left and cross a stile leading onto a farm track. Turn left and proceed along the track to join Keepers Lane.
6. SD 5089 4622 Turn right along Keepers Lane, passing Crosby Cottage on the left, to a stile in the hedge on the left - next to the first field gate. Go over the stile and the second one immediately ahead. Continue on with the hedge line on your right, towards a stile in front of the motorway footbridge. Cross the bridge and the stile on the other side, and bear slightly right as you cross the field to a further stile in front of the railway footbridge. Cross the bridge and the stile on the other side and follow the hedge line on the right to a footbridge which leads onto Hazelhead Lane.
7. SD 5030 4628 Turn left along the lane and walk past the farm building on the left-hand side to where the lane bends sharply to the left. Turn right at this point to follow Lingart Lane (unsurfaced), under the power lines to the junction adjacent to Lower Lingart Farm. Continue straight ahead for about 150m to a pedestrian gate situated between 2 field gates on the left – just before a sharp right turn in the track.

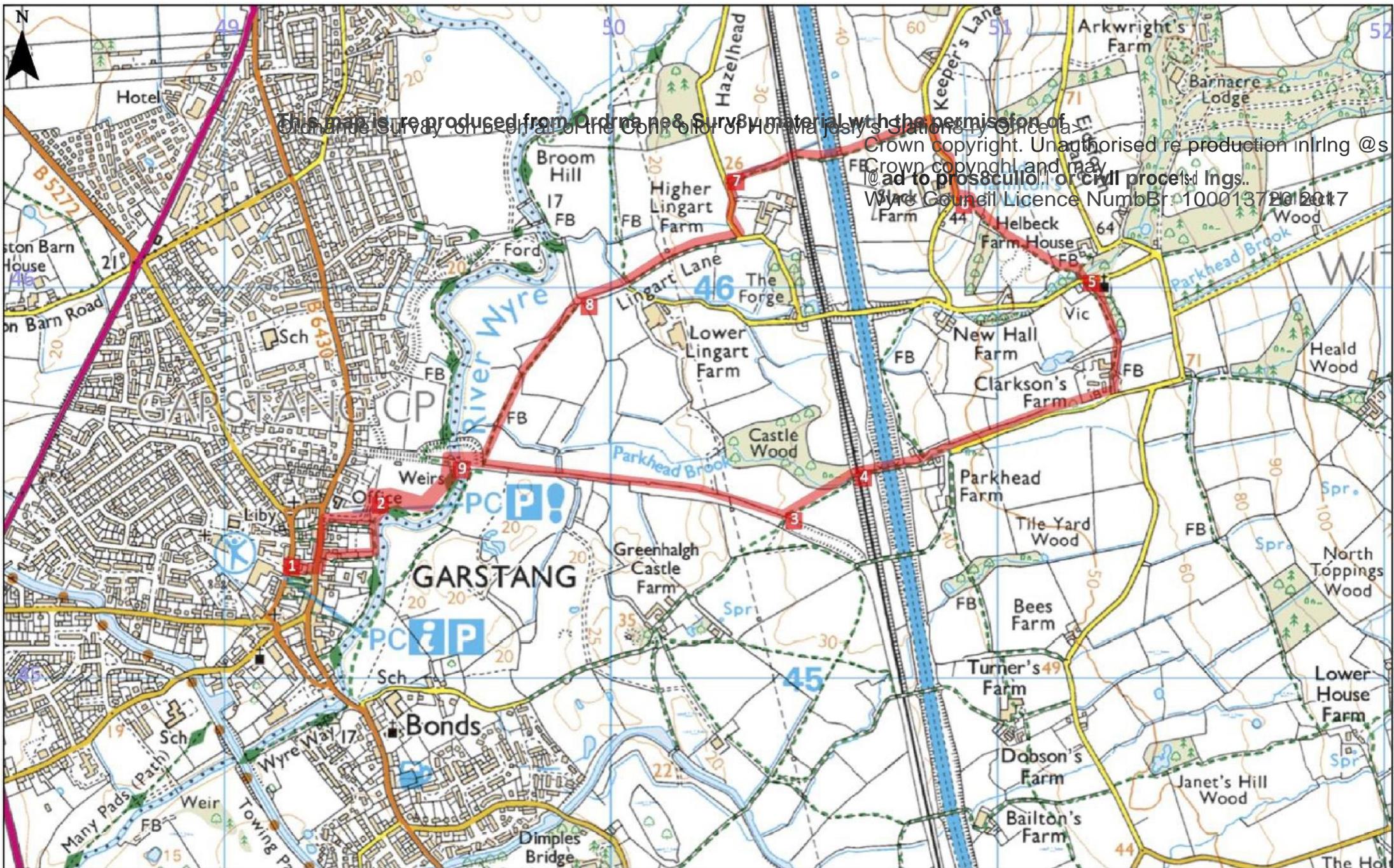
8. SD 4992 4596 Go through the gate and follow the hedge line on the right for about 100m then bear left across the field to a further gate in the hedge ahead. Carry on through two further gates in roughly the same direction, eventually emerging onto the old railway embankment to re-join your outward route. Follow the track over the river bridge and descend the steps on the left to join the riverside path back to Garstang.

9. SD 4959 4554 Continue along the riverside path, with the cricket field on your right, to the picnic area, at the bend in the river, near the car park. Continue along the riverside path, for about 300m, under the trees to a grassy path on the right leading to the High Street. Turn left along the High Street then cross the road and proceed up Stoops Hall Weind (indicated by the brass plaque set in the pavement) back to Cherestanc Square.

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

Address: Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire, FY6 7PU
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Scale  1Km



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