

FOR A SAFE, ENJOYABLE WALK

☺ Walk clothing should be a synthetic “breathable” material, it is likely to be more comfortable when wet and quick drying. To minimise blisters/ankle injuries, 2 pairs of socks and properly broken-in walking boots are recommended.

☺ Your day sack should contain essential items and anything else you wish to take. Essential items include spare gloves, hat, jumper, breathable waterproofs, filled unbreakable flask/water bottle of at least 2 litres capacity, *(You may need every drop, If you have a dog with you, remember the extra water and collapsible/unbreakable bowl)* first aid kit and any medication you may need. Finally take a torch with spare bulb/batteries in case of a delay that results in you finishing after dark and a sun hat & sunscreen for those bright sunny days.

☺ Remember the map and compass you never know when they may be needed.

☺ To help preserve the countryside and maintain good relations with landowners follow paths as closely as possible.

☺ If a gate can't be opened, make sure you're on the correct route. Then carefully climb over it at the hinged end to avoid unnecessary damage.

☺ Always follow the country code.

☺ When using un-pathed roads, keep in single file on the right hand side except when approaching right hand bends when you should walk on the left.

☺ If using un-pathed roads at night there should be a torch at the front and back of your group and you should wear a reflective strip/outer clothing. Shine the torch towards the ground a few metres ahead of, or behind you. to avoid blinding drivers of approaching vehicles.

☺ If you have a dog with you, make sure he/she is under your full control and wearing an identity tag *(a legal requirement)*. Never allow your dog to run off, bark or annoy other people/animals

(farmers can legally shoot dogs that worry their animals). He/she should always be close to you on a short lead when crossing fields containing animals/livestock. From 1st March - 31st July, this also applies to open country to minimise disturbance to ground nesting birds and other wildlife.

☺ If livestock blocks your path, walk round them slowly. ALWAYS give their hindquarters a wide berth; a kick can be fatal. NEVER make sudden movements that could startle or frighten them. NEVER walk between an adult and its young. If you feel threatened, particularly if you have a dog with you, DON'T RUN it will encourage them to chase. If necessary let your dog off the lead to make his/her own escape *(DON'T just let go of the lead, it could catch preventing your dog from escaping)*. The herd probably sees your dog rather than you as the threat

☺ Always heed any local warnings/restrictions that may be in force.

☺ Make sure every item of kit can be used properly by at least one member of your group. In an emergency your life may depend on it.

The Countryside Code

- Be safe plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Keep to public paths across farmland
- Leave livestock, crops & machinery alone
- Use gates and styles to cross fences, hedges and walls
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Guard against all risk of fire
- Keep dogs under close control Consider other people

Please remember

Leave only footprints
Take only photographs
Kill only time

WYCOLLER & TRAWDEN A WALK IN THE WEST PENNINE MOORS

Distance Walked: 10 Km (6 miles) **Height Climbed:** 265 metres (875 feet)

Grade: Moderate **Map:** Explorer OL21

Summary: A gentle walk through Bronte Country exploring the village of Wycoller with its spooky legends and Jane Eyre's Ferndean Manor followed by the impressive Lumb Spout Waterfall and the weavers settlement of Trawden where you can still trace the route of the old Colne & Trawden Tramway.

Terrain: Generally fairly level walking with some slippery inclines and boggy areas. Dogs may need to be lifted over some of the stiles. Wycoller visitor centre is open at weekends and the tea room is closed on Mondays.

Start: Wycoller Rd car park, wycoller NGR: SD926395 Sat Nav: N53:51:06 W02:06:50



THE ROUTE

From the car park, take the footpath and road down into Wycoller Village - *about 450 metres (¼ mile) down the road you come to a sharp left hand bend. If you look back to your right across the field at this point you will notice a line of rather large upright stone slabs marking the field boundary. This is a Vaccary Wall (1) - a remnant of the old 12th - 15th century cattle farms known as "Vaccaries"*

Follow the lane round to the right past the Pepper Mill Barn entrance and tea rooms to cross the stream in front of the ruined 16th Century Wycoller Hall (2) - *the setting for Ferndean Manor in Charlotte Bronte's "Jayne Eyre" and the ghostly home of Squire Cunliffe and his wife*

The master apparently came home and murdered his wife after hearing that she was having an affair with another man. Her chilling screams and his horse galloping off into the hillside have been heard around the village

You have now joined the Bronte Way (3) - *a 40 mile cross Pennine route linking the various sites associated with the Bronte Sisters.* - which you follow along the streamside lane out of the village until you reach the signs for Deans House and Parson Lee Farm.

Here you need to go through the wooden gate to your right and follow the beck round before crossing it and taking the path up the clough (*beware of the slippery grassed slope*).

As you approach a second footbridge you need to bear right through the woodland, (*you do not cross this second footbridge*) and follow the left hand boundary and the lower path to rejoin the beck.

Cross the stile and bear slightly right up the slope (*watch your footing and beware of the hidden gulleys*). to join the farm track

and continue ahead along the Pendle Way (4) - *A 45 mile waymarked trail through some of Pendle's most attractive countryside. The witch on a broomstick waymarks highlight its links with the Pendle witches.*

2 km (1¼ miles) after joining the Pendle Way you turn right over the ladder stile by the buildings of Spoutley Lumb.

The dominant peak to your left before the stile is Boulsworth Hill, its summit, Lad's Law (5) is the second highest point in the South Pennines. Lad's Law is Celtic for slaughter hill and is believed to have got its name from the ancient druids who used it for regular sacrifices.

Continue along the wall ahead on your left following the yellow arrow sign posting which takes you over another stile and down to the beck and bear left before the bridge to view two different types of waterfall.

You will need to keep a look out to your right as Lumb Spout (6) which as its name implies spouts from the cliff top into the pool and its cascading neighbour are partly obscured by the trees, watch your step on the steep gradient if venturing down for a closer look.

Having experienced the Lumb Spout spectacle, best seen in spate conditions, continue along the beck side path turning right at the other end of the footbridge (*watch your footing shortly before the bridge*). Continue ahead past another footbridge and up the hill to turn right along the road which you follow straight ahead to the farming and weavers settlement of Trawden.

At the "T" junction in the village turn left to reach the bus terminus by a cobbled road forking off to your right with its old tramlines (7). You follow this for 60 metres before taking the path on your right.

These old tramlines are the remains of the Colne & Trawden Light Railway which operated between the two towns from 1903 to 1914

Your route now continues ahead down the field, over the footbridge and along the left hand boundary to take the steps up to the buildings of Far Wanless Farm.

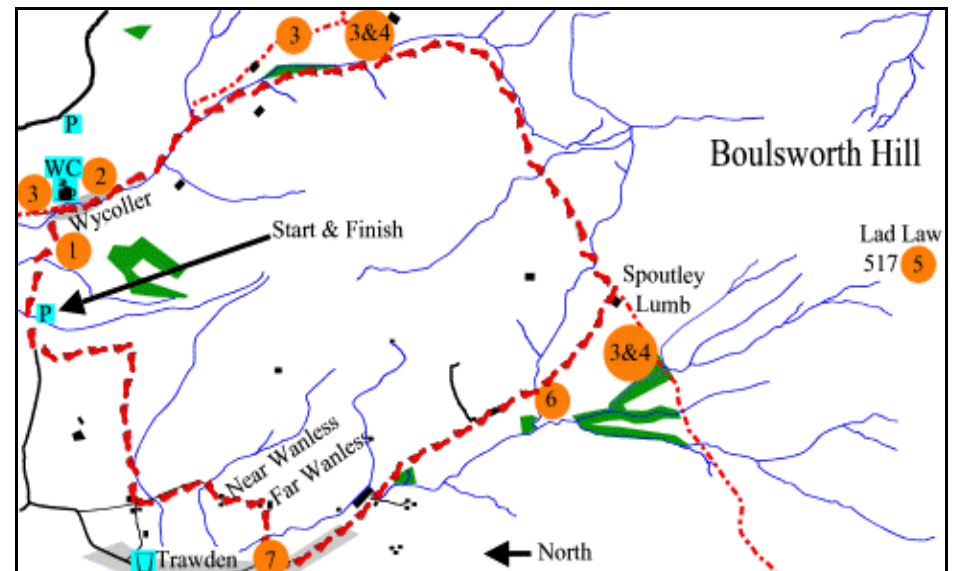
Here you pass between the buildings and bear left through a metal gate on reaching the gravel drive. This takes you along a grass track to Near Wanless Farm.

After passing through the farm, turn right along the gravelled access road for approximately 450 metres before turning right again through the gate just before the

buildings and following the path signed "Wycoller 1 mile".

This takes you through 2 further gates and a gap in the wall, where you should aim for the top right hand corner of the field - *you should still be following the Wycoller signposting.* This brings you to a gravel track which you cross and head over the stone wall stile to continue in an easterly direction across the next field and through the gateway before following the right hand boundary to the next track.

Follow this left to bear right along the road back to the car park (*beware of the traffic hazard along the road*). If time permits why not take a final look round Wycoller and enjoy an afternoon tea .



MAP INDEX

Your route	Woodland	Café/Tea Room
National Trail	Town/Village	Car Park
Public/Access Road	Lake/Reservoir	Public Toilets
River/Stream/Canal	Named Peak	Public Phone
Prominent/Named Building	Interest Point	Pub