

# Warton Crag from Silverdale

We start and end the walk in Hollins Lane, Silverdale where there is good roadside parking – we start at the Gibraltar Farm end of the lane. If you are using Satnav, enter postcode LA5 0TX, if you use What-3-Words, try **wake.spin.relocated**, or if you prefer paper maps SD 4632 7417 will find it.

From the parking head slightly downhill toward the farm and gallery at the bottom of the lane and then turn left along Lindeth Road toward Lindeth Tower and Jenny Brown's point.

Having passed the tower, we continue down the lane keeping an eye open for a gate on the right leading onto a path down to the Jack Scout Nature reserve.

The path through the nature reserve is well marked and offers good views over the bay before arriving at the beach at Jenny Brown's point with the Chimney ahead of us on the shore.

We now follow the shoreline round in an Easterly then North Easterly direction until we meet a point where a number of paths meet: We take the permissive path to Quaker's Stang and follow it round to a stone bridge over a drainage ditch - where we pick up a track back down to the road across the moss.

At the road we turn right and head toward the white house and prominent chimney where the road turns right. We follow the road round to the right and then see smaller road leaving on the left and heading uphill into a wooded area. We take this smaller route.

We are not on this road for long before we see a footpath sign on the left directing us up a track known as the Occupation Road. This old pack horse route once gave access to Warton Village and iron ore mining sites called "reddles".

We follow the Occupation Road uphill for a while, keeping an eye open for a permissive path on the right signed for Warton Nature Reserve.

This clear and easily navigated path takes us up through the woods and after a further climb brings us to the peak of Warton Crag where we find the Trig point and the Beacon.

For the return journey, we set out from the trig point along the path heading North East – with views to Ingleborough in the far distance. The path veers round to the left and lower down within the woods it circles round on itself to pick up a broader track which we take to the right and head downhill and back to the Occupation Road.

At the Occupation Road we turn right and follow the track down to the end where we meet a minor road at the top end of Warton village.

The Village is attractive and interesting and is well worth visiting – to do so, head downhill - this adds about 2km to this walk.

From here, head uphill along the very quiet road until it levels out. Ahead of us the road turns sharp right, and perhaps 100m before this, we see a sign for a path through the woods on the left. We take the path and need to be prepared for some muddy ground if forestry vehicles have been operating.

The track continues along fairly flat ground, passing a gate, after which the track peels round to the left with our route carrying straight on through a squeeze stile into a pleasant well managed woodland area.

The route through the woods remains clear and eventually we arrive at a gate onto a lane which we take to the right, heading downhill, now with views over Leighton Moss.

We follow the track round to the left and then through a gate into a further small, wooded area before emerging back onto the lane, where a right turn brings us down to some farm buildings.

We follow the lane round to the left and now see the white cottage and chimney that we passed a good while ago.

From here our route back is essentially a reverse of the outbound leg: We head right along the road for a short while and then take left toward the RSPB and Quakers Stang. We cross the stone bridge and the Stang heading toward the chimney at Jenny Brown's point, and from there, either reverse our route through the Jack Scout woods, or simply follow the metalled lane back to Gibraltar Farm and the parking area.

- **Total distance 14 km (8.7 miles)**
- **Total Ascent 452 m**
- **Moderate walk**