

Wennington

We start at the layby next to the bridge as the B6480 crosses the Hindburn on the Bentham side of Wray. Satnav users will find that postcode LA2 8QH get them within sight of the layby, whilst what-3-words tag **pools.banks.corporate** will get you right there. Paper map users will find grid reference SD60446797 useful.

From the layby we head back to the bridge by following the layby to the end, and after crossing the bridge, we stay on the right hand side of the road as we head back toward Wennington, looking out for a stile on the right into fields. We take the stile and head uphill across the meadow toward the farm buildings – the path is generally clear.

Our route crosses a couple of field boundaries at stiles – the first of many on this walk – and we are heading Southeast as we approach the farm where we exit onto Agnes Ing Lane.

At the road we turn right and walk past the farm to find a stile on the left. We take this and then head North up toward the far corner of the field. We continue to climb gently, now heading Northeast, crossing stiles at each field edge, as we head toward Netherwood Hall.

The path starts to come round to a more Northerly direction, and we keep to the edge of the fields as we follow the path to cross the minor road (Park Lane) and continue North toward Wennington.

At Overends the path passes between the farm buildings to a metal gate and then turns left along the front of the farmhouse to head Northwest along a quiet lane. As we follow the track, we soon see it bend right – but we carry straight on and take a path across the field to the minor road at Wennington just above the railway station. Here we re-join the road and head left, steeply downhill, until we meet the B6480.

We then turn right along the pavement and cross the Wenning at the road bridge to look for the road out toward Melling – called Lodge Lane – and follow this for a while.

At the end of a small patch of conifers at the left hand boundary of the school, we see a stile into open fields, which we take to head uphill along a fence line in a Northerly direction. This leads us through three stiles before we arrive at a small lane. We cross this and take another stile across the field to Wrayton – a small hamlet. Once our path brings us down to the road through Wrayton, we turn left and head into the centre.

We keep an open eye for small stile leading to a footpath on the right just past the Old Hall sign. This takes us to the river Greta which flows under the A683 at a busy road junction.

We now follow the Greta westward until it meets the Lune, at which point the path turns sharp left taking us South along the river valley toward the railway line as it emerges from Melling.

As we head toward the railway, we see a series of arches, and our path passes under one before taking a sharp right, then a left to continue down the Lune Valley.

We follow the Lune south for a while now – although we remain a good way away from the river initially. The lovely Loyn Bridge soon comes into view, and we head for it.

We carry on downstream along the Lune – on this side of the bridge though we are much closer to the river and may well see fly fishermen on the water down to the confluence with the Wenning.

Here we turn right and head up the Wenning toward Hornby, with the characteristic profile of Hornby Castle ahead of us.

At Hornby, our path joins the main road, and we turn right to cross the river at a rather fine bridge, with the best view being upstream over a curved weir, with the castle as a backdrop.

Once over the river we turn left just before Hornby Institute to take a track through a farmyard and out toward the Wenning. The OS map shows two routes here. We take the lower route on a wide track – although if really doesn't matter which we choose - as the higher route through a narrow path into the woods comes back together with our route later.

We keep our eyes open for a gate on the right which takes us up a bank to fields where the path heads East toward the bed of a dismantled railway.

Parts of the line have now been converted to footpaths and cycleways and feature in other BFG walks.

The footpath crosses the old railway and tracks upstream along the River Hindburn until we see the wastewater treatment works. Here the path skirts the water works and then continues along its access lane until we arrive back at the B6480 and the start of the walk.

- **Total distance 20.5 km (12.7 miles)**
- **Total Ascent 645 m**
- **Challenging walk**