



Merlewood Countryside walk

Here's a refreshing walk that starts and finishes at the Park. You'll meander along the banks of the River Wyre, and down rural lanes before returning to your holiday home to continue your stay with us.

The route is about 4 miles long and it will take you roughly two hours to complete.

This gentle route is relatively flat comprising mostly of footpaths, but take care to wear the appropriate footwear such as wellies and walking boots as certain areas can get muddy!

And don't forget to use our free on-site Dog Shower afterwards if you take your four-legged friend with you.



Directions

1. Leave the Park at the main entrance and head right towards The Cartford Inn pub. Head to the inn's car park and walk along the fence by the river to the car park's end. With the inn behind you walk on top of the flood bank, following the river bend. Cows are often in these fields so it's best to keep your dog on a lead. As you walk across the countryside you'll take in the sights of the Bowland Fells. You'll end up at an aqueduct and a bridge. Please cross the bridge here.

2. At the road turn right and continue past White Hall Farm. Shortly afterwards a farm track goes off on your left to Crabtree Farm. Continue up this track to the farm. Just before the farm buildings the footpath goes off on your left through a white farm gate. Keeping the fence line on your right, cross two fields to come out on another farm track.

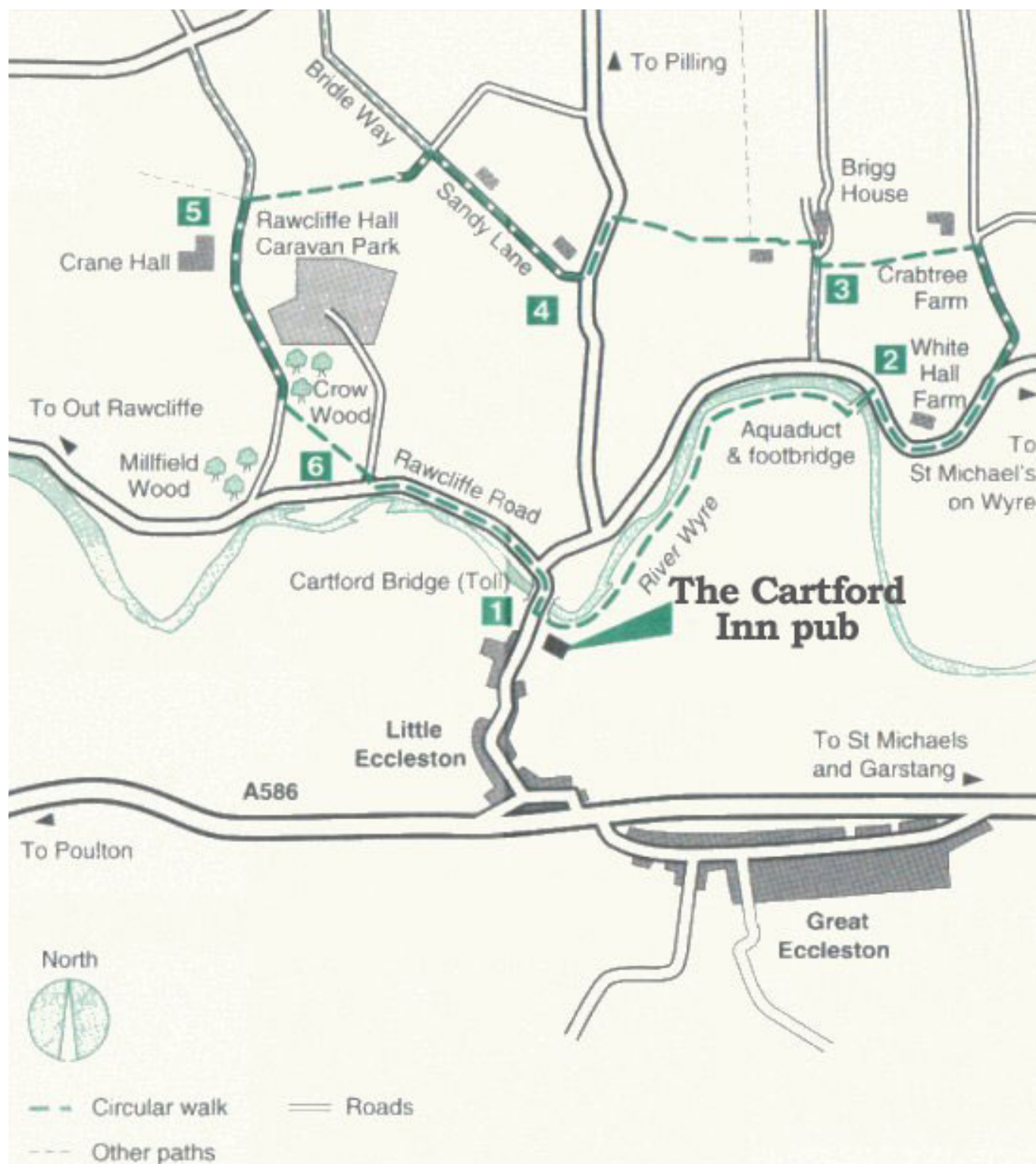
3. Turn right and as the track forks bear left through the metal gate. At the end of the hedgerow turn left again opposite Brigg House, and follow the concrete track down to the country lane.

Turn left and walk along this lane for approximately 200 metres before turning right onto Sandy Lane bridlepath.

4. Continue up Sandy Lane past the second house on your right. Shortly afterwards on the left across the stile next to a metal gate. Follow the green lane to another metal gate and stile, ignoring the well used track that goes through the wood. From here the path continues across the fields to another farm track.

5. Turn left and follow the track past Crane Hall on your right and Rawcliffe Hall Caravan Park and Crow Wood on your left. At the start of Millfield Wood on your right turn left through the gate into the field. Head across the field towards the stone gate posts in front of a group of tall trees.

6. Turn right to reach the main road and left towards the Cartford Bridge. Cross the bridge and the pub is on your left. Head back past the inn and onwards to Merlewood Park.



Map and directions by Wyre Council

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