B Walk

Pendle Hill from Worston

Walk Leaders - Ewa & Martin

Elevation 465 m Distance 8 + miles

We will start walk with C party from Calf's Head Pub, before branching off after several hundred yards, taking footbridge & heading towards Barkerfield & Moorside. Heading out towards Angram Green, we will follow this path, until we reach Mearsley Hall on good flat paths; the first part of our loop of a figure of eight.

The first part of the walk is mostly very flat and not difficult. After reaching Mearsley Hall, we will then start our ascent; it is not very steep or challenging, following pathways until we reach Ski Resort (possibly have lunch here or a bit further on, depending on time?). At this point we will have to do a short burst of road walking & will have to be careful, as it is a busy road. We then start our downward walk, passing Wymondhouses & Pendelton. It is all clear paths from here, taking us back to Mearsley Hall & completing 2nd loop of figure of eight, back to Calf's Head to eat at 5:00 & enjoy a fine selection of beers.

During the Recce, we encountered a number of muddy, boggy areas, especially around a number of styles & also we crossed one or two small brooks. There were some patches of ice in shade, but our paths were fine, but would strongly suggest poles for those that might need them & also gaiters.

We won't be going up Pendle Hill, just skirting the lowlands around it.
We would suggest to everyone to just stop now & then & take in the magnificent views across the Ribble Valley.

C Walk

Distance 6.5 miles

Leader Hildah McAllen, assisted by Tony Stopforth

From the Calf's Head Pub, we pick up a path following the Worston Brook, crossing fields, skirting the base of Worston Hill up to the pretty village of Downham.

From here we go onto the Ribble Valley Jubilee Trail until Hey House Farm. Leaving this trail, we cross Twiston Lane and pass New Close to once again pick up a national trail in the direction of Downham. Before reaching the village, we turn South east to Clay House, cross Pendle Road, and on to Hook Cliff, following the base of Pendle Hill as far as Angram Green.

We then follow a quiet road on back to Worston.

The walk is a mix of paths across fields and tracks with numerous gates, kissing gates and a variety of styles – mostly stone, which were slippery.It was very icy when we did the recce and the paths were frozen. If it has thawed out when we do the walk, it will be muddy and boggy in places, so as usual walk with care.

It is a winter walk so be sure to have warm, waterproof clothing and good boots.