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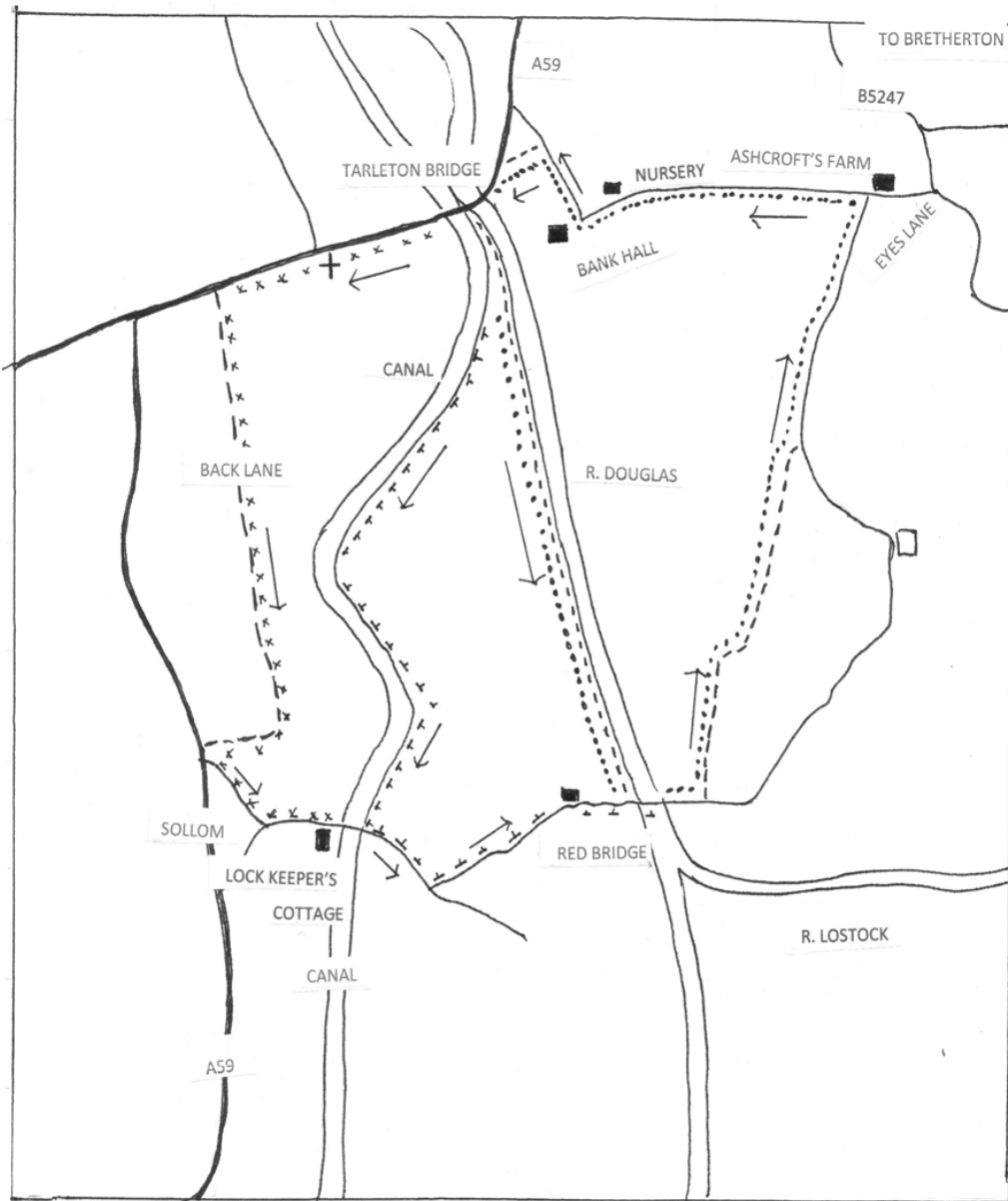


Action for Ulnes Walton

A walk through our countryside

Walk Six

Bank Hall, Bretherton



There are three versions of this walk: All the walks follow the same route at the beginning and end; only the middle sections are different.

Why you should: No hills, open countryside with “Big Skies” and distant views, walk along river or canal, good going under foot(except in extremely wet weather) partly on quiet tarmac farm track. Circular route

Why you shouldn't: Parts of it are very exposed with little shelter if it is windy or raining.

THE SHORT ROUTE: follows the R. Douglas. Distance: 2 ¾ miles. Time: 1hr.

THE MEDIUM ROUTE: follows the Leeds- Liverpool Canal. Distance: 3 ½ miles. Time: 1hr. 20mins

THE LONG ROUTE: goes through the hamlet of Sollom. Distance: Time:

THE SHORT ROUTE:

Park on Eyes Lane, Bretherton opposite Ashton Farm.

Large farm machinery frequently exits the farm so park well away from the entrance

A1. Go past Ashton Farm on your right and follow the tarmac road straight ahead beside the redbrick house (The Lodge)

A2. Continue past the nursery school. Eventually the road swings round to the right.

A3. Follow the road round to the right and pass a “terrace” of brick apartments and a barn conversion. Beside wooden gateposts you’ll find a stile on the left going into a field.

A4. Once over the stile go through the field keeping to the woods on your left to exit via another stile onto the A 59

A5. Turn left along the busy road

A6. Cross the bridge over the R. Douglas but before going over the canal turn left to find a stile at the right side of metal gates.

To continue the SHORT ROUTE go to A7

THE MEDIUM ROUTE Follow the instructions for the first part of the Short Walk but after A6 follow B7, B8 and B9

THE LONG ROUTE Follow the instructions for the Short Walk to A5 then follow the instructions from C7

A7. Once into the field turn left immediately to the riverbank. Turn right along it and continue along the river for several hundred yards.

A8. After walking through a field of horses leave the riverbank via a stile onto a tarmac road. Turn left and cross Red Bridge.

A9. Only one hundred yards from the bridge look out for a finger post on the left showing the public footpath. If the weather hasn’t been especially wet take the footpath through the field. Otherwise continue on the tarmac road which the footpath would ultimately join.

A10. The path through the arable field is usually well trod and easy to follow and takes you to a footbridge which you cross.

A11. After the footbridge the land becomes much rougher but in summer it hosts a variety of beautiful wildflowers and butterflies. Head

off at an angle to the right towards the nearest electricity pylon and you will eventually come to a hedge.

A12. Keep to the hedge on your right and at the edge of the field exit right along a track through a little wood.

A13. You soon come to the tarmac road where you turn left. Follow it for a quarter of a mile and you’ll return to the starting point

The Medium Route

B7. Keep along the tow path of the Leeds- Liverpool Canal on your right for approx. one mile until you eventually come to the canal bridge.

B8. Do NOT go over the canal bridge but turn left onto the tarmac road. Follow it as it swings ninety degrees to the left across a ditch.

B9. The road leads you to Red Bridge where you rejoin the “Short Route”. Follow the instructions from A9 and you’ll return to the start.

The Long Route

C7 Cross the two bridges. Follow the extremely busy A59 up the hill.

C8 Go past the Church of St Mary, Tarleton A large colourful sign informs you you are now in West Lancashire.

C9 Immediately after the large green road sign, “Tarleton, Southport etc. “go left down Back Lane. Keep on for its full length without turning off

C10 Eventually Back Lane bends to the right and exits onto the A59. Turn left along the A59 and immediately veer off left at the 30 mph sign and phone box into the hamlet of Sollom.

C11 Turn left down Lock Lane. Pass the Lock Keeper’s house.

C12 Cross the canal bridge. Bear left along the tarmac track to re-join the original walk.

Go back to point B9 to get instructions for finishing the Long Route