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Action for Ulnes Walton

A walk through our countryside

Walk Nine

Harrocks Hill

Length: 3.5 miles **Time:** 1Hr 30 min

Why you should: Magnificent views west over the Lancashire Plain to the sea and east to the Western Pennines; wide open spaces; a great "fitness walk"

Why you shouldn't: fairly strenuous with hills, can be muddy after rain

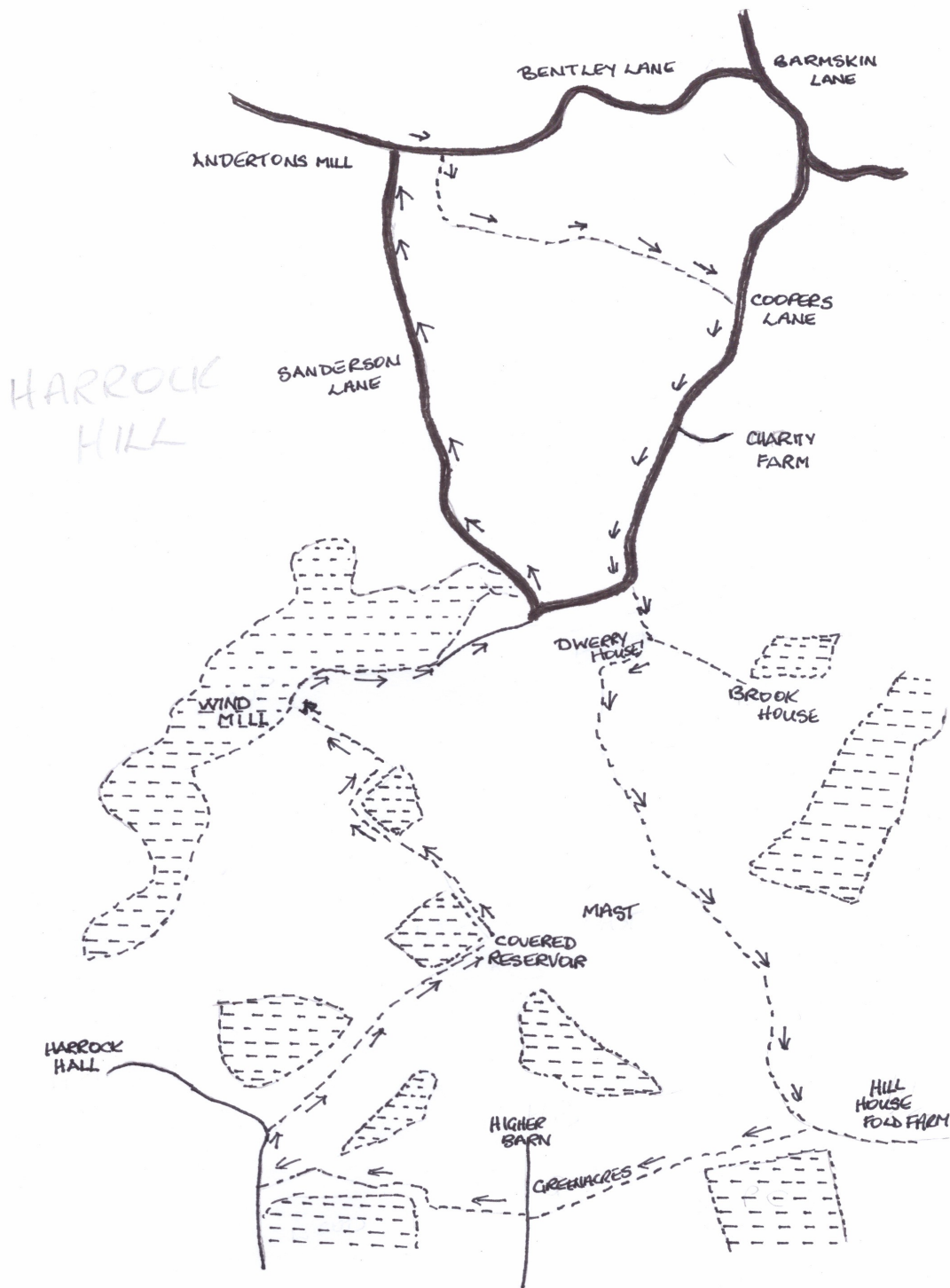
Directions

1 Walk along Bentley Lane eastwards from its junction with Sanderson Lane for 200 metres.

2 Turn right by the black metal gate and step over the chain. Walk along the path *through a wooded area* to exit via footbridge and a stile *into a field*.

3 Keep along the hedge on your left. *Horses often graze in these fields. After rain it can be muddy here because the soil is clayey.*

4 Go over the stile. *Notice how the wood of the stile has been chewed by the horses.* Go over a second stile just a few metres on



5 Keep left along the side of the field. ***The top wire of the fence is electrified to keep the horses in. If you touch it it'll give you a nasty jolt.***

6 Go over a stile into a field *which normally contains sheep and* then immediately go over another stile beside the metal gates. Go left keeping beside the wire fence

7 Go over a stile beside a metal gate. *If there are metal hurdles in place use the breeze blocks to help you step over them.*

8 Go over a stile to exit onto the road and turn right.

9 Towards the top of the hill the road we're on swings round to the right but we take the road which goes straight ahead.

10 Pass huge Scots Pine trees on your right and 100 metres further on a green arrow pointing right shows you where to leave the track and climb up a steep slope through the trees. *If you get to the PRIVATE sign you've gone too far.*

11 Climb upwards to a post and wire fence and go left along it. *Notice the steep gully on your left.* The track goes out of the woods into a field as you cross a footbridge.

12 Continue upwards along the side of the field keeping the woods and gully on your left

13 The track swings left then right. On your right is a spring where a stream starts. Look left to get a great view. The M6 is visible beyond the clump of trees

14 Follow the stony/muddy track round to the right and upwards. The track becomes a grassy path with bracken, brambles and a variety of wildflowers on your right. Go past the HARROCK ESTATE sign and under the powerlines. You eventually come to a drystone wall

15 Our track meets another track going from left to right but straight ahead of you is stone stile which you go over into a field.

16 Follow the track straight on through the middle of the field towards a hedge.

17 Go over the stile in the overgrown hedge walk along the edge of the field keeping the hedge on your left.

18 To leave this field go over the stile just to the left of the wooden fence.

19 Go over a stile in a drystone wall and when you get to the tarmac road turn left.

20 At the end of the wooden fence on your right turn right beside the huge stone block "H. Roberts Martin". Go through the kissing gate into a field which usually contains sheep. Keep your dog on a lead.

21 Keep to the hedge on your left of this very large field and eventually, at the furthest point of the field, you come to a metal kissing gate Once through you can see the "parkland" of Harrock Hall.

22 Keep to the left of the field beside the woods. Look right to get magnificent views over the Lancashire Plain. Go right along the tarmac road. Look right and uphill to see a small building on its own. Beneath here is an underground reservoir.

23 Once past the magnificent huge oak tree the road swings round to the left. Look out for and go through a small black metal gate on the right. Follow the track for its entire length; do not turn off it.

24 Eventually this path comes to an end and you turn left along the path keeping to the woods on your left. The path leaves the wooded area and continues between two wire fences. Look right for a great view. The view to the left, on a clear day, will show the sea.

25 The path turns right through a kissing gate. Follow it along the side of a wood on your right.

26 The track takes you over a stile by a metal gate. Turn right on the track through the woods.

27 Leave the woods by the side of a wooden gate. The house on the left was once the game keeper's cottage.

28 Further downhill you pass a red brick house on your right and here you turn left onto the road (Sanderson Lane). Follow the lane back to your starting point.