

Beacon Hill from The Spread Eagle Inn Sawley



Admire spectacular panoramic views of the Yorkshire Dales, the Bowland Fells and the Ribble Valley on this rewarding hike to the summit of Beacon Hill before returning to the Spread Eagle via ancient drovers' tracks for a well-deserved treat.

AT A GLANCE

How far? 6.2 miles/10km

How long? 3½ hours

How hard? Pretty challenging – a long, steady climb on field paths and tracks followed by a rugged descent. Lots of stiles.

Which maps? OS Explorer OL41, OS Landranger 103

Dog-friendly? Dogs will need to be on leads on lower sections but some opportunities to run free on the tops.

PARKING

The Spread Eagle Inn, Sawley, Near Clitheroe, Lancs, BB7 4NH.
Grid Reference SD 776465

START

From the car park, walk downstream and cross bridge, then left over stile and along riverside footpath to road and left uphill for 200 yards to take footpath on right opposite farm. Follow path through gate as it climbs to old well then veer slightly left across field to cross stile and join farm track heading NW.

At farm, continue half left between buildings, past lawnmower shop and

over double stile onto pastureland. Head to top right corner of field and cross stile, continuing through middle of the three gates in front of you to climb along rough track along field boundary then across the field to the little copse above Far Lathe. Go over stile on left and continue under the trees to cross another stile then, keeping fence on right, head N. Go over two more stiles then climb along field boundary and head half

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right over stile and across field to cross footbridge in top right corner. Over bridge, walk along field boundary to next field, go through gate then left through another gate to rejoin path below the farmhouse.

Continue N over paddocks and over a stile into what looks like someone's front garden. Head left along edge of lawn and at end of drive, follow lane right to next farmhouse and through metal gate to the left of the main house then through a wooden gate and through a paddock into the fields.

Continue through the gateway, leaving the barn to the right and heading to the gate in the top right corner of the field. Through gate, head left up the lane to join the road. Turn R up road for 100 yards then L onto footpath through Scriddles Farm and onto track that contours round the summit to Higher Asker Hill.

Follow faint path to the L in front of the farm cottage then through the wooden gate, across the track and diagonally over the field to stile in the dry stone wall, then right up path along far side of the wall.

Over the crest of the hill, turn right onto Shivering Ginnel and continue alongside plantation then over fields. The trig point is a short detour south off the path from which the views are magnificent.

You're standing almost exactly 1000ft above sea level. The hotel is hidden among the trees beside the river in the valley below on a heading of ESE. The panorama stretches from Birdie Brow to the West, Pendle to the South and up the Ribble Valley to Pen-y-gent and Ingleborough to the



North and the Bowland Fells to the NW.

From junction of Shivering Ginnel and Fell road, turn left and after 150m take the footpath on right down the gully between two walls. It can be very muddy and overgrown, so take care.

CAUTION

Ancient holloways and green lanes in the Ribble Valley can be very muddy after wet weather. Rugged walking boots are required year-round and after very wet weather, the alternative route described at the end of this route might be advisable.

Continue down the green lane for 400m then go through wooden gate on right and follow drystone wall heading SE directly at Pendle Hill.

Go through the gate at crest of brow and continue down edge of field then right along wire fence and through gate before diving half left into the Holloway. Continue downhill through three gates for half a mile to track at Rodhill Farm. Follow bridleway to right of lane then through gate into copse.

At end of copse, head half right through gate and after 150m, left through metal gate alongside fence and across footbridge before

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continuing SE towards Pendle. Pass to the right of farm and follow arrows through gate to corner of copse.

Go left through gate and follow field boundary to next copse then left beside the fence along the edge of the copse and over the stile, following the field boundary to another stile into the woods.

Follow the path along the lip of the wooded ghyll through the gate then past the garage and onto the lane. Continue along lane, turning left onto road then back across the bridge to the Spread Eagle.

ALTERNATIVE WET WEATHER RETURN ROUTE

From summit trig point, continue back to road then turn right and head downhill to Scriddles Farm, taking FP on left opposite farm. Follow field boundary to stile in left hand corner of

field – be careful on the steep steps on the other side.

Head left down the lane you walked up earlier, continuing to Till House. Follow the lane downhill across the cattle grid and follow the footpath markers through the back garden of the cottage over the stile and into the field beyond.

Continue descending SE through a series of fields and over footbridge followed by stile on left into meadow. Head SE uphill across meadow and at crest of the brow go L through gate then follow the fence along the edge of the copse and over the stile, following the field boundary to another stile into the woods.

Follow the path along the lip of the wooded ghyll and through the gate then past the garage and onto the lane. Continue along lane to turn left onto road then back across the bridge to the Spread Eagle



THE SPREAD EAGLE

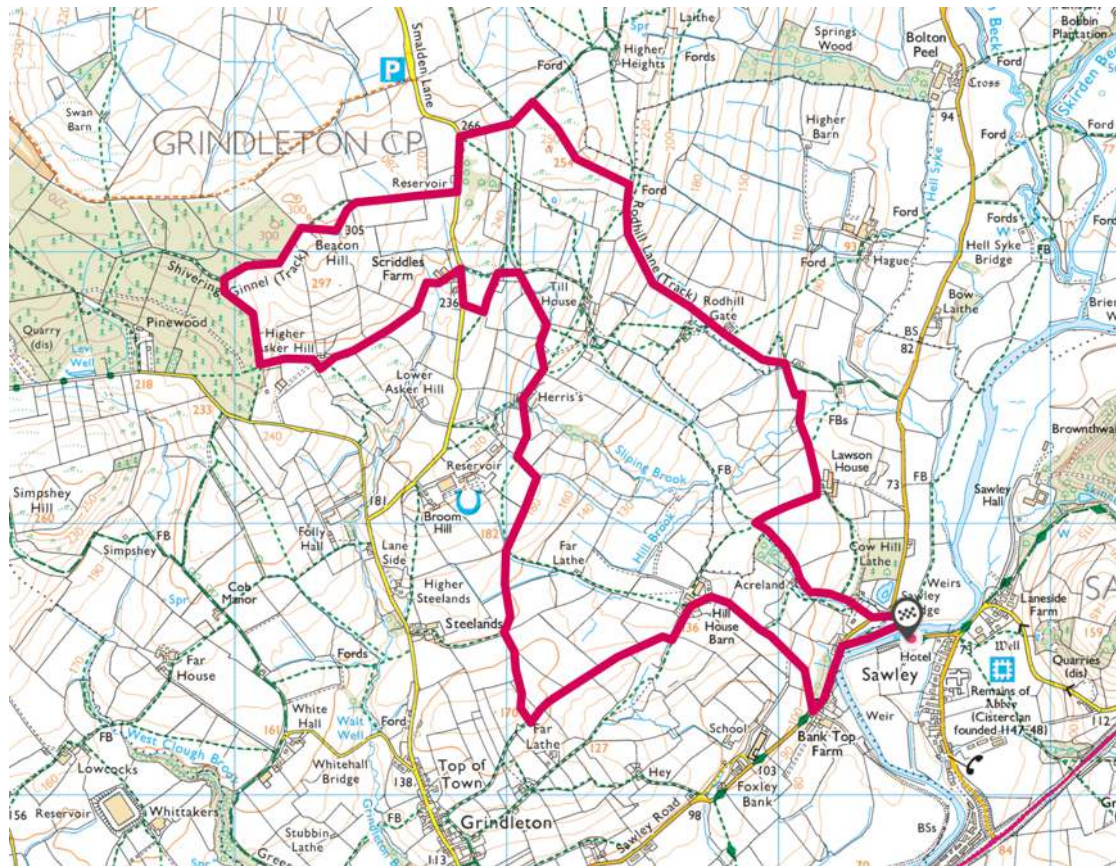
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