

## CANAL CLOG

Britain's longest canal, the Leeds-Liverpool canal, winds its way through Hyndburn linking up most of stages 5 to 7 of the Clog to form an enjoyable circular walk of 32km / 20miles. The scenery varies all the time between townscape and green fields, farms and views to Pendle Hill and the Ribble Valley.

The canal was one of the most important factors in the development of the industrial revolution. A free leaflet on its history called 'The Leeds and Liverpool Canal in Hyndburn' is available from Accrington Information Centre.

You can start at any point.

**Instructions are given from Stage 7 of the Clog.** At the canal bridge, Cut Bridge, No.107 (SD715304) join the canal and follow the towpath eastwards through Rishton, Church and Clayton-le-Moors to Shuttleworth Hall Bridge, No.119 (SD784321). Turn left after passing under bridge and follow the instructions for the rest of Stage 5, all of Stage 6 and back to Stage 7.

## MOORLAND CLOG

This spectacular route links the southern part of the Hyndburn Clog (stages 2 & 3) to create a smaller circular walk of 32km / 20 miles. It is well worth walking for the stunning views. The route described starts at Winfields Mill Shop at Acre (SD787250) which is the end of stage 3 and rejoins at Belthorn (SD716248), the start of Stage 2.

From the car park at Winfields take the steps at the side of the warehouse on to the main road, A680 at Acre. Cross the road here and go up the steps on the opposite side, through a fence and then follow the line of the fence on the worn path. At this point the Moorland Heights link is the reverse of the Clog. Follow the path over the hill and down the middle of the field. Continue down the hill until it reaches a step stile onto the road crossing.

**NB:This is the busy A56 dual carriageway and should be crossed with great care.** On the far side there is a path and stile which leads out onto a road. Turn right past one bungalow before turning left off the road where there are two driveways. Take the right hand one before turning left up a path laid with chippings alongside a dry stone wall. this path continues around a private garden before swinging back towards the house and a garage.

After the garage turn left along a drive which comes out on a minor road. Turn left, continue along the road for about 200metres and turn right along a farm road to Lark Hill Farm (SD776251). Go to the left of the farm buildings onto a path that runs north west alongside a wall. Continue downhill with the wall on your left. At the bottom, cross the stream at the small footbridge (SD775253). The path goes right here and slowly climbs away from the stream. Continue alongside a small broken wall towards a wall corner and a stile. Cross over the wall at this stile and cross the next field towards another wall. Keep the wall on your right and continue in this direction, passing below Farther Friar Hill Farm, which is uphill to your left.

Continue following the contour with the wall on your right and cross two more fields until you reach a wooded clough.(SD770258). Turn left and walk upstream for about 40 metres until you reach a footbridge. Cross the bridge and continue upstream with the stream on your left. go over a stile and then cross the next field via a concessionary path

to a wall. go through the gate at the end of the wall and turn right Trees Farm (SD767255). Pass in front of the farm, with the buildings to your right until you reach a driveway. Follow this, heading south west, until you reach a junction with a farm road. At this road turn right and continue until you reach a Y junction where you take the left option. This road continues northwest and becomes a grassy track but is clearly distinguished. After 500 metres the track curves to the right around a pond and with the golf club on the left continues towards a track junction.

*At this junction you could make a diversion through the attractive Jackhouse Nature Reserve. On your left, on the uphill side of the lane is a farm gate next to a green lamp-post. Go through the gap to one side of the gate, follow the path south keeping the wall on the left, continue around the reservoir and up through the tree plantation. On leaving the plantation turn right and follow the path west to re-join the lane.*

*NB The path through the Reserve is concessionary but is not shown on the OS map.*

Continue along the north side of Jackhouse Reservoir and at the next junction turn left uphill keeping the reservoir on your left. Continue up the lane until you reach the A677 Haslingden Road. Turn left and walk for about 40 metres along the road until you reach the first path on your right. Go carefully across the road, over the stile and walk uphill with the stream to your left and a fence on your right. After 200 metres cross the fence using a stile, keep to the right and head towards a wall. Go over stile and turn left up a farm track. Keeping the wall on your left you will pass another stile with a pond on your right. When you reach a disused reservoir, go to the right across the bridge over the outflow, through a field gate and up the west side of the reservoir. Once past the reservoir the path picks up the line of a low dry stone wall as you go uphill towards the ruins of Higher Warmwithins (SD740242).

Go between the ruins and up the line of a further wall over to your right until the climb levels out and you reach a cairn which marks the boundary of Hyndburn and Rossendale (SD740237). From here continue south across open moorland, over a stream and onward for about 200 metres. The path descends to a series of small ruined walls. Continue downhill for another 20 metres until you reach a wall above the trees. Turn right and follow the wall downhill until you reach the A6177 Grane Road. Continue down the road until you reach the Grey Mare Public House (SD731240).

Cross the road and go up Broadhead Road opposite (signposted 'Edgworth'). After about 30 metres take the first stile on the right. Head due west following the line of telegraph poles across moorland, go under a pylon line and continue straight on until the path descends steeply down to a stream. Cross the stone footbridge (SD725240) and climb up the opposite side, over a stile and head towards a small clump of trees further uphill. Take the track which runs to the left of the trees and then curves back right above the trees. Cross the stile and turn left onto a walled track which you follow until reaching a minor road to the south east of Belthorn. Walk down the road into Belthorn to pick up Stage 2 of the Hyndburn Clog.

*PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE INSTRUCTIONS WERE CORRECT AT THE TIME OF WRITING HOWEVER CHANGES MAY OCCUR DUE TO INCIDENCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL. PLEASE USE THE CORRECT ORDNANCE SURVEY MAP FOR THE WALK. HYNDBURN RAMBLERS ACCEPT NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY INCIDENT OCCURRING.*