



Burley in Wharfedale

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Ramble 6

Burley to Stead Hall Farm

Distance: 4½ km (2¾ miles)

Time: 1 hour (adult pace with no stops)

Maps

The accompanying sketch map gives a general indication of the walk – just click [here](#) to display the printable version.

Ordnance Survey maps Explorer 27 (Lower Wharfedale – Washburn Valley, 2½" to 1 mile) for good detail of paths, and Landranger 104 (Leeds, Bradford – Harrogate Area, 1¼" to 1 mile) for general landmarks etc., are recommended in addition.

We hope this walk will encourage you to explore the extensive network of footpaths around our village.

A SUGGESTED LOCAL RAMBLE – by Colin Newton

A varied circular walk rising 100m and passing through Stead Hall Farm, with excellent views of the Wharfe Valley, of Langbar, Denton, Askwith and Burley Moors, and of the Chevin.

Parking: On the street at Hall Drive/Sun Lane. It may be possible to park at the Burley in Wharfedale Community Trust sports pavilion at Scalebor. However this must be avoided when the sports pitch and pavilion are in use as space is very limited at these times.

Caution 1. The route crosses the railway line at a gated but unmanned crossing. Up to eight trains an hour pass and although they hoot on approach they do appear very quickly, particularly out of the bend from the Burley direction. Definitely a case for 'Stop. Look and Listen'.

Caution 2. There are very noisy dogs tethered at Stead Hall Farm.

Caution 3. The route passes through a field which sometimes contains horses. The writer has never experienced any difficulties.

This is written as walking anti-clockwise starting at the northern end, but this walk is equally enjoyable, and seemingly different, walking clockwise.

Start at the signed snicket next to 22 Hall Drive, or at the footpath at the bottom of Greenhow Park. Up to and over the level crossing, and diagonally right up the two fields. Look back for views over Burley, Otley and the Wharfe Valley, with Denton and Askwith Moors on the left across the valley.

At the second fence there is a choice of the footpath to the left of the steam, or the bridle

path to the right. Either way keep beside the stream, and at the lane turn left. (Continuing straight on and taking the footpath on the left at the next bend leads to Ben Rhydding and Ilkley via Audley Court, formerly the Licensed Victuallers' School.)

At the T-junction at the top of the lane turn right and follow the lane to Stead Hall Farm. (On the way a bridlepath and later a footpath lead off on the right in the direction of the Cow and Calf and Ilkley Moor.)

Immediately after the farm turn left, keeping Burley Moor above you on the right. (A footpath, not signed at time of writing, to the right leads up to the moor.) Crossing over Rushy Beck for the first of four times (the fourth time, near the station, is not obvious) continue along the lane to the first bend and straight on through the kissing gate in the direction of the Chevin (flat-topped hill) into a field which sometimes has horses in it. (The lane turns right and leads to Moor Road near Robin Hole.) In the second field aim for another kissing gate at the far end of the wall on your right, and then along the path with a pine copse on the left. Keep straight on through the metal gate on to the lane, past the new houses built on the site of the former Bull Farm at Colston, and take the first path between two old stone gateposts to the left towards Scalebor. Turn right at the bottom, past the Burley in Wharfedale Community Trust's Pavilion to Moor Lane.

The older buildings of this estate formed part of Scalebor Park Hospital which was built as a psychiatric hospital at the beginning of the last century. This gained a well deserved reputation but was closed in the 1990s as part of the government's 'care in the community' policy. (For more information on the village and its history please refer to the village website www.burley-in-wharfedale.org)

To complete the round simply turn left down Moor Lane, under the railway bridge at the station, turn left into Southfield Road and back to Hall Drive and Sun Lane. A visit to the Sun Lane Nature Reserve, formed from an unpleasant tip and maintained by volunteers, is definitely worthwhile.

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