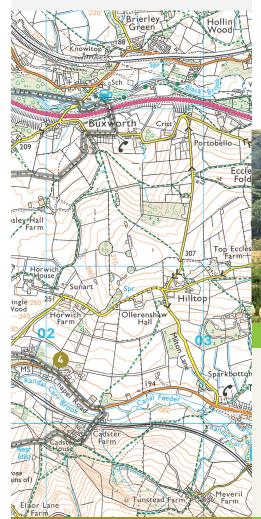


Continue over a series of ladder stiles. The route follows a fence into open fields below Mosley Hall Farm, to a stone stile above you. Follow the well-marked path through fields, exiting onto Western Lane, Buxworth. Turn right and take the path on the left between the football and cricket pitches. Cross the footbridge over the A6 bypass to arrive at the Buxworth Basin at the head of the Peak Forest Canal.

Buxworth Basin was an extremely busy inland port. Limestone was brought down by wagon under gravity from the quarries near Buxton and transferred to barges.

- Pass the Navigation pub and take the towpath towards Bridgemont. Continue around the bend under the A6, and cross the canal using footbridge no. 34. Cross the A6 to a track heading to the railway bridge.
- Immediately after the bridge take the footpath on the left to Hockerley Farm and Hockerley Old Hall to enter the field over a stone stile.
- Turn left to follow the wall behind the houses up to Stoneheads. On reaching the Whaley Bridge to Disley road, turn left and follow the road downhill to turn right onto Start Lane. Proceed along the lane, until you reach the stone ginnel footpath just past Purdown's garage and before Springbank. Follow this down to Reservoir Road, turn left to pass Todd Brook Reservoir and Brookfield Pond nature reserve to return to the station.



Furness Vale Walk

Distance: **1.6 miles / 2.7 km (40 minutes)** Going: Firm paths and cross-field paths. Pace: Gentle slopes.

Explore Furness Vale and the rolling countryside that gives this place its character.



From the centre of Furness Vale take Yeardsley Lane SW.

Fork right into Diglee Road.

- After leaving the interesting variety of houses behind, again take the right fork into Diglee Clough. Cross the culvert and climb a short distance towards Broadhey Farm.
- Immediately before the farm entrance track a left-hand track rises to the left the large barn conversion through a gate and onto the flanks of Broadhey Hill. From the brow of the hill, panoramic views stretch back across Whaley Moor, west across the remains of Kiln Knoll Barrow, north and west to New Mills, Lantern Pike, Kinder Scout and Chinley Churn.
- On the hilltop, at the end of the track, stands a barn. Pass the barn to a gate on the right and stile into the meadow. Follow the wall to your left and descend the field to a depression.
- Over a stile in the lower wall into the lower field to join a path running in from Disley Parish. Follow the field's bottom fence south east to a stile where the walk goes through two gates to reach the A6, north of the centre of Furness Vale.

Ringstones Round

Distance:2.6 miles / 4.3 km (1 hr 3 minutes)Going:Firm paths and cross-field paths.Pace:Gentle walking.

Furness Vale to Bridgemont, Hockerley, Ringstones and Yeardsley Hall Walk

A canal side walk, with return along the lower hills above the valley with fine views. (Please put your dogs on a lead)

- From Furness Vale Station, cross Station Road and go down the hill to cross the Peak Forest Canal. Immediately at the end of the bridge go down the steps to join the Canal Towpath. Proceed in a southerly direction (back under the bridge) for approximately half a mile. The canal runs parallel with the A6 and the railway line to Buxton. Across the valley runs the railway line to Sheffield.
- 2 After passing an iron footbridge and a road bridge you reach a second iron footbridge marked 34. (Put your dog on the lead!) Cross the bridge and go up the path to the busy A6. Cross the road via the traffic island into the small hamlet of Bridgemont. Proceed past the children's playground under the railway bridge.
- Immediately at the end of the bridge parapet take the footpath on your left running beside the railway. After 200 yards proceed over a stile into an open field and follow the stone wall to the right uphill to another stile. Pass around the chicken pens and through the gate into the lane in front of Hockerley Farm.
- At the top of the yard, between two oak trees and to the right of the farm gate take the stone stile and turn right along the track besides the stone wall running gently uphill with views across the valley and over to Eccles Pike, Bugsworth and Chinley Churn.
- Drop down to the gate at the head of Ringstones Clough, below Ringstone Caravan Site, and carry straight on uphill along the road to Yeardsley Hall. Look to the east to admire the views towards Gowhole and Chinley Churn.
- Walk down Yeardsley Lane past the interesting variety of houses and bungalows to the Furness Vale Community Centre (café open Tues and Thurs afternoons).
- Cross the A6 by the pedestrian crossing and turn right to return to the station down Station Road to the left. Alternatively, turn left 100 yards and turn right down Old Road then at the bottom take the footpath under the railway which exits on Station Road, just below the station.



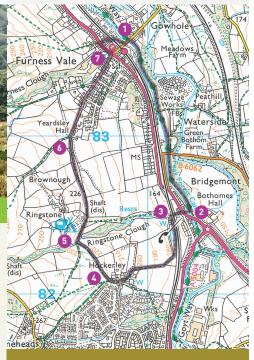
) Public Rights of Way

A public right of way is a route which members of the public have a right to use at any time. There are four different rights of way.

Public footpaths - available for walkers only, although you may take a pram, pushchair or wheel chair along it, if practicable.

Public bridleways - for the use of walkers, horseriders and cyclists. Bridleways are often waymarked with blue arrows.

Roads used as public paths (RUPPs) - these often have the appearance of green lanes (although the term has no legal meaning) and are available to the same users as bridleways. There are public vehicular rights along some RUPPs - seek local guidance.



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