



WALKS FROM THE SHIREBURN ARMS: SURPRISE VIEW

This 7½-mile circular route provides one of the most magical views in Lancashire for keen walkers who don't mind a bit of a climb. It's a rich reward at the half-way point of what is quite a challenging walk – and the good news is it's pretty much downhill all the way back to the pub!

HOW FAR? 7.4 miles/11.9km **HOW HARD?** Pretty challenging – a long, steady climb on quiet lanes, footpaths and forest tracks and the occasional boggy stretch
HOW LONG? 4 hours

START From the Shireburn Arms, cross road and head up Avenue Road past war memorials and village club to take footpath L opposite the Bayley Arms. Head down the drive and then take path to right of buildings to join track. Continue past cottages on L and into woods.

Follow brook upstream for 500 yards to cross on stone bridge and veer slightly L and continue climbing Northwest to emerge from woods and join a farm track after 300 yards.

Continue up track to old farmhouse then take path to R (straight on) and continue through gate. Cross field to gate at corner of copse and at other edge of woodland head L due West across field to ladder stile on skyline.

Continue W between gorse clumps to reach gate and stile onto Huntingdon Hall Road. Turn R up the road and continue over bridge to junction. Turn R and continue for 100 yards to take track L to Dutton Dog House.

Continue up the track for half a mile, taking the path to the L when the track turns R to the kennels. Continue N for 50 yards then over a stile and on to the open fell. Stick to the field boundary and climb N to the dry stone wall. Cross the stile and go quarter right across the heather towards the plantation.



Cross the rickety stile and take the path N into plantation. After a couple of hundred yards, you emerge into a clearing, with a dry stone wall in front of you. Climb the wall and the amazing views of the Forest of Bowland open up before you – this is the surprise view we promised you.

Head E on the N side of the wall to the white trig point. From here, continue E, crossing the wall via a kissing gate and heading back towards the plantation on the S side of the wall. Follow path into conifers and descend through the trees, jinking right before meeting a well-defined track which continues E again.



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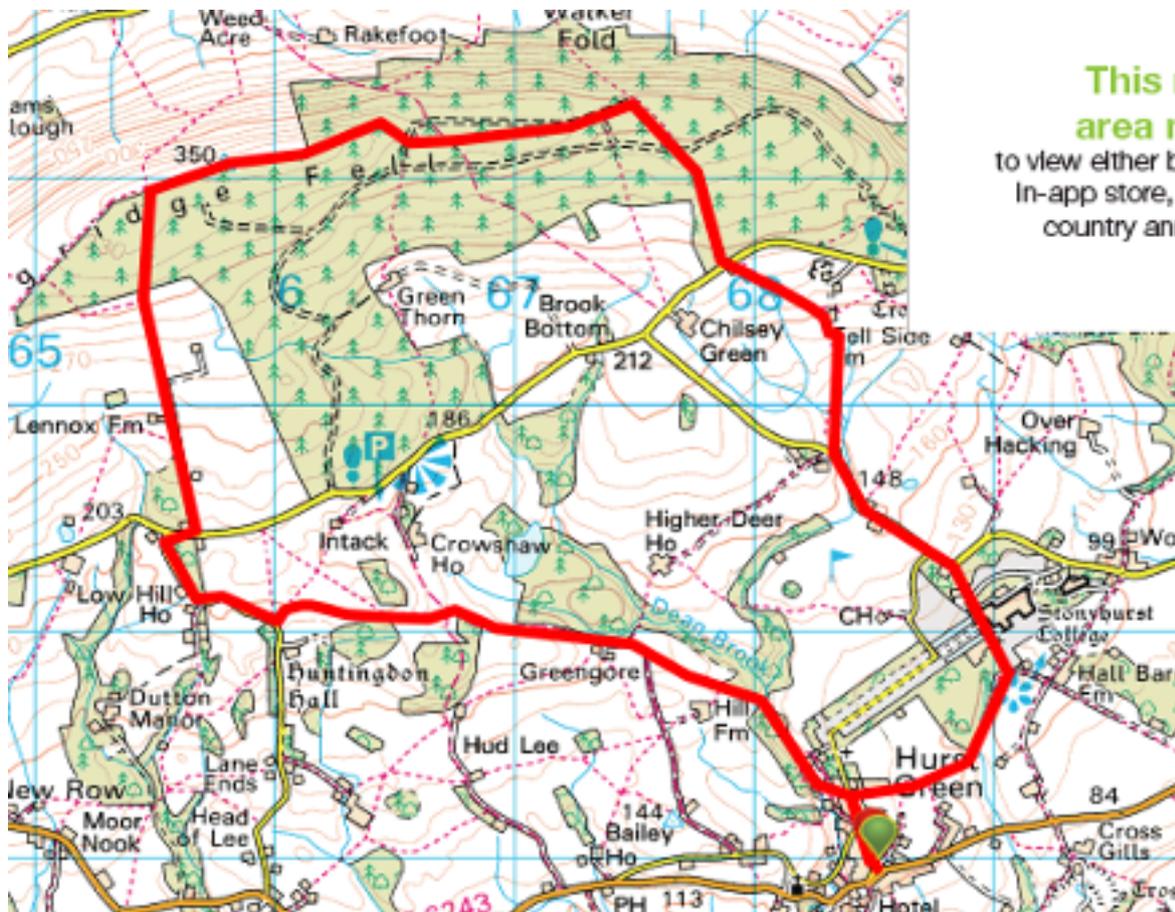
Ignore first track and follow way-markers to another little clearing and another spectacular vista - your last chance to enjoy the view over the Hodder Valley and Bowland Fells before heading back down into the Ribble Valley. Continue E for 25 yards after clearing then take path R as per way-marker and continue SE through trees, ignoring path off to L, crossing another forest track, over some clear-felled land and back into the woods, staying L of the deep quarry lagoon.

At road, head L for 20 yards then R over stile and along right hand field boundary to gate then half L over field to stile above Fell Side Farm and down through paddock to gap in fence on Left, then through two gates and down the track between houses. Cross the field and drop into little gully, following the stream downhill. You may have to cross the stream a few times to avoid muddy sections or fallen trees. At the cottage, go through a metal gate to join the road.

At junction, head L following signs to Stonyhurst main entrance. Follow the road past the golf club and downhill to the impressive avenue leading up to the college. At the main school gates, turn R and out along the avenue.

Follow the avenue round to the L and back down Avenue Road, into the village and back to the Shireburn for a well-earned drink!

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