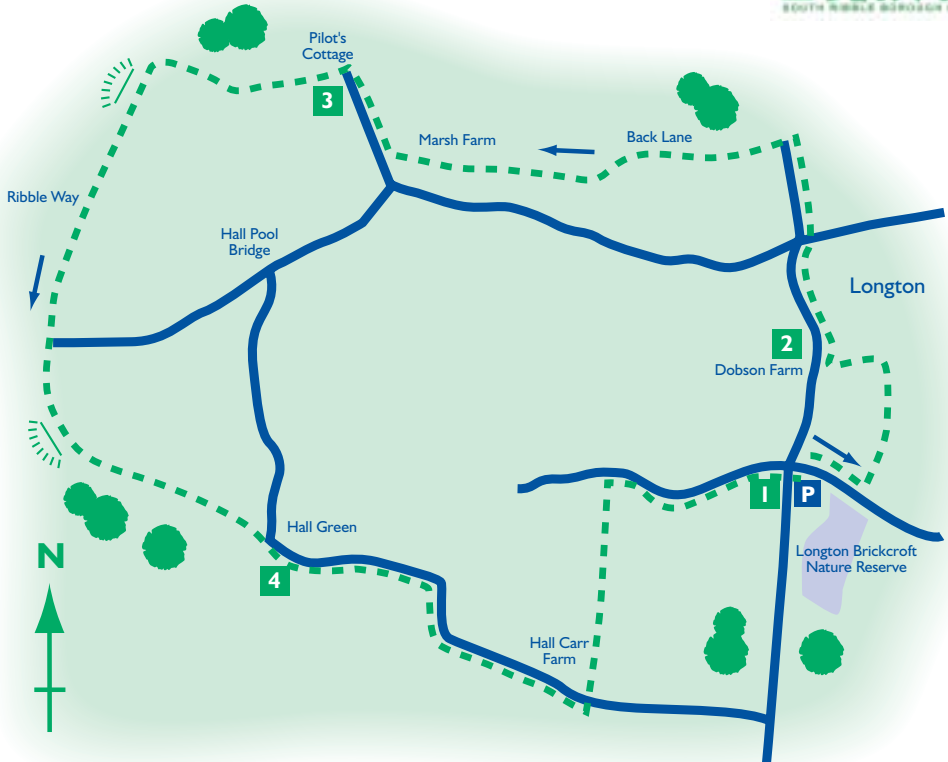


LONGTON BRICKCROFT NATURE RESERVE

5.0 miles / 8km



Scale 1:25000

OS Explorer (286) Series

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Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear; keep to the paths and close gates.
Please keep dogs under control and do not leave any litter.

Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy in preparing the walks - the council cannot accept any
liability and people using the routes do so at their own risk.

- 1** Turn left outside Visitor Centre and head through lower car park, through kissing gate and alongside lake. Turn left when path splits and go through kissing gate, cross small road and through kissing gate opposite.

Follow path, passing lake on right and exit kissing gate, follow tarmac path until it meets road and cross, turn immediately left with wall on right until you meet another road. Cross this road, turn left onto track through small woodland.

When track meets tarmac path, in small park, proceed right and go through metal kissing gate to main road.
- 2** Turn right along main road. Proceed to hardware shop and cross busy road to bridleway opposite. Proceed along bridleway until T- junction then turn left and follow this track that passes housing on left and opens out into countryside with hedges along each side. Follow this until sharp left bend with large garden wall on right, turn right into enclosed public footpath between wall and fence, proceed over stile, cross field diagonally to stile in far corner and keep straight line ahead to field gate and stile. Turn right and proceed on small road.
- 3** Opposite first house on right, turn left over footbridge. Proceed along field with hedge on right until you meet stile, cross and head for footbridge in corner ignoring stile in hedge on right. Continue in straight line with water filled gully on right to meet marsh bank. Proceed left with Longton marsh on right. You are now on the Ribble Way. Continue along bank and cross stile with large seat on left, proceed and ignore first stile and gate on left and cross stile facing, cross small field to footbridge keeping hedge on left. Continue straight towards farm buildings, where fence on left meets gate, head for field gate in hedge straight ahead.
- 4** Turn right onto road and continue for approx. 1.2km ($\frac{3}{4}$ mile) past old stone railway bridge supports and turn left onto public footpath at end of houses on left. Go through two concrete kissing gates that mark the old Preston to Southport railway line. Continue ahead and cross stile and footbridge, keep hedge on left and follow to road. Cross stile and turn right onto road, follow to T- junction and Brickcroft Visitor Centre is opposite main road.