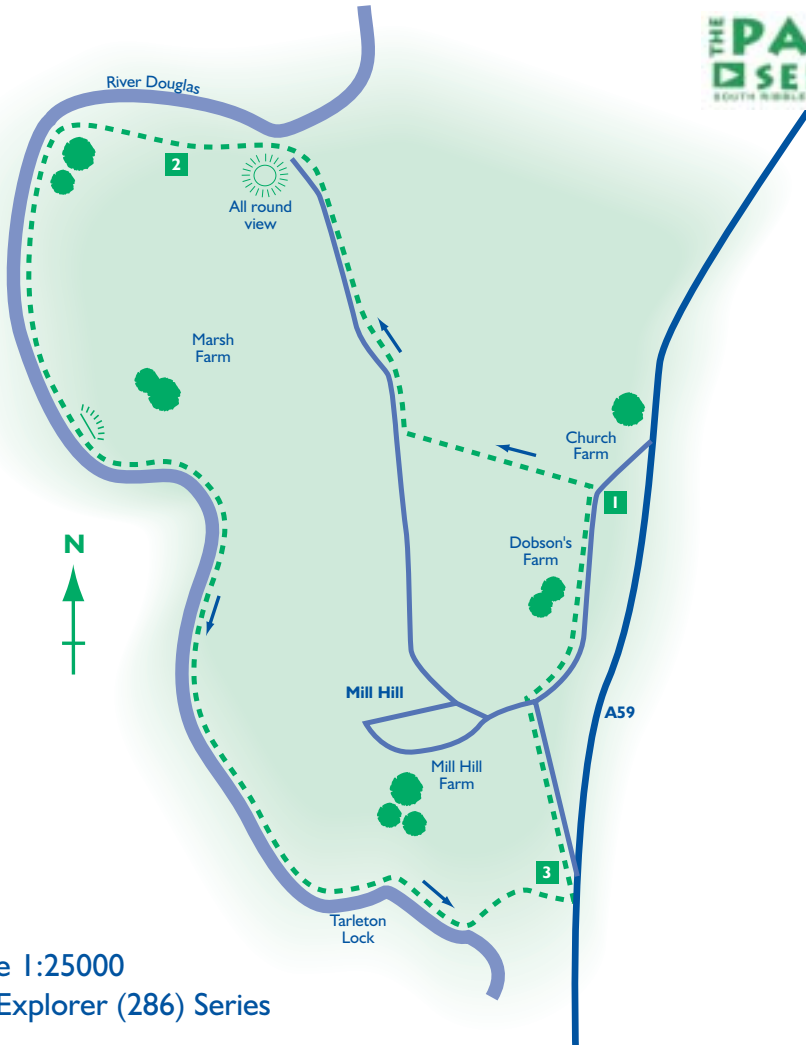


RAMBLE FROM MUCH HOOLE

3.0 miles / 5km



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.

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A very pleasing walk through lowland Lancashire on the extreme western edge of South Ribble.

- 1** From your start point on Liverpool Old Road outside the 17th century Church of St. Michael, observe the famous sundial on the tower and beautiful Dutch brickwork. Cross the road and find a wooden gate and stile in hedge and proceed straight ahead across field (if pathway not well defined through crop, then keep to left of field with hedge line on left) and exit from field onto small lane. Turn right and follow lane for 0.5km ($\frac{1}{3}$ mile) until road bends sharply left, at this point continue ahead and at junction of five pathways ignore paths left and right and proceed ahead onto grassy raised bank aiming for the boat yard and river.
- 2** Continue along path with boat yard across the river on your right; pass the line of the old railway crossing point marked by granite bridge supports and cross stile next to gate. Continue on the raised grassy bank with River Douglas on your right and cross two more stiles along the path. On this stretch of the river, several varieties of wildfowl can be observed on the mud flats, river and surrounding countryside.

As you proceed along path, pass a pipeline construction crossing the river and slightly further on observe Tarleton lock in operation on the far side bank.

Continue to follow the river on this path until it branches off away from river and follow raised path to the busy A59 main Preston to Liverpool Road.
- 3** Exit on to A59 and turn sharp left onto quiet Tarmac road. Follow road, which bends to right and left back to the church where you began the walk.