

RAMBLE FROM WORDEN PARK

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.

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.

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- 1 From the main car park off Worden Lane, head past the large information board and flagpole through the car park exit following the Tarmac pathway until it meets the main driveway through Worden Park. At this point turn right and follow the driveway with a small pond on your left, at fingerpost sign just past pond turn left and continue to walk down a Tarmac path and turn left again onto a stoned path leading down into woods. When the path meets the stream turn right and proceed with stream on left and enter woodland area (an old metal kissing gate has been bypassed at this point). Continue on pathway and cross the stream over bridge; just over the bridge on left hand side admire old beech tree with magnificent roots exposed. A few yards further on cross back over stream in front of a stone shelter and proceed on a meandering pathway following the stream, a look to the right will show you part of Worden Park's Arboretum. On the other side of wooden bridge turn sharp right to stay on pathway, cross back over stream and continue until you meet white metal gates at rear entrance to park.
- 2 Exit through gates and proceed on small road with houses on right. Cross the stream on small road-bridge, turn sharp left and cross stile next to gate into field. Keep to the right of field, and then enter larger field keeping hedgeline on right. Look for stile by old tree trunk on right and cross into adjacent field (care is needed when climbing over the stile), proceed with hedge on your left, cross open field and find stile in hedge almost opposite. Cross stile and continue ahead with hedgeline on right after a tractor access point between fields (hedgeline is now dotted with mature oak trees), find gap in hedge opposite and proceed ahead with hedgeline on right and aim for farm outbuildings ahead.
- 3 Cross stile next to field gate and turn left onto Tarmac road and follow until you reach a gate with stile on right approaching farm buildings. Cross stile then immediately look for stile on left next to gate, cross and keep hedge and farm buildings on your right (a nice view is now seen across the Lancashire plain).
- 4 Cross stile at end of corrugated fence then proceed away from farm buildings directly across field between four mature trees and edge of woodland. Head for stile opposite open field in view, at edge of distant woodland (you are now crossing the middle of the field).

Cross stile and proceed with fence line and woods on your left and open field to your right, cross stile and continue to follow fence line on left that now bends around bottom of field. Shawbrook stream can now be seen below on left. Find gap in corner of mature hedgeline opposite and descend into a ditch with stream on your left then proceed up other side and continue keeping woods on left and field on right for about 50m then find a footbridge on left before the main road.
- 5 Cross over footbridge and you are back in Worden Park, then bear right through pine trees, cross small track and follow well walked path uphill opposite you, ignoring gate and house on your right.

Proceed across open field with wall and trees to your right into a wooded area with pathway, approach entrance gate to park and cross roadway onto opposite limestone path. Continue to follow path with wall on right, ignoring path going through woodland, continue into open field and cross back to car park shielded by trees opposite.