

Broadgate Farm Circular Walk

Start Point ★
★ Broadgate Farm,
SD 5519 4562

Distance/Time
Route A – 4 miles, 2.5 hours


Link with Delph Quarry
Circular – 8 miles, 5 hours

Please note: this route also links with the Forest of Bowland route: Delph Quarry Circular Walk

Terrain
Please note: part of route is on private estate roads which are also public footpaths. Metalled roads, gravel/hardcore and grassy tracks and fields. Can be very muddy and wet in places. Livestock in the fields.

Key to Facilities

 Cafe,  Toilets and  Gardens at **Cobble Hey Farm & Gardens** (ring ahead to check for opening times: 01995 602 643 www.cobblehey.co.uk)

 Pony trekking at **Braedens** (ring ahead to book 07944 244368 www.braedentrekking.co.uk)

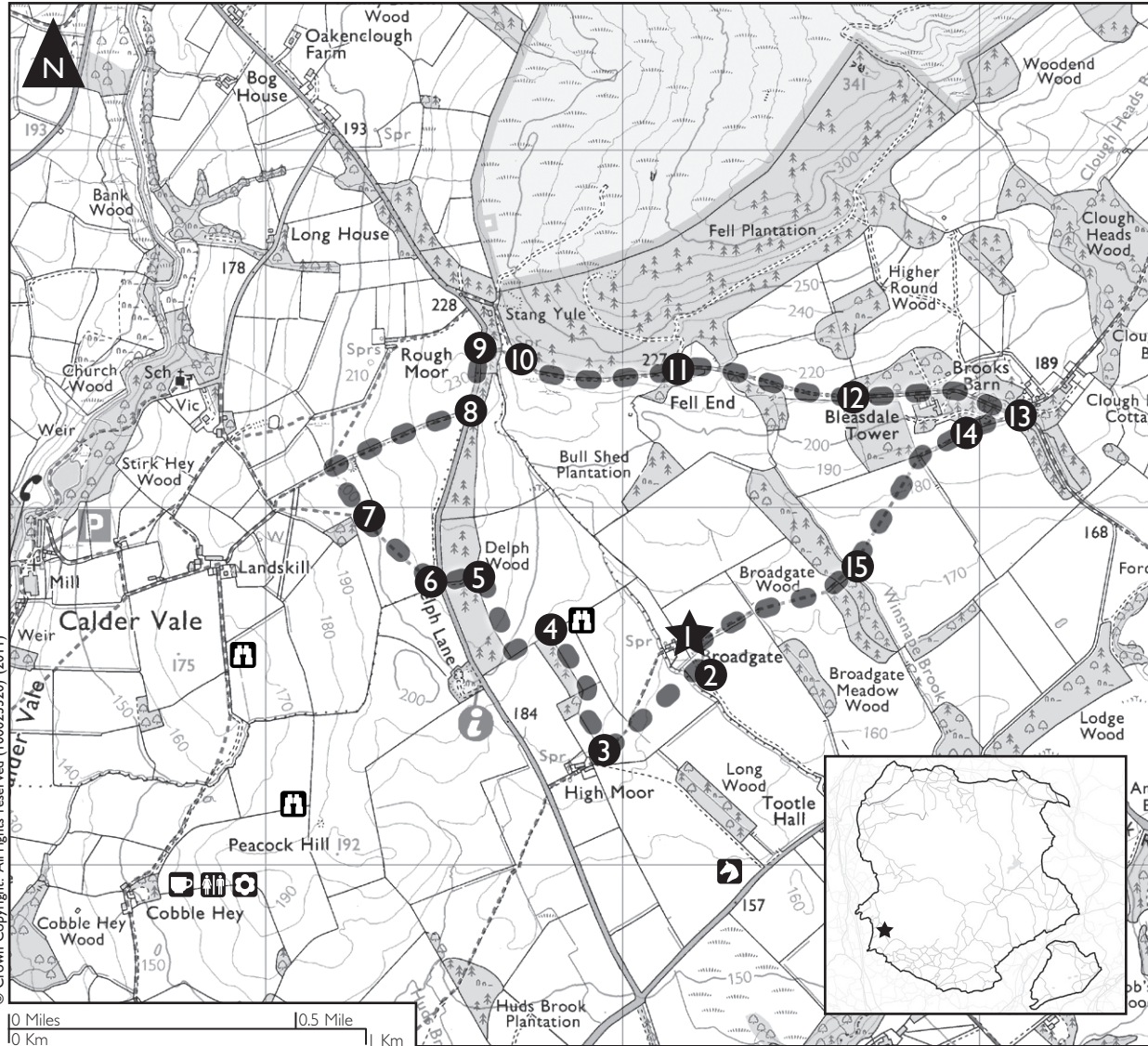
 Bird hides

GPS Waypoints (OS grid refs)

- ★ SD 5519 4562
- ② SD 5518 4554
- ③ SD 5495 4531
- ④ SD 5480 4564
- ⑤ SD 5459 4581
- ⑥ SD 5449 4579
- ⑦ SD 5428 4596
- ⑧ SD 5457 4627
- ⑨ SD 5461 4643
- ⑩ SD 5466 4644
- ⑪ SD 5512 4637
- ⑫ SD 5563 4631
- ⑬ SD 5608 4626
- ⑭ SD 5592 4601
- ⑮ SD 5564 4582

About This Walk

These walks take you through land that is prime habitat for ground nesting waders - Lapwing, Snipe and Curlew for example. They like open wet fields with clumps of rushes, but not too many otherwise chicks can get lost, but enough to provide cover from predators. Wading birds also like wet features such as shallow ponds or scrapes with gently sloping sides. Careful farm management of grazing and rush cutting help preserve these valuable habitats. Several of the farms you will walk near are working closely with the RSPB's Bowland Wader Project to carefully manage their grassland and maintain wet areas to help conserve these special birds. Further information can be found inside the bird hides and on the project's website at www.rspb.org.uk/ourwork/projects/details/237276-bowland-wader-project Look out also for brown hares on these routes, especially in the springtime. Perhaps you will see hares standing on their back legs and looking just like a pair of boxers trying to knock each other out. This occurs when females fight off or test the strength of potential male suitors!



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Walk Description

1 **GPS:** SD 5519 4562

Follow the track north east out of the farmyard.

2 **GPS:** SD 5518 4554

After the last farm building take a stile on the right.

3 **GPS:** SD 5495 4531

Keep to the left field edge and then turn right in front of the kissing gate to go along the top edge of the field. Through a gate, keeping the woodland to your left.

Take a short detour to the bird hide on your right. The field in front of the hide is being managed for breeding wading birds such as Lapwing and Curlew. Several shallow pools known as wader scrapes have been created by the farmer to provide food sources for these bird chicks.

4 **GPS:** SD5480 4564

Pass through a wooden gate, turn left and follow the left hand wall to the field corner; turn right and follow the edge of the field next to the woodland, up the steep hill. Take a moment to rest and admire the wonderful views with Parlick, Fairsnape and Hazelhurst to your right, Pendle beyond and behind you Beacon Fell.

5 **GPS:** SD5459 4581

Turn left through the wooden gate entering the woodland and continue to the road.

6 **GPS:** SD 5449 4579

Cross the road with care and through the metal gate. Head diagonally across the field following the footpath sign to Calder Vale and St John's Church.

7 **GPS:** SD 5428 4596

Head towards the metal gate to the right of a small wood (keep tight to the way marker to avoid the ditch in the field). Note: at this gate you need to lift the handle before you pull it to open the gate. Head straight across the field towards the white gate in the wall and turn right onto the stone track. Follow this up the hill to reach the road.

8 **GPS:** SD 5457 4627

Turn left and follow the road for approx 200m

9 **GPS:** SD 5461 4643

Follow a way marker on your right, go through the woods and then through a small wooden gate.

10 **GPS:** SD 5466 4644

Continue ahead and then right onto a tarmac track towards Fell End Farm (look right for views across to Beacon Fell and ahead to views of Parlick).

11 **GPS:** SD 5512 4637

Go through a gate and past Fell End Farm and proceed along the track.

12 **GPS:** SD 5563 4631

Go through another gate and past Bleasdale Tower on your right.

13 **GPS:** SD 5608 4626

Through a further gate next to a house, then soon after take the footpath right through a wooden gate. (You can extend your route by 4 miles and pick up Delph Quarry Circular Walk at Point 4)

14 **GPS:** SD 5592 4601

Follow the field edge past the front of Bleasdale Tower and out into the next large field. Walk diagonally across this field towards a gate in the gap in the woodland.

15 **GPS:** SD 5564 4582

Through the gate and continue ahead up the track, all the way back to Broadgate Farm.

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