

MELLING COUNTRYSIDE

This 3.5 mile (5.6Km) circular walk, starts and ends at the bus stop opposite the Bootle Arms Public House in Melling. It is generally level throughout and will lead you along several rural footpaths and the Leeds Liverpool Canal towpath.

From the Bootle Arms head to the right and follow Rock Lane for 65 yards (60 metres), at the bend in the road bear left and follow Tithebarn Lane. The old sandstone tithe barn, now a community centre, which gave its name to Tithebarn Road, is passed on the left. Shortly after the bend in the road join the footpath opposite School Lane, next to the stone bus shelter. Continue along the path for 325 yards (300 metres) before turning left onto another field edge footpath. Follow this straight ahead until it leads you onto the driveway to Waddicar House and then turn left to lead you to Waddicar Lane.

Turn right onto Waddicar Lane and continue to the next road, Chapel Lane, passing the Most Holy Redeemer & St Kentigern Church on the right. Turn right into Chapel Lane, at the end of this lane there is a pedestrian gate to the footpath through Wadacre Farm and nursery. Keeping right, walk down the path with the barn on your left, cross the stile and follow the path between the fences, cross another stile, then a footbridge and continue straight ahead for 110 yards (100 metres).

Turn right onto the field edge path and then left heading back towards Rock Lane and the Bootle Arms.

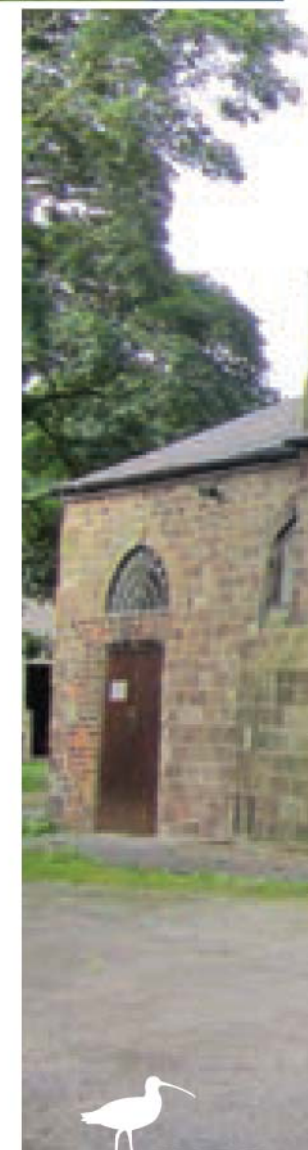
After exiting the field turn left before reaching Rock Lane and follow the stone track towards New House Farm. Pass through the farmyard and continue straight ahead up to the Leeds Liverpool Canal.

Go straight across the swing bridge and then firstly follow the farm track for 110 yards (100 metres) before bearing right and joining the footpath through the fields.

After exiting the field turn right onto Spencers Lane and then right again. Follow the road for 875 yards (800 metres) until you reach Brooklands Farm on the right. Enter the farm and follow the footpath, keeping the barns and outside horse arena to your left. The path bends to the right and then left and leads you past Town Meadow Cottage. After passing the cottage follow the stone track to its first bend, leave the track and go straight ahead along the field edge footpath up to the Leeds Liverpool Canal.



Melling Stone Bridge





Bootle Arms

Keypoints

Distance - 3.5 miles (5.6km)

- 1** Bootle Arms
- 2** Melling Tithebarn
- 3** Wadacre Farm
- 4** Melling Stone Bridge



Melling Tithebarn

Turn left onto the canal towpath and continue up to the next bridge, Melling Stone Bridge (no.11), pass under the bridge and then exit the towpath. Turn left, carefully cross the bridge and at the end of the lane turn right.

Follow Rock Lane back to the Bootle Arms to complete the route.