

STAGE 3 CLITHEROE TO SLAIDBURN

11.2 MILES



The 'Keep' at Clitheroe Castle



The River Ribble on the route to Slaidburn

DIRECTIONS

From the station continue along Station Road and at the sharp right hand bend turn left onto the B6478 to Waddington.

Pass beneath the railway bridge and cross the River Ribble. In a little over half a mile the road arrives in the attractive village of Waddington. Keep ahead through the village and then at the Waddington Arms fork right onto Branch Road to reach West Bradford Road. Turn right.

Remain on this lane for two miles passing through West Bradford and continuing towards Grindleton. On the edge of Grindleton bear left up Grindleton Brow.

As the road bears right into the village centre take the left turn immediately opposite the Buck Inn, signposted for Slaidburn.

Leaving the village in the direction of Slaidburn continue for a little under a mile and keep right to follow Smallden Lane.

Remain on this winding road for 4½ miles as it crosses the highest part of the route and descends towards the Hodder. Pass through Lane Ends and then 2 miles further on follow a right bend to meet the junction with the B6478 Settle Road. Turn left here and follow into Slaidburn.

POINTS OF INTEREST

In Slaidburn there are riverside walks easily accessed from the village car park. The most obvious is the one heading south along the banks of the River Hodder. The ancient Hark to Bounty Inn was the location of the areas 'moot court' from the early 19th century to 1932. Customers can view the courtroom upstairs on request.

Whilst in Waddington Village visit the alms houses on West Bradford Road which feature a spacious green and 24 single storey cottages built in 1701.

ON THE WAY...

Waddington has the unusual distinction of winning "Best Kept Village" in both Lancashire and Yorkshire a feat achieved due to a local government reorganisation in 1974. On this part of the route Pendle Hill dominates the Ribble Valley. Passing through Grindleton the road climbs steeply over the watershed into the Hodder Valley with wide and spectacular views across to the Bowland Fells. Make use of a lay by at the summit of the road for a photo opportunity. This is a different aspect of Lancashire and one that is almost unknown outside the county.

FOR SAT NAV USE - Waddington: **BB7 3HP** - Slaidburn: **BB7 3EP**

STAGE 4 SLAIDBURN TO WHITEWELL

6.5 MILES



Stepping stones over the River Hodder, Whitewell

DIRECTIONS

From the car park in Slaidburn turn right into the village. Pass the war memorial on the right and then keep left on B6478 which heads south passing through Newton and Dunsop Bridge.

After passing through Dunsop Bridge turn left at the next junction where the Trough Road comes in from Lancaster. Keep ahead along the valley crossing the Hodder at Burholme Bridge and then continuing to Whitewell.

ON THE WAY...

This is a delightful exploration of the Hodder valley. If you find yourself enchanted you are in good company for the area is reputed to be the Queen's favourite part of her realm. The villages of Newton and Dunsop Bridge invite closer inspection on foot.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Dunsop Bridge, as determined by the map makers of the Ordnance Survey, is the nearest settlement to the centre of the United Kingdom.

Getting to the exact location is a bit of a trek. For those who prefer more gentle strolls, Dunsop Bridge offers some charming riverside walks especially up the Dunsop Valley which is easily accessed from the bridleway adjacent to Puddleducks Cafe.

Behind the Inn at Whitewell, once the location of the forest court, stepping stones lead across the Hodder to the limestone delights of Little Bowland.

FOR SAT NAV USE - The Inn at Whitewell: **BB7 3AT**