

# A short walk from Northcote

Northcote is nestled in the heart of picturesque Lancashire countryside.

This first walk is the perfect way to explore the immediate vicinity of the hotel and work up an appetite.



**START:** This moderate walk starts from the hotel itself

**WALK DISTANCE:** 2.3 miles (3.7km)

**WALK TIME:** 1-1½ hours (Providing you don't get lost!)

**MAP:** OS Explorer 287 West Pennine Moors



Guests should note that while this is not a difficult walk there are two stiles on route.

**Footwear advice:** Boots are ideal but wellingtons or trainers you don't mind getting muddy will serve just as well.



**WALK DIRECTIONS:**

From the front entrance of the hotel leave the car park and turn right into Northcote Road. In just under half a mile the road bends sharply left. Here turn right on to a public footpath leading to Suddell's Farm.

As the rutted track approaches the farm yard cross a stile on the right. Keeping the farm buildings to the left gently descend to a flat bridge across a stream. On the far side of the stream bear slightly right.

As the field levels out aim for a metal gate. Next to it is a stile leading onto Old Langho Road. Turn left. Pass the entrance to Brockhall Village. In a little under half a mile turn left onto Northcote Road to return to the hotel (¾ mile).



**Point of Interest**

Just beyond the junction of Northcote Road on the right is the church of Old Langho. In the church yard at the rear is an unusual and moving memorial dedicated to the 600 people who died while resident in the old Brockhall Hospital which looked after people with learning disabilities. The hospital which claimed to be the largest of its type in Europe closed in 1989.