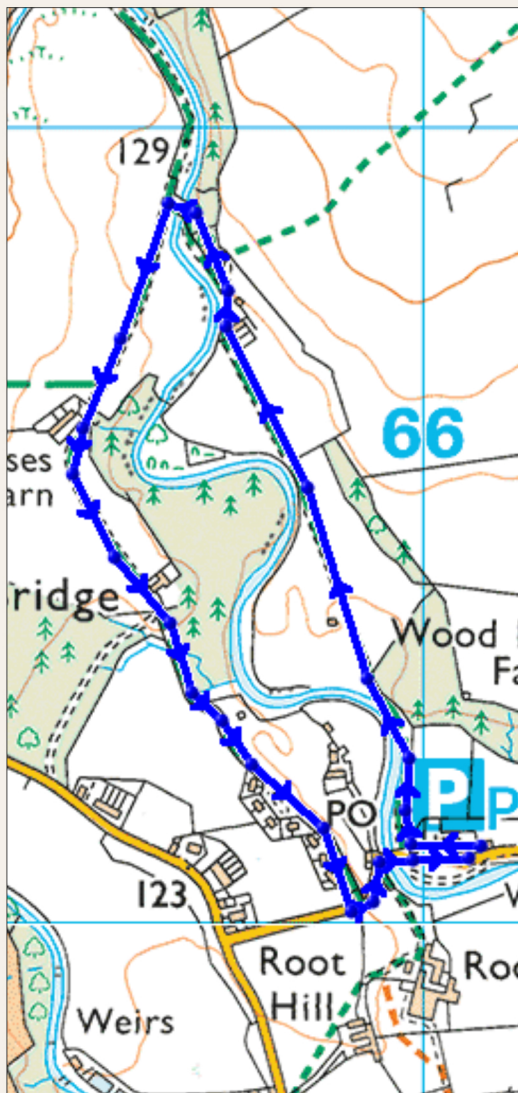


Dunsop Bridge

The precise location for the centre of Britain happens to be in Lancashire, about 4 miles north of the village of Dunsop Bridge. This walk, whilst not in the Ribble Valley, happens to be stunningly beautiful. The route takes a clockwise direction following a section of the River Hodder, a tributary of the River Ribble to return back to the start at Dunsop Bridge.


START:

Dunsop Bridge car park. BB7 3BB

WALK DISTANCE:

1¼ mile (2.0km)

WALK TIME:

About one hour

MAP:

OS OL41 The Forest of Bowland

DIRECTIONS TO THE START
START OF THE WALK BY CAR

Dunsop Bridge is a 30 minute drive from the hotel. From the car park follow to the A59, turn left and follow for 6 miles. Turn left for Clitheroe and Chatburn on the A671. On arrival in Clitheroe remain on the A671 and after passing the Royal Oak public house go straight ahead at the roundabout on to the B6748 (Waddington Road). Follow through Waddington and on to Newton. After the Parkers Arms public house bear left at the fork in the road for Dunsop Bridge. The car park is on the right as you approach the village.





WALK DIRECTIONS:

Before you start the walk you may decide to have a photo taken by the famous phone box opposite the car park.

Continue towards the bridge and turn right onto a tarmac track just after passing Puddleducks Café. Follow this as it leads across fields to reach a row of cottages.

Keep to the left of the cottages on a path leading into woods and follow until you arrive at a wooden footbridge. Cross the river and arrive on a United Utilities Service Road. Turn right and you can sample the magic of the Bowland Forest scenery in the very heart of Britain. It is easy walking, but to get to Whitendale would entail an extra 5 miles and add at least two hours to the walk. Alternatively head back to the start.

Turn left and follow the lane back to the village on the far side of the eponymous bridge. Turn left to return to the car park and we challenge you to resist tea and cakes at Puddleducks - if you can!

Point of Interest

A few years back the Wizards of the Ordnance Survey decided to work out the precise location for the centre of Britain. It happens to be in Lancashire about four miles north of the village of Dunsop Bridge. To mark this discovery BT located their 100,000th phone box beside the green - with the ten figure grid reference etched on a plaque inside. This walk does not take you to that particular spot, but it will allow you to start at that particular telephone box.

