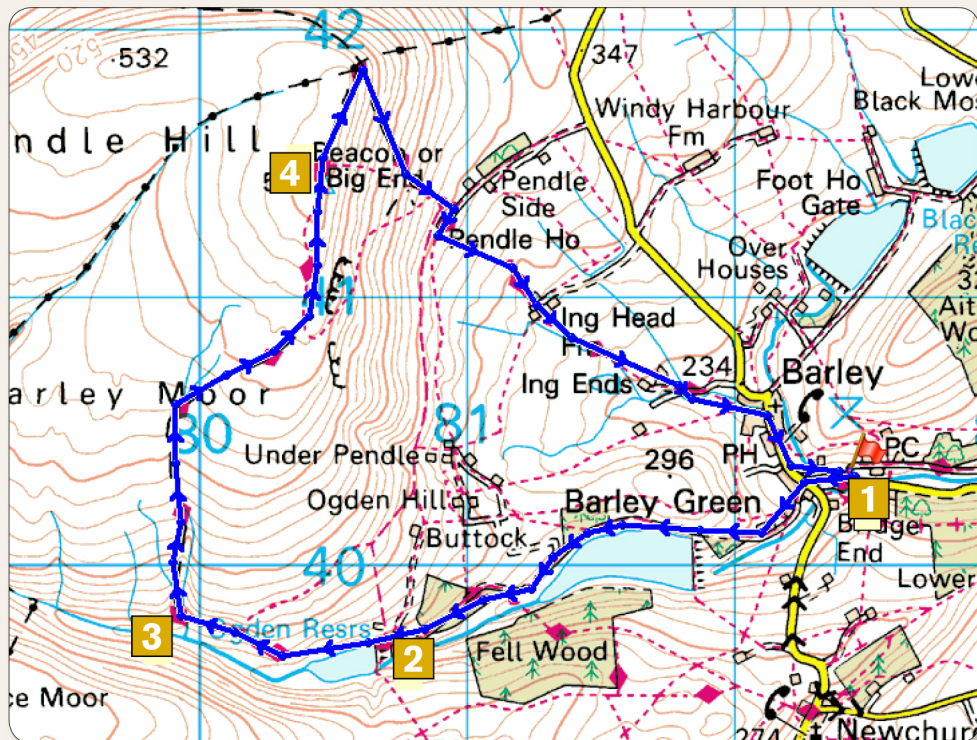


Climb Pendle Hill from Barley

Dear guest - there is no avoiding it! If you are staying in this part of Lancashire you will be drawn to the great bulk of Pendle which dominates the landscape. This circuit is one of the best short walks in the country and can be easily undertaken in a morning or afternoon and the views from the summit will be worth the effort.



START: Information Centre and car park on Barley Lane. BB12 9JX

WALK DISTANCE: 5 miles (8km)

WALK TIME: 2½-3½ hours

MAP: OS OL21 The South Pennines

DIRECTIONS TO THE START OF THE WALK BY CAR

From the hotel take the A59, turn left and follow for 6 miles. Turn left for Clitheroe and Chatburn on the A671. At a roundabout turn right for Chatburn. In the village turn right (signposted Downham). Follow for ¾ miles through Downham and arrive at a crossroads. Turn right to arrive at Barley. The car park is on the right at the end of the village.





Point of Interest

You are never far from the Witches in this part of Lancashire - they are part of the tourist industry. The story of the Lancashire Witches has the gloss of legend and public relations but in essence what ended in a celebrated show trial at Lancaster started as a “domestic” between two impoverished families in 1612. Witches were looked for and witches were found. Ten people – eight women and two men – were declared guilty and were executed.

WALK DIRECTIONS:

1 Turn right out of the car park entrance and head back to the junction with Barley Lane. Cross the road to take the narrow lane opposite, keeping the village hall on your left. This quickly leads you through to Barley Green.

The lane then climbs to the first of the two reservoirs (Ogden Clough). Just after

passing the dam join the Pendle Way as it comes in from the left.

For the rest of the walk you follow the Pendle Way with its distinctive ‘Witch on a Broomstick’ logo. Beyond a stand of pines to the right of the track, the way drops down to a gate and a stone stile below Upper Ogden Reservoir.

2 Cross the stile and follow track as it climbs steeply to reach Upper Ogden reservoir. Here the track gives way to a narrower path between a wall and fence, then passes through a gate and crosses pastures to reach a ladder stile.

Over the ladder stile follow a rough, peaty track upwards and then along to a stream flowing from the defile that is Boar Clough.

3 Cross the stream and follow the path for 60 yards then turn right where it forks and climb the steep flank of the hill. When the route crosses the top of Boar Clough a line of stone cairns come into view. Continue



upwards towards the summit trig point at the ‘Big End’ of Pendle Hill. The panoramic views are extensive on a good day.

4 From the trig point continue along a broad track northwards for 400 yards to a dry stone wall. Do not cross the wall but bear right to locate the steep, stepped path. This is the way down off the hill.

At the bottom, pass through a metal kissing gate and take the path that bears to the right and passes behind the farmhouse (Pendle House) and turn left, entering a large field by a field gate.

With a wall to left cross to another gate, then follow the path as it bears right across a shallow gully to enter a field, close by a farmhouse. When you reach the farm road turn right to cross the yard to a gate.

This gate leads onto a good path running parallel with a brook. Follow the path to finally meet a tarmac lane at Ing Ends. Turn left, passing the attractive cottage and

garden and cross over a wooden footbridge on the right.

The path bears left following the course of the stream and enters village opposite the Methodist chapel at the top of the village. Turn right to return to the car park.

