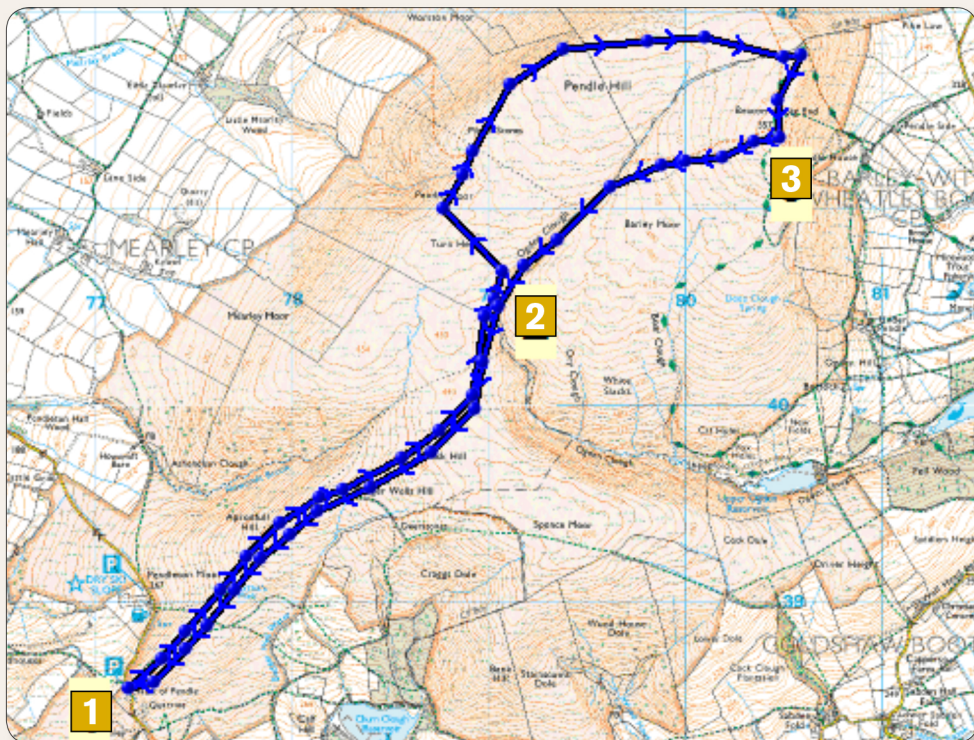


Pendle from the Nick

For guests who enjoy walking it is difficult to resist the allure of Pendle Hill. Reason 1: It's a great hill. Reason 2: It's Lancashire's most famous hill. Reason 3: It's a hill that can be seen from many points in the county so whenever you see it you will derive a great deal of satisfaction pointing it out and saying to your friends or family, "I've climbed that".



START: Quarry car park on the summit road connecting A59 with Sabden. BB7 9HN

WALK DISTANCE: 7 miles (11.25km)

WALK TIME: 3-4 hours

MAP: OS OL41 The Forest of Bowland

DIRECTIONS TO THE START OF THE WALK BY CAR

From Northcote return to the A59 and turn left in the direction of Clitheroe. Keep ahead across four roundabouts. After passing the junction for Pendleton on the right take the next right towards Sabden. The car park is on the summit of the road on the right a short distance beyond the Wellsprings Restaurant.





WALK DIRECTIONS:

1 Cross the road to join a broad track that starts below a recently placed memorial to servicemen who died in plane crashes on Pendle Hill.

Over the next hour the route crosses first Pendleton Moor followed by Spence Moor and then dips down to join with a path coming in from the right and steep sided Ogden Clough.

2 There is not much by way of feature to assist you here but look for a faint trodden path to the left. As you gain height a ruined wall appears on the right. Use this as a handrail and follow it as it crosses the ridge to intercept a path above the escarpment of Mearley Moor.

As you turn right a prominent cairn will be seen on the high ground before you. This is Scout Cairn placed there to commemorate the special anniversaries of the Scouting movement in Clitheroe and District the most recent of which was the centenary in 2014.

From the cairn follow the broad path taking you up to the next feature – a circular stone shelter. Keep ahead to arrive at a stone wall which is crossed by a ladder stile.

From here bear right as the track swings round to a second ladder stile taking you over a wall and on to the summit ridge. The route to the top is easy to follow and on most days of the year there will be plenty of other walkers who have come up from Barley.

The view when you arrive at the trig point at the summit is one of the best our county has to offer. Since Pendle Hill stands isolated in the landscape there is a complete 360 degree panorama. To the east you can look back out towards Preston and the coast.

To the north lies the Ribble Valley with Clitheroe and its castle centre stage. Beyond the town swells the upland of the Forest of Bowland with Waddington Fell and its radio mast to the left of the plantations of conifers of Grindleton Fell.



In the distance to the north east and weather permitting, you should also be able to pick out the Yorkshire giants of Ingleborough and Pen-y-ghent.

Closer to hand there are the Black Moss Reservoirs and Blacko Tower. Then across from Nelson and Colne you can pick out the bulk of Boulsworth Hill with Lad Law as its summit and the South Pennines beyond. Looking south and west Hambleton Hill rises beyond Burnley.

3 From the trig point turn south to quickly pick up a flagged path which is soon joined by a stream that helps to form Ogden Clough a steep sided valley which will come into view to the left.

The path leads to a wooden kissing gate and then crosses a stream. Now continue on a path and when it forks keep right and soon after arrive at the junction of your outward leg. From this point retrace your steps back a couple of miles to the Nick O' Pendle

