

Wray Walks: Bridges and Wray Flood

Start Point

Bridge House Farm tearooms

★ SD 606 674

Distance/Time



0.6 Miles / 15 Mins

Terrain

Roads, lanes and tracks

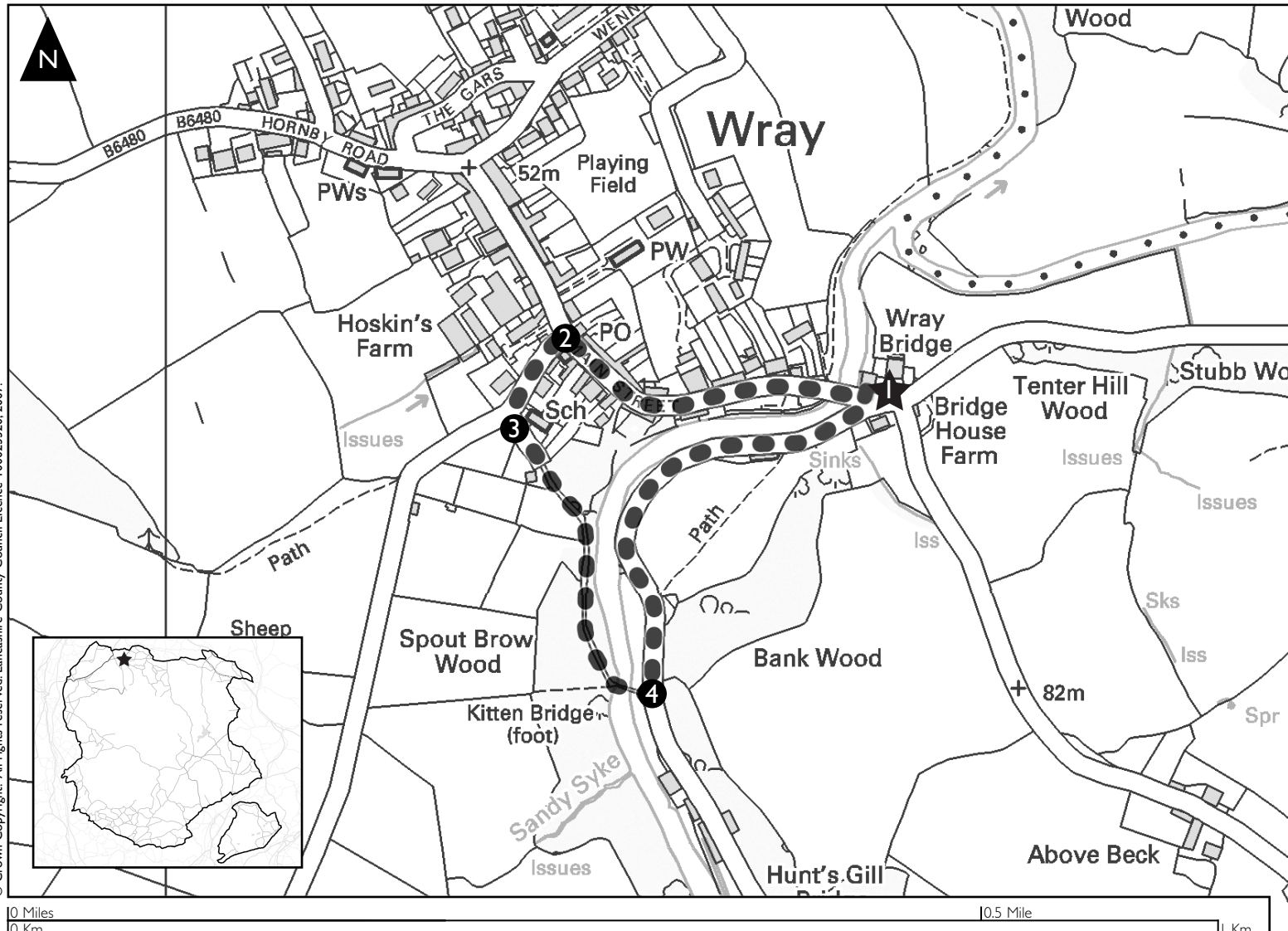
OS Explorer

OL41

'Forest of Bowland and Ribblesdale'

Walk Description

- ★ Leave Bridge House Farm tearooms and turn right. Go over the bridge and carry on up the main street.
- ② Turn left after the village shop and you will come to the school.
- ③ Take the footpath left up the side of the school. This route is known as The Spout and will lead you through to Kitten Bridge over the River Roeburn.
- ④ Cross over this bridge and up to the road and turn left to follow the road back to Bridge House Farm tearooms.



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About This Walk

In the past Wray has supported many small-scale industries including hatters, nailers' workshops and oak swill basket makers.

Felt hat making was based in several cottages close to the River Roeburn some of which were washed away by the Wray flood. This source of clean water was believed to have given the hats a superior finish. The wool was carded locally and fuel was readily available either as turf, coal or timber.

As you walk up the main street you will see the flood gardens, commemorating the great flood of 1967, when houses were washed away from this site but luckily no one was killed. The mosaic by the river was designed by local artist Maggy Howarth and made by the community for a Millennium project.

Wray school was built with money given by Captain Richard Pooley in 1684. He fought for the Roundheads in the civil war and after came home to Wray. As you can see from the plaque on the wall, Brian Holme (founder of the Law Society) also attended this school.

Kitten Bridge or 'Kitting Bridge' over the River Roeburn was washed away when the flood entered the village.

Sustainable Tourism

The Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is a protected landscape that is internationally important for its heather moorland, blanket bog and rare birds. In 2005 the AONB became the first protected area in England to be awarded the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas, joining just 30 other areas across Europe. The Charter is awarded to protected areas that are delivering tourism that is both nature and landscape friendly and which contributes to the economic development of the region. The Charter approach ensures that organisations, local people and businesses are working together to protect the area, whilst at the same time increasing opportunities for visitors to discover and enjoy its special qualities.

You can contribute to sustainable tourism by:

- Leaving the car at home and using public transport instead
- Purchasing local products, including food and drink
- Making a donation to the Bowland Tourism Environment Fund through donation boxes at participating businesses in the area.

Countryside / Moorland Code



From a gentle stroll or relaxing picnic, to a long-distance walk or heart-pumping adventure, the countryside provides every opportunity for enjoyment and relaxation. If you follow the Countryside Code wherever you go, you'll get the best enjoyment possible and you'll help to protect our open spaces now and for future generations.

1. Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs
2. Leave gates and property as you find them
3. Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
4. Keep dogs under close control
5. Consider other people
6. Prevent uncontrolled moorland fires

Safety

If you are going for a walk, it is strongly recommended that you:

- Dress appropriately - avoid wearing denim and any other clothing, which doesn't dry quickly. It is better to wear lots of lighter layers, which can be easily removed or added. Sturdy footwear and waterproofs are also a must.
- Carry the right equipment - including an Ordnance Survey Map (OS Explorer OL41); compass; small first aid kit; high energy snack; something to drink; mobile phone (be aware that coverage can be patchy); whistle.
- Always let someone know where you're going and what time you expect to be back.
- Do not take any unnecessary risks.

If you are in difficulty or see someone in difficulty, please dial **999** and ask for **Mountain Rescue**.

To report any other incident contact:

- **Countryside Service** - **01772 534 709**, open 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday
- **Lancashire Constabulary** - **0845 1 25 35 45** or **999** for emergencies