



2012

Friday 11 to Sunday 20 May

Celebrate springtime in Garstang, rural Wyre, the Forest of Bowland and along the Lancaster Canal

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www.visitwyre.co.uk
www.wyre.gov.uk

For information on Garstang also visit www.garstang.net

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Welcome

to one of the North West of England's best kept secrets – Garstang and district's beautiful countryside.

This programme of walks and activities is designed to help you experience the best of springtime in North West Lancashire, Wyre, Morecambe Bay and the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

- Enjoy bluebell woods and spring bird migration, local history and wonderful moorland scenery

- There is something for everyone from full day walks to easy one hour walks, heritage walks and a variety of outdoor activities

How to book and find out more

You can book your place on the activities (as well as accommodation) at the Visit Garstang Centre.

Please ring **01995 602125**

Complete the Booking Request Form at www.wyre.gov.uk, search Garstang Walking Festival

Email: garstangtic@wyre.gov.uk

Or by post to
Visit Garstang Centre, Cherestanc Square,
Park Hill Road, Garstang, Lancashire, PR3 1EF

The Friends of Garstang Walking Festival
Would you like to help support the future success and development of the Garstang Walking Festival ?

The Friends of Garstang Walking Festival group was formed in January 2012.
Interested in joining and becoming a Friend?
For further information please call 01995 672230

Walking Grades

Each walk and activity is given a walk rating to help you assess the length of the activity (A to H) and the type of terrain to be covered (1 to 9).

Walk Rating

B	Beginners
C	1 Hour Walk (Health Walks)
D	Up to 2 hours (Legstretcher)
E	2 hour + walks
F	Half day walks
G	Full day walks
T	Suitable for people using Trampers
WC	Toilet available

Terrain Guide

- Flat surfaced paths suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs.
 - Rural/urban walks on pavements, some road crossing.
 - Flat, across fields, possibly with some stiles.
 - Fields, country lanes and tracks with some gentle slopes. You can expect to come across stiles and livestock.
 - Fields, country lanes and tracks with some moderate slopes. You can expect to come across stiles and livestock.
 - Fields, country lanes and tracks with some steeper climbs. You can expect to come across stiles and livestock.
 - Limited paths, rough walking, steeper climbs. You can expect to come across stiles and livestock.
 - Beach.
 - Pond/River – this walk will be in or around water. Suitable shoes and clothing must be worn.
- Eg. C1 would be a 1 hour walk on flat surfaced paths (health walk).
G7 would be a full day's walk on rough, steep ground.

Poor Weather

Please note a Ranger/Leader will be at the start of an activity whatever the weather. In extreme conditions the leader and the group will take a decision on the day whether or not to cancel.

Walk Meeting Points

Location and Postcode (where available) Grid Ref.

- (1) **Wyre Estuary Country Park - FY5 5LR**
Meet at the Visitors Centre at the entrance to the park on River Road, Stanah, Thornton Cleveleys. SD356431
- (2) **Knott End Car Park - FY6 0EA**
Meet at the public car park behind the cafe. Off Bourne May Road. SD346484
- (3) **Wallings Farm, Cockerham - LA2 0HA**
Meet at Wallings Farm, Garstang Road (B5272), Cockerham. SD470509

- (4) **JC Country - PR3 1BY**
Meet in the car park, off Cleveley Bank Lane, Forton. SD498507

- (5) **Scorton Picnic Site**
Meet at the picnic site car park next to the River Wyre, one mile north of Scorton Village. SD504504

- (6) **Old Holly Farm - PR3 1AA**
Old Holly Farm is just off the main A6 road, 2 miles north of Garstang. SD492493

- (7) **Garstang:**
(7a) **Visit Garstang Centre - PR3 1EF**
Meet at the 'Visit Garstang' Centre, Cherestanc Square, off Park Hill Road, Garstang (near Booths). SD491452

- (7b) **High Street Car Park - PR3 1FU**
Meet at High Street Car Park, Garstang (by the river). SD493454

- (7c) **Garstang Arts Centre - PR3 1FU**
Meet at the Arts Centre, on the corner of High Street/Lancaster Road and Croston Road, Garstang. SD493454

- (7d) **Th'Owd Tithebarn - PR3 1PA**
Meet outside the Th'Owd Tithebarn pub in the courtyard next to the canal on Church Street, Garstang. SD489449

- (7e) **Garstang Millennium Green**
Meet in the High Street Car Park at Garstang for a one mile walk to the Green. SD496458

- (8) **The Apple Store, Wyresdale Park Estate - PR3 1BA**
Meet in the car park, off Snowhill Lane, Scorton. SD509491

- (9) **Scorton: The Priory - PR3 1AU**
Meet outside The Priory in the centre of Scorton Village. SD502488

- (10) **Barnacre:**
10a) **The Kenlis Arms - PR3 1GB**
Meet in the pub car park, off Ray Lane, Barnacre, Nr Garstang. SD510439

- 10b) **Tamarack Outdoors - PR3 1GD**
Meet outside Tamarack Outdoors shop, Ray Lane Industrial Estate, Barnacre (behind Kenlis Arms Pub)(south east of Garstang). SD510440

- 10c) **Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team Base - PR3 1GD**
Meet at the Team Base, on the Creamery Industrial Estate (past the Tamarack Outdoors Shop). This location is only available for the Open Day. SD509442

- (11) **Claughton Memorial Hall - PR3 0QH**
Meet in car park, off Stubbins Lane (east of Catterall). SD513428

- (12) **Guys Thatched Hamlet / Owd Nells - PR3 0RS**
Meet in the rear car park, near the cricket pavilion. This location is only available for the Guided Walk. SD508396

- (13) **Grizedale Bridge**
Meet at Grizedale Bridge Lay-By on Oakenclough Road (adjacent to Harris End Fell – stone seat behind lay-by). SD536491

- (14) **Calder Vale Village Hall - PR3 1SJ**
Meet outside the Village Hall on opposite side of the River from the Mill (parking only allowed for public in village at weekends). SD532458

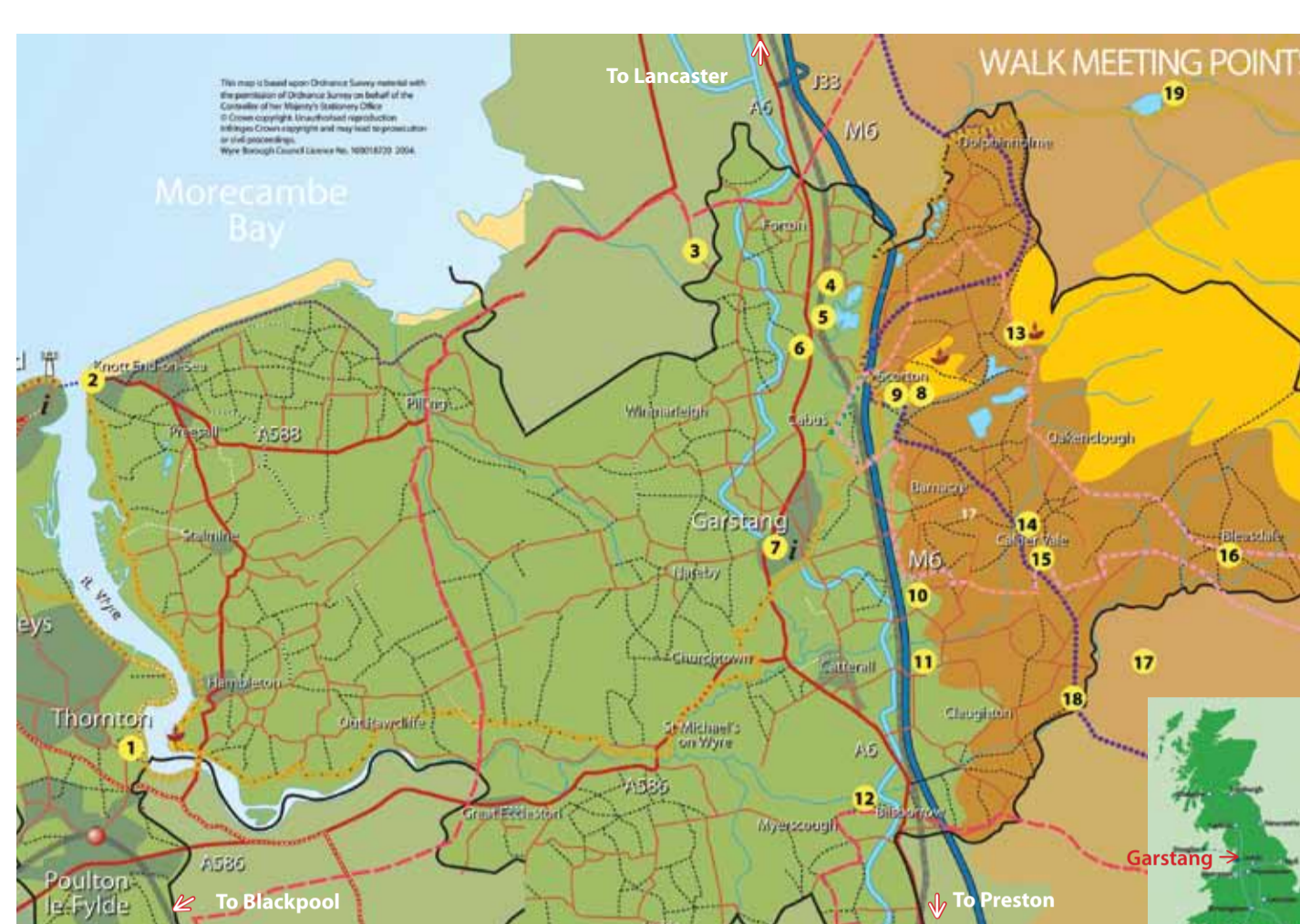
- (15) **Cobble Hey Farm and Gardens - PR3 0QN**
Meet at the farm, off Hobbs Lane, Claughton-on-Brock. Brown sign posted off A6 from New Lane (Rogers of Brock Garage, south of Garstang/Catterall). SD536449

- (16) **Bleasdale Parish Hall - PR3 1UY**
(please note, this postcode covers 3 square miles). Meet at the Parish Hall, opposite Bleasdale CE School (approached along private road from Bleasdale Lane). This location is only available for the guided walk. SD574453

- (17) **Beacon Fell Country Park - PR3 2NL**
Meet in the Lower Car Park, near the Bowland Visitor Centre, Beacon Fell. SD565426

- (18) **Brock Valley Picnic Area**
Meet at the picnic area and car park beside the river off Brock Mill Lane (between Claughton and Beacon Fell Country Park). SD549431

- (19) **Over Wyresdale Parish Hall - LA2 9BQ**
Meet in the Parish hall car park. This location is only available for the guided walk. SD563543



Directions to Garstang

By car

From the south - Exit M6 at junction 32 (Preston). Follow signs for Garstang, taking the A6 north, for approx. 20 minutes.

From the north - Exit M6 at junction 33 (Lancaster south). Follow signs for Garstang, taking the A6 south, for approx. 10 minutes.

From the west - Exit M55 at junction 1 (Preston). Follow the signs for Garstang, taking the A6 north, for approx. 20 minutes.

Or Take the A586 to Churchtown. Turn left onto the A6 north and follow the signs to Garstang, for approx. 5 minutes.

From the east - Take the A59 to junction 31 of the M6. Join the motorway and exit at junction 32, as per directions from the south.

By public transport

For details of train and bus times please ring 0871 200 22 33 or 0857 48 49 50.

The nearest railway stations to Garstang are Preston, Poulton-le-Fylde and Lancaster.

For bookings please ring 01995 602125

Diary

Friday 11 May

Launch Event **2.30pm – 4.30pm**
MEET: 7a **GRADE: C4** **COST: Free**
Join us to cut our festival cake, meet the walk leaders and find out about all that is going on during the week, with dancing from local school children and a chance to join the Garstang Country Walk.
T, WC, on public transport

Garstang Country Walk **3.30 pm – 4.30pm**
MEET: 7a **GRADE: C4** **COST: Free**
Join us for our inaugural walk. Approx 1 - 2 miles.
T, WC, on public transport

Saturday 12 May

Spring Chorus at the Wyre Estuary NEW **6am – 9am**
AREA: Thornton **GRADE: C1** **COST: £3/£2**
An early birdwatch to listen for birdsong. Bring your binoculars and a flask. Join us for a snack in the Wyreside Café afterwards (extra cost). Approx 3 – 4 miles. **Booking essential.**
WC, on public transport

Dry Stone Walling Workshop (2 Day Course) **9am – 4.30pm (each day)**
AREA: Beacon Fell **COST: £30**
Come along to learn the ancient rural craft of dry stone walling. Gain expert tuition on this two-day course (Saturday and Sunday), which is suitable for complete beginners.
Booking essential.
Practical activity, WC



Wyre Way Challenge **9am – 5pm approx (each day)**
AREA: Thornton/Garstang/Abbeystead **GRADE: G5/6** **COST: £30**
for all four days
For those who like a challenge, or enjoy longer walks, why not take up the Wyre Way Challenge to walk the long distance Wyre Way, which is 41 miles from sea to source. This four day walk follows the course of the River Wyre from Morecambe Bay at Knott End-on-Sea through to Garstang and on into the Forest of Bowland. **Booking essential.**
WC, on public transport, bring packed lunch

Walk the Wyre Way Day 1 **9am – 4pm**
AREA: Thornton **GRADE: G6** **COST: £10**
£30 for all four days
By coach and ferry to Knott End. Walk from Knott End along the Wyre Way, crossing the river at Shard Bridge and follow the Wyre Way to the Wyre Estuary Country Park. Approx 8 miles. Extra cost for ferry. **Booking essential.**
WC, on public transport, bring packed lunch

Cobble Hey Ramble **9.30am – 1pm**
AREA: Claughton/Barnacre **GRADE: F6** **COST: £3/£2**
From Cobble Hey Farm, we walk to St Johns Church and through bluebell woods into the village of Calder Vale. Climbing up through woodlands to see some spectacular views of the surrounding area (weather permitting). Refreshments available at end of walk at extra cost.
Approx 5 miles. Booking essential.
WC

Claughton Hall Woodland Walk **10am – noon**
AREA: Claughton **GRADE: E4** **COST: £3/£2**
Discover this private woodland and learn about its past and its wildlife. Approx 2 – 3 miles. **Booking essential.**
WC, on public transport

Spring Stroll **NEW** **1pm – 3pm**
MEET: 1 **GRADE: D4** **COST: £3/£2**
A stroll around the Wyre Estuary Country Park, enjoying the spring season with the rangers. Approx 2 – 3 miles.
WC, on public transport

Wyre Way Challenge

Saturday 12 to Tuesday 15 May

Take up the challenge to walk the long distance Wyre Way, a four day walk that is 41 miles from sea to source.



Boundary Explorer

Friday 18 to Sunday 20 May

These walks showcase the diversity of Wyre: the Coast, the Plains and the High Walk.



Garstang Heritage Trail

AREA: Garstang **GRADE: E2** **6.30pm – 8pm**
COST: £3/£2

A walk into Garstang's past. Follow the history of the town via the many historic buildings and landmarks that remain today. Refreshments available at end of walk (optional) at Royal Oak (at extra cost). Approx 1 – 2 miles. **Booking essential.**

WC, on public transport

Sunday 13 May

Dry Stone Walling Workshop - (see Saturday 12th May).

Booking essential.

Walk the Wyre Way Day 2

AREA: Garstang **GRADE: G5** **9am – 5pm**
COST: £10,
£30 for all four days

The second leg of the Wyre Way Challenge. This is the longest section, which takes in the lower reaches of the River Wyre from Shard Bridge to Garstang. Approx 12 miles.
Booking essential.
WC, on public transport, bring packed lunch

Calder Vale Round

AREA: Garstang **GRADE: G6** **9.30am – 4pm**
COST: £3/£2

A walk into the Bowland Foothills from Garstang, calling at Calder Vale for an afternoon 'Bluebell Tea' (tea, cakes etc – extra charge). Approx 8 miles. **Booking essential.**
WC, on public transport, packed lunch, dog friendly

Wildflowers – Myths and Medicines NEW

AREA: Brock **GRADE: E4** **1pm – 4pm**
COST: £3/£2

A walk along the Brock Valley investigating the flowers of the valley and talking about legend, myths and medicines associated with the flora. Approx 2 miles.
Booking essential.

