



01 Trawden to Wycoller

and on to Laneshaw Bridge

Step out of the cottage, past the community-owned Trawden Arms and up past the old tram tracks, and within the hour you'll be crossing pulpit stiles above the Wycoller valley with Pendle Hill on the skyline. Wycoller is a gem: a ruined hall said to be Charlotte Brontë's Ferndean Manor, a packhorse bridge built before 1550 and a clapper bridge polished by centuries of clogs. Walk back the way you came, or carry on past old golf links and herons to the Emmott Arms at Laneshaw Bridge.

 **DISTANCE**
4 miles (6 km)
one way

 **TIME**
About 2½ hours one
way

 **ASCENT**
Not stated by the source

 **DIFFICULTY**
Easy to moderate

 **DOGS**
Farmland and
pulpit stiles; lead
near livestock

 **START & PARKING**
Trawden Arms, Church Street, Trawden. No car
needed

 **PUB STOP**
Trawden Arms · Emmott
Arms (finish)

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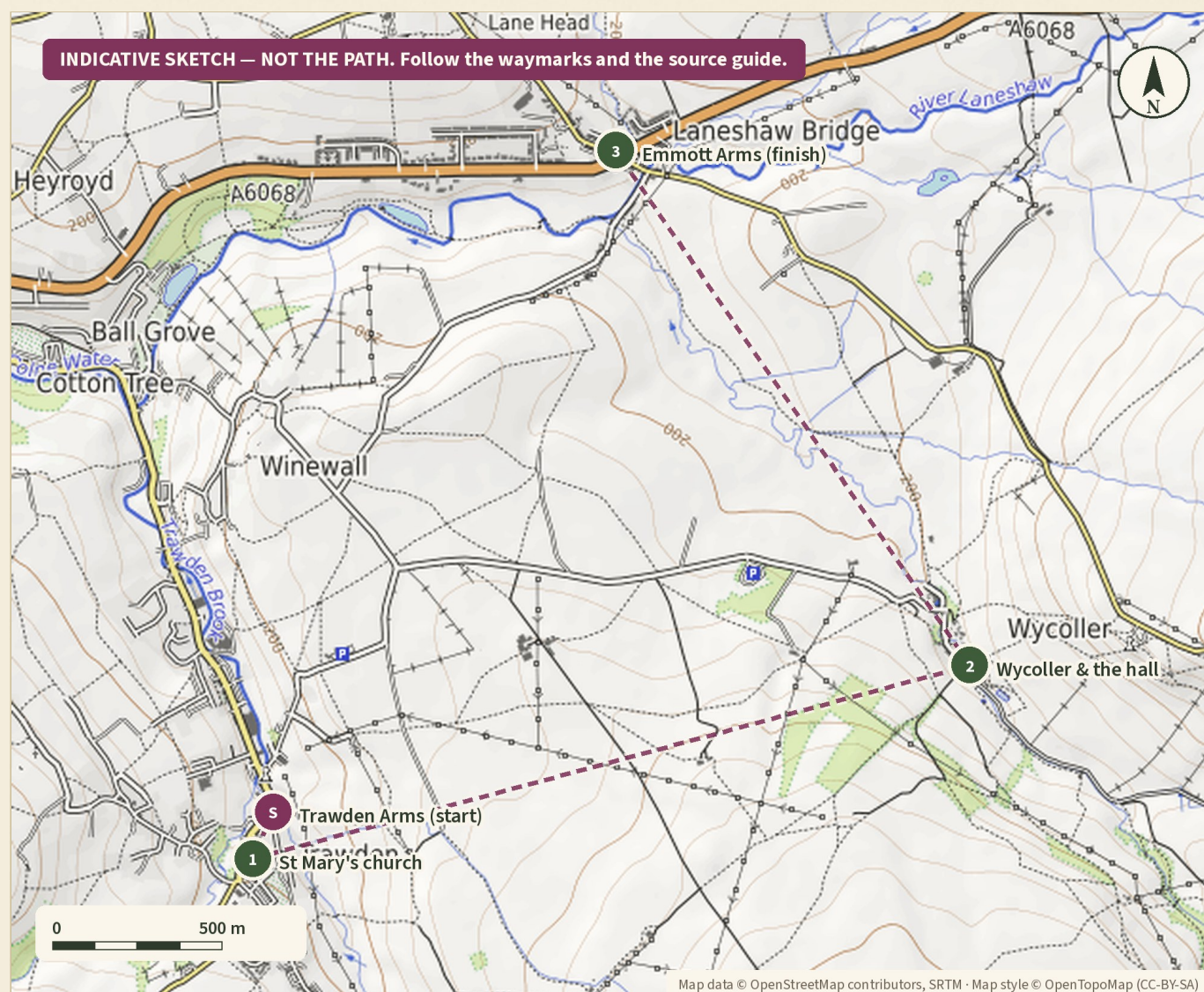
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The map

INDICATIVE SKETCH



Indicative only: this is not the path. The pins show where the main places named in the route sit (positions from OpenStreetMap), and the dotted line shows the order you reach them. Follow the waymarks, OS Explorer OL21 and the source guide. Base map: OpenTopoMap · © OpenStreetMap contributors.

Getting there

Walk from the cottage: the Trawden Arms is about 0.4 miles by road from Spring Cottage.

Map & kit

OS Explorer OL21 South Pennines. Waterproof boots and layers, water, snacks and a charged phone. Directions below follow the source guide step by step.

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The route

STEP BY STEP, FROM THE SOURCE GUIDE

1

Start at the Trawden Arms. With your back to the pub, the old tram track is to your left. If you like, first walk about 50 yards to the right to the bottom of Rock Lane to see Poetry Corner, then retrace your steps to the pub.

Look out for...

The village's own pub

The Trawden Arms was built in 1895 on the site of a 16th-century corn mill. When it came up for sale in 2021, the village of around 2,000 people raised £520,000 to buy it. Trawden's other old pub, the Sun Inn, closed in 2013, so this is the village's last pub, and it's community-owned.



2

Take the main road on your left up the hill to the Church of St Mary the Virgin (built 1846). Keep the church on your right and carry on up to the bus terminus, where on the left you can see the top end of the tram tracks with a small section of rail. Continue on the road towards Hollin Hall, passing the White Lea Head Club (the Cockhill Club) on your left.

Look out for...

Canon Dempsey's sweets

St Mary's best-loved priest, Canon Hugh Dempsey, served the parish for 41 years until his death in 1949. He carried sweets in his pocket for the children and walked the parish in his clerical robes and clogs.



3

Where the houses finish, take the tarmac road to your left and climb to the top of the first field. A path on your right climbs beside the copse to Little Laith Farm. Pass the farm on your left and head along a straight path to Germany Farm, passing it on your right. You are now on part of the Brontës in Pendle Circular Walk. Where the farm track bears round to the left, the path continues straight on.

Look out for...

The big view

Try to do this on a clear day: with Boulsworth Hill as a backdrop, the views towards Pendle Hill are, in the leaflet's words, simply magnificent. Look for the roof of Raven Rock farm.



4

Keep the wall and then the fence on your right. Cross the two pulpit stiles. The path leads through the trees and out onto the farm road, then down into the hamlet of Wycollier.

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Explore Wycollier, then continue left past the café and shop on your right (see Fuel stop). At Laithe Hills turn right towards the white house.

Look out for...

Ferndean Manor and Sallie's Brig

Wycollier's ruined hall is said to be Ferndean Manor in Charlotte Brontë's *Jane Eyre*. Its last squire, Henry Owen Cunliffe, died in debt in 1818 and the hall was plundered for stone, some of it to build a cotton mill in Trawden. The packhorse bridge, Sallie's Brig, was built before 1550, and the clapper bridge is worn by generations of clogs, as villagers walked to the cotton mills of Trawden and Cottontree six days a week.



6

Follow the clearly marked track past Lowlands Farm and Dent House (note the quaint well on the right, fed by a metal pipe from across the river), then the Pump House on the right. Continue straight on for about 500 yards to a stone stile. Don't take the stile: go through the gap on the left and follow a clearly defined path over a small wooden bridge into a large field. Continue to the road and turn right.



*Look out for...**Hérons, deer and a lost golf course*

The big field was St Andrew's Golf Course until 1948. You might pick out old bunkers and tees. Look out for the resident herons and deer on the left.



7

Pass the little row of cottages called Carriers Row.

*Look out for...**Carriers Row*

The name tells you what its first residents did: they carried coal from the mine behind the houses, or stone from nearby quarries.



8

At the bridge over the River Laneshaw turn left and walk up the hill to the Emmott Arms, where the walk ends.

This is a one-way walk. Retrace your steps to Trawden, or arrange a lift. The 2009 leaflet lists Burnley & Pendle bus service 21; check current buses on Traveline before relying on it.

**Fuel stop**

- Trawden Arms (start): the community-owned village pub.
- Wycollier: older guides mention a café and tea rooms in the hamlet, but Wycollier's tearooms have closed in recent years. Check before you rely on it and pack a picnic. The Old Rock Café & Cake Shop on Keighley Road, Trawden, is a sure bet on the way home.
- Emmott Arms, Laneshaw Bridge (finish): AA Rosette farm-to-fork pub; dogs welcome in certain rooms (say when booking).
- Toilets: the leaflet lists toilets at Wycollier and Laneshaw Bridge.

**Countryside Code & safety**

- Leave gates as you find them and keep to marked paths unless you are on open access land.
- Don't block gateways or lanes when you park.
- Take your litter home, and bag and bin your dog's poo.
- Dogs: keep them under control and in sight, and on a lead around livestock. On open access land (most of the moorland here) dogs must be on a lead from 1 March to 31 July, and near livestock at any time. If cattle threaten you, let your dog off the lead so you can both get to safety.
- Moorland fires are devastating. No fires or BBQs.

These are real Pennine walks across working farmland and open moor, and the weather can change fast on the tops. Wear waterproof boots, carry a waterproof layer, water and a map (OS Explorer OL21 South Pennines covers Trawden, Wycollier and Boulsworth; OL41 covers Pendle Hill), and tell someone your route. Phone signal can be patchy.

Sources. These directions follow the guides below; check them before you go, as paths, stiles and opening times change.

Place Pendle / Colne Connected, Three Villages Walk (Trawden to Laneshaw Bridge section), 2009: https://placependle.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/3_villages_walk-2.pdf
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