



## 04 Coldwell, Bedding Hill Moor & Wycoller

*a big moorland round with no summit to slog up*

Follow the Pendle Way out of Trawden to the Coldwell reservoirs, which shine below Boulsworth's long flank, then pick up the Brontë Way across Deerstone and Will Moors. It's wide, quiet, big-sky country. The descent off Bedding Hill Moor brings you down to Dean House Farm and into Wycoller, with its packhorse bridge, before the last fields back to the cottage.



**DISTANCE**  
7½ miles (12 km)



**TIME**  
About 4 hours



**ASCENT**  
1,076 ft (328 m)



**DIFFICULTY**  
Moderate: one (avoidable) steep climb



**DOGS**  
Moorland and farmland with sheep



**START & PARKING**  
Trawden village

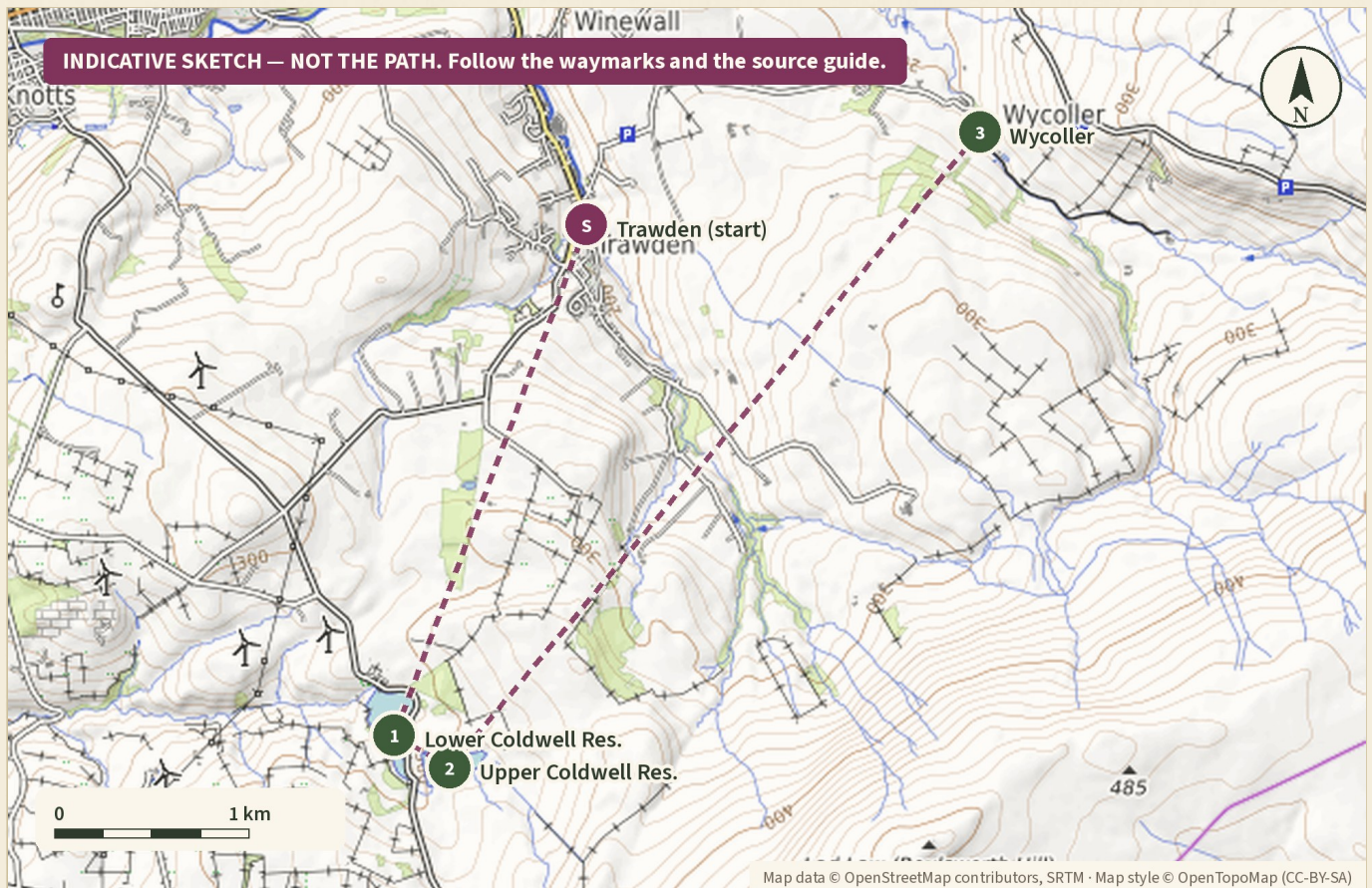


**PUB STOP**  
Wycoller (check) · Trawden on your return



## 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 route starts and ends in Trawden village.

### Map & kit

OS Explorer OL21 South Pennines. Waterproof boots and layers, water, snacks and a charged phone. The source gives a route outline only, so the map and waymarks matter here.

## The route

ROUTE OUTLINE

go4awalk publishes this route as a place-name outline; its detailed PDF and GPX need an account, so these notes stay at outline level. Use OS Explorer OL21 (or Landranger 103) and follow the waymarks: the Pendle Way's black witch and the Brontë Way's named posts.

1

Leave Trawden on the Pendle Way.

#### *Look out for...*

#### *Two long-distance trails*

The Pendle Way is a 45-mile (72 km) circular path from Barrowford, waymarked with a black witch. The Brontë Way runs 40 miles (64 km) from Gawthorpe Hall in Lancashire to Oakwell Hall in West Yorkshire.



2

Pass Lower Coldwell Reservoir, then Upper Coldwell Reservoir.

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*Look out for...**No pub at Coldwell*

The old Coldwell Inn by the reservoirs is now Coldwell Activity Centre, a charity-run group-accommodation centre, not a public café or pub. Take a picnic.

3

Cross Deerstone Moor and join the Brontë Way.

4

Continue over Will Moor and down Will Moor Clough, then onto Bedding Hill Moor.

5

Come down by Saucer Hill Clough to Dean House Farm and into Wycollier.

*Look out for...**Into Wycollier*

Wycollier was a busy hand-loom weaving community in the late 1700s, emptied as weavers left for the mills, and by the 1890s was almost deserted. Lancashire County Council bought the village in 1973.

6

Return over the fields by Bracken Hill to Trawden.

*Feeling energetic? go4awalk's sister route (I105) adds the Lad Law summit: 9 miles, 533 m of ascent, about 5 hours.*

**Fuel stop**

- Take a picnic: there is nothing at the reservoirs.
- 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.
- Trawden Arms back in the village.

**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.

go4awalk, walk I119: Bedding Hill Moor and Wycollier from Trawden: <https://go4awalk.com/walks/walk-search/walk.php?walk=I119>

Coldwell Activity Centre (status of the old inn): <https://coldwell.org.uk/>

Countryside Code: GOV.UK. Facts checked October 2026.

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