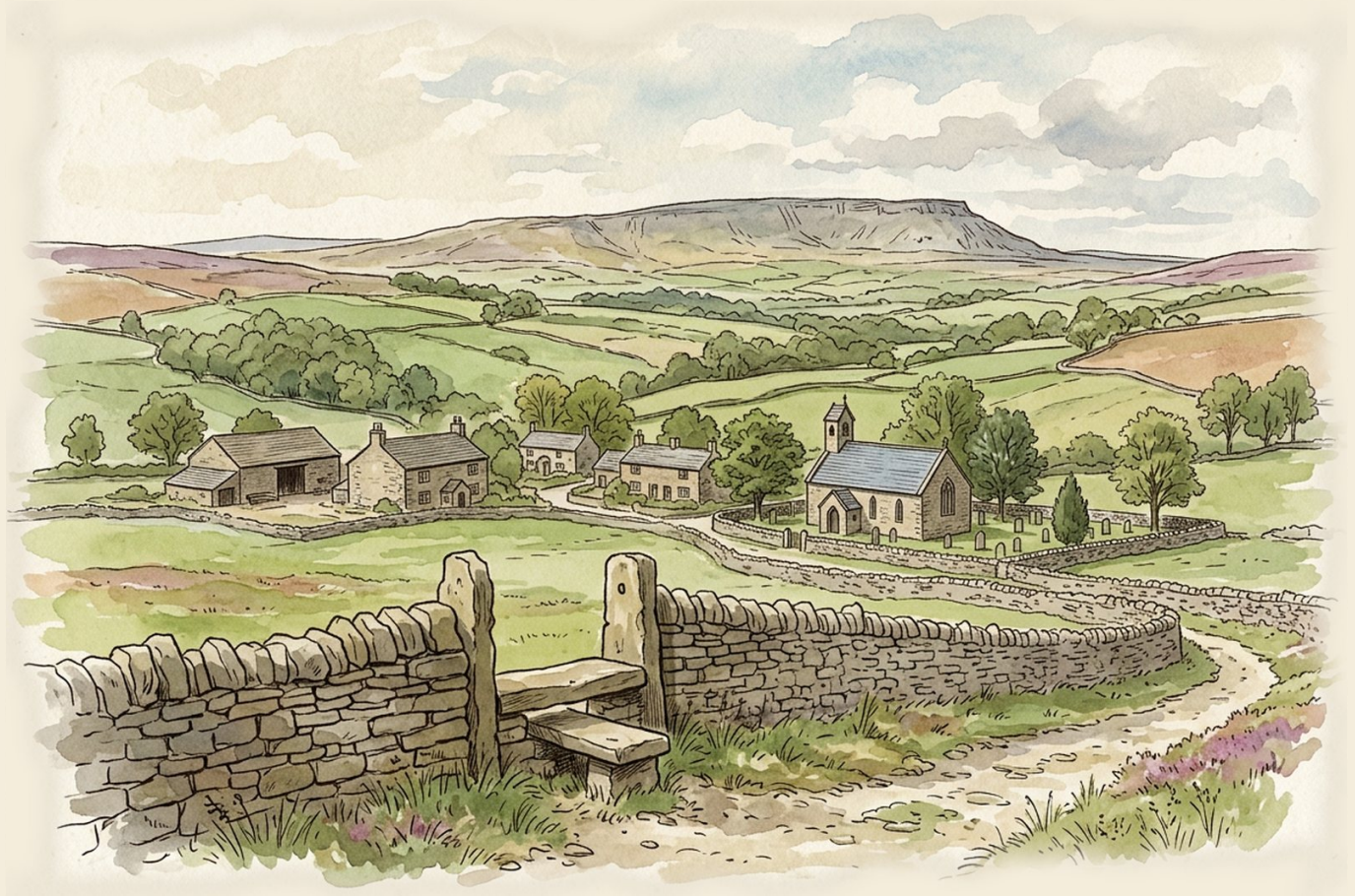




05 Winewall & Laneshaw Bridge

a gentle, history-packed circular

A gentle loop through the farmland on Trawden's doorstep, with old farmhouses, drystone walls and a story at every turn. You'll pass the church whose young curate proposed to Charlotte Brontë (she said no), an old poor house, the house where a tree was said to blossom every Christmas Eve, and the little Inghamite chapel at Winewall where 700 came to hear a firebrand preacher in 1755.

 DISTANCE 5¾ miles (short version 4½)	 TIME 2 to 4 hours	 ASCENT Not stated by the source	 DIFFICULTY Easy to moderate: 'a more gentle walk', some stiles
 DOGS The leaflet asks for dogs on a lead	 START & PARKING Lower car park, Ball Grove Park, Colne (or join on foot at Winewall)	 PUB STOP Alma Inn · Emmott Arms · Lakeside Café	

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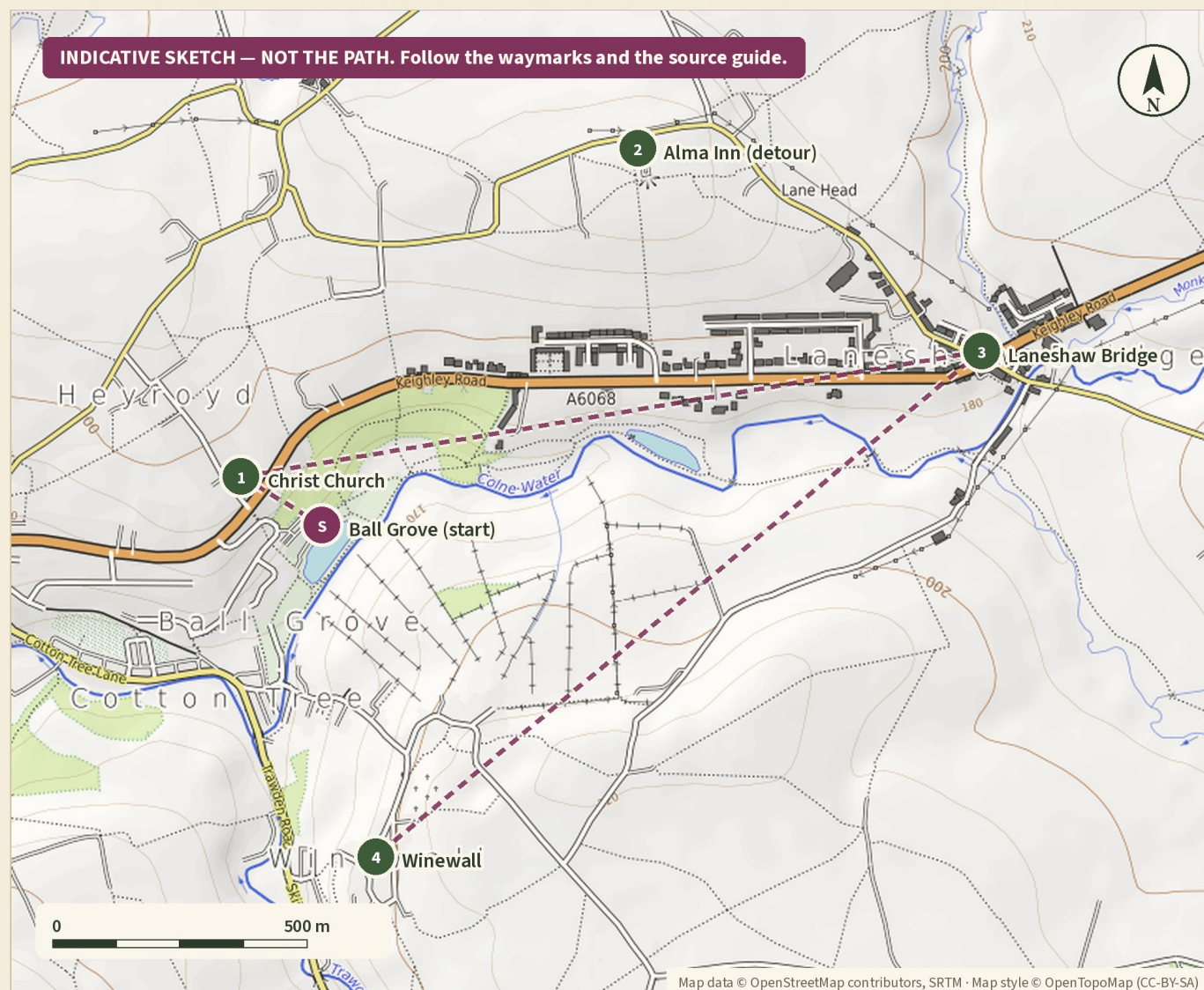
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The map

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

Drive to Ball Grove Park car park, Colne. Or walk from the cottage and join the loop at Winewall (BB8 8EN), on the edge of Trawden: step 9 runs through it.

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 From the lower car park at Ball Grove, take the path past the play area and bear right past the houses. Turn left up the steps, a grass slope and more steps to reach Keighley Road.

Look out for...

From mill to nature reserve

Ball Grove Mill was built in the 1780s as a water-powered spinning mill and grew into a 15-acre tannery run by the Sagar brothers. It closed in 1970, and the site is now a park and Local Nature Reserve.



- 2 Cross and go up Bents Lane, passing Christ Church. Where the road bends, continue left on the track; at the first field turn right to reach Skipton Old Road. Cross the road and turn right. Take the signposted path on the left, past the houses and through a field. Head to the left of the trees and continue to the road.

Look out for...

Charlotte said no

Christ Church was built in 1836. Its first curate, the Rev. David Pryce, met Charlotte Brontë in August 1839 and proposed; she declined. The church was caught up in the weavers' riots of 1840, when its railings were torn out by a mob marching on Colne.



- 3 Cross and go a short distance down the drive to Lower Clough. Take the path on your right through a gap in the hedge. Pass a garden, cross two fields, then turn left over a footbridge. Head slightly right to a stone bridge and gate, then go uphill on the same line through a gate to Moss Houses. Just right of the wall the path continues between the buildings. At the fingerpost turn right, and keep right until you reach the ford.

- 4 Take the stone bridge on your right, then the path left, and cross the road to the golf course. Cross it following the marker posts to a bridge over a wide ditch. Continue across the fields to the farmyard of Near Salter Syke Farm. Bear left through the yard and across fields to the farmyard of Far Salter Syke Farm. Go through the yard and turn right down the farm track.

- 5 Turn left at the road, then immediately right onto Long Lane. After 200 metres turn left down the drive towards Flass. Just before the farmyard bear right into the field. Keep the fence on your left and turn left at the gate (or take the path right to stop at the Alma Inn), down to a gate in the wall. Bear half right through the next field. Turn left down to a boardwalk and footbridge, then go through a wooden stile and a stone one. Go down a short slope, cross the ditch, turn right at a stile and follow the Pendle Way down to Laneshaw Bridge.

Look out for...

The poor house at Flass

Built in the 1820s, Flass poor house took in the aged and infirm when hard times hit Colne's weavers. It could hold 90 people and had 24 looms.



- 6 At Keighley Road turn right, then left down School Lane. Go over the bridge and turn right into Carriers Row.

- 7 Short walk: after the houses on your left, turn right through a gap stile and follow the footpath along Colne Water back to the start. Full walk: continue up the lane for a further 300 metres, then turn left at the footpath sign over a stone stile. Continue up to a field gate, then turn right to the next stile, then go diagonally left to Slack Farm. Go through the courtyard and on past the houses, part way down the drive. At the marker post go diagonally right to the road.



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Cross and go up the drive of Great Thorn Edge to a signpost. Turn sharp right, following the signs to Trawden. Continue through the yard of Higher Stunstead Farm and on to Stunstead House. Turn right over a wooden stile to the road.

Look out for...

Stunstead's Christmas tree

Stunstead House was the home of the Midgeley family from 1694 to 1869. An old belief held that a tree here would blossom on Christmas Eve.



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Go left down the road, then turn right at the sharp bend onto a bridleway. Follow it past Well Head (on the left) and the old Inghamite Chapel (on the right), and on through Winewall. At the road, turn left back down to the start.

Look out for...

Well Head and the chapel

In 1914 the Well Head water supply was at the centre of a typhoid outbreak: 28 cases and four deaths. Just along the bridleway, 700 people came to hear the preacher Benjamin Ingham at Winewall's chapel in 1755. Winewall itself dates back to at least 1260 as a vaccary, or cattle farm.



Fuel stop

- Alma Inn, Laneshaw Bridge (short detour at step 5): country inn; dogs on a lead welcome in the bar, not the restaurant.
- Emmott Arms, Laneshaw Bridge: AA Rosette pub; dogs in certain rooms (say when booking).
- Lakeside Café, Ball Grove (start/finish): homemade breakfasts, soups and cakes by the lake.



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, Wycoller 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, Winewall Circular Walk (print-friendly PDF): <https://placependle.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Winewall-print-friendly-1.pdf>

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