



07 Wycoller Country Park Circular

the hamlet that time forgot

Wycoller is a hamlet that time forgot, and this easy loop shows it off beautifully. Wander the beck past the ruined Elizabethan hall that Charlotte Brontë is said to have used for Ferndean Manor, then cross some of the ancient bridges, from a single slab of stone to the humped packhorse bridge. A gentle climb brings you up onto the fell for views across to Pendle Hill before you drop back down to the hamlet. Dogs will love the shallow, sparkling beck.



DISTANCE
6.4 km (4 miles)



TIME
About 2 hours



ASCENT
About 131 m



DIFFICULTY
Easy: gradual climb, rougher on the moor



DOGS
Rated 8/10 by the Wildpack Collective; sheep, so mostly on lead



START & PARKING
Wycoller Country Park car park, Wycoller Road, BB8 8SY (free)



PUB STOP
Wycoller (check) · Old Rock Café, Trawden

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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

About 2 miles by road from Trawden (around 10 minutes), or walk it from the cottage on Walk 1.

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

The source describes the shape of the loop rather than every turn, so these notes stay at that level. Use OS Explorer OL21 and the country park's own waymarks and visitor information.

1

Start at the free Wycoller Country Park car park on Wycoller Road (toilets here) and walk into the hamlet.

2

Follow the beck along the valley floor, past the ruined hall and the old bridges.

Look out for...

The hall and its fireplace

Wycoller Hall was built by the Hartley family in the 16th century; its grand fireplace survives. It was used to illustrate an 1898 edition of *Jane Eyre*.



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Look out for...*Seven bridges*

Seven bridges cross Wycoller Beck, among them the single-slab Clam Bridge (possibly over a thousand years old), the Clapper Bridge and the twin-arched Packhorse Bridge.

3

Climb gently onto the open fell, with views across to Pendle Hill.

Look out for...*For the dogs*

The beck runs clear and shallow over stone, with lots of easy paddling spots. Sheep graze both valley and fell, so expect leads on for most of the walk.

4

Come back down through rougher moorland to the hamlet and the car park.

**Fuel stop**

- Wycoller: older guides mention a café and tea rooms in the hamlet, but Wycoller'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.
- Toilets and a visitor centre at the country park.

**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.

The Wildpack Collective, Wycoller Country Park Circular: <https://wildpackcollective.com/walk/wycoller-country-park-circular/>

AllTrails, The Forest of Trawden (hall details): <https://www.alltrails.com/en-gb/trail/england/lancashire/the-forest-of-trawden>

Wikipedia, Wycoller Hall: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wycoller_Hall

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