

Caldertop Cottage – Walks from the door



Start Point

Caldertop Cottage, Landskill Farm,

SD 5388 4583

Please note: these routes also link with the Forest of Bowland Delph Quarry Circular Walk (additional 4 miles)

Distance/Time



Route A – 4 miles, 2.5 hours



Route B – 4 miles, 2.5 hours



Route C – 4.7 miles, 3 hours

Terrain

Please note: part of route is on private estate roads which are also public footpaths. Metalled roads, gravel/hardcore and grassy tracks and fields. Can be very muddy and wet in places. Livestock in the fields.

Key to Facilities

Cafe, Toilets and Gardens at Cobble Hey Farm & Gardens (ring ahead to check for opening times: 01995 602 643 www.cobblehey.co.uk)

Pony trekking at Braedens (ring ahead to book 07944 244368 www.braedentrekking.co.uk)

Bird hides

GPS Waypoints (OS grid refs)

● Route A

- SD 5388 4583
- SD 5403 4599
- SD 5458 4626
- SD 5459 4581
- SD 5480 4564
- SD 5521 4556
- SD 5543 4502

GPS Waypoints (OS grid refs)

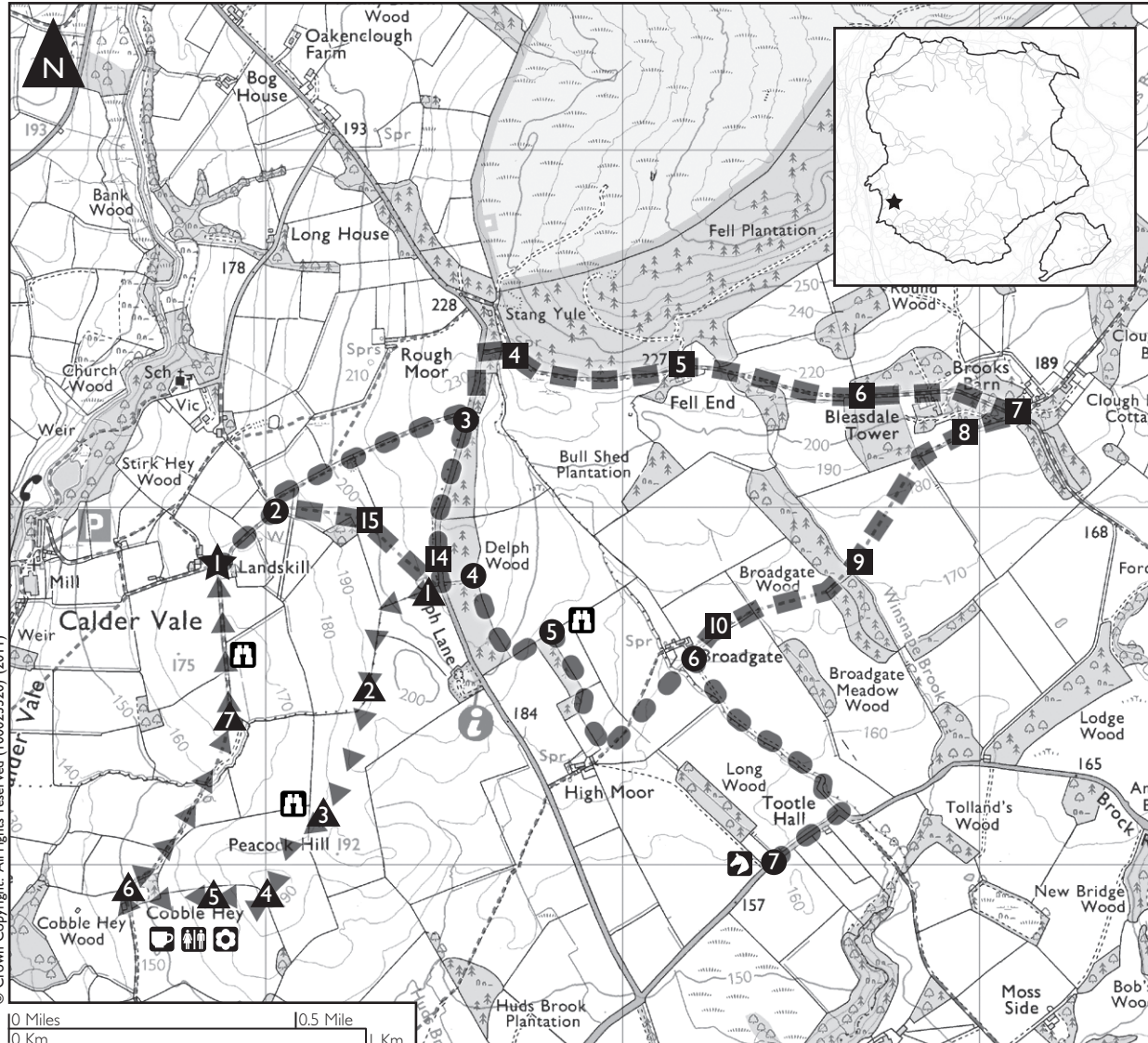
▲ Route C

- SD 5449 4578
- SD 5426 4541
- SD 5416 4511
- SD 5463 4493

GPS Waypoints (OS grid refs)

■ Route B

- SD 5388 4583
- SD 5403 4599
- SD 5458 4626
- SD 5466 4644
- SD 5512 4637
- SD 5563 4631
- SD 5608 4626
- SD 5592 4601
- SD 5564 4582
- SD 5522 4561
- SD 5518 4554
- SD 5480 4564
- SD 5459 4581
- SD 5449 4579
- SD 5428 4596



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Walk Description

Route A – Caldertop Cottage to Braedens Pony Trekking Centre

★ GPS: SD 5388 4583

Follow the track north east out of the farmyard.

2 GPS: SD 5403 4599

Where the track turns a sharp left go straight ahead following a footpath sign through a gate, go straight ahead along the track following the left field edge. Continue all the way along the track until you reach the road. Turn right.

3 GPS: SD 5458 4626

Walk for about ¼ mile along the road and then turn left onto a path through Delph Wood.

4 GPS: SD 5459 4581

Leave the wood through a wooden gate and turn right, follow the line of woods on your right downhill to a wall. Turn left, around the field corner.

5 GPS: SD 5480 4564

Then take a right through a wooden gate, keeping the woodland plantation to your right. At this point you can take a short detour to your left to the bird hide at Broadgate Farm. The field in front of the hide is being managed for breeding wading birds such as Lapwing and Curlew.

Take the next right through a wooden gate, continue ahead across a field to the field corner, and then turn left down the right edge of the field to emerge on a track in front of Broadgate Farm.

6 GPS: SD 5521 4556

Turn right and follow the track down to the road, turn right and after about ¼ mile take the first right, you will come to the Braedens Pony Trekking Centre.

7 GPS: SD 5543 4502

Retrace your steps back to Caldertop Cottage.

Route B – Caldertop Cottage to Broadgate Farm via Bleasdale Tower

Follow points 1 and 2 on Route A

3 GPS: SD 5458 4626

Turn left and walk approx 200m along the road until you come to a way marker on your right, go through the woods and then through a small wooden gate.

4 GPS: SD 5466 4644

Continue ahead and then right onto a tarmac track towards Fell End Farm (look right for views across to Beacon Fell and ahead to views of Parlick).

5 GPS: SD 5512 4637

Go through a gate and past Fell End and proceed along the track.

6 GPS: SD 5563 4631

Go through another gate and past Bleasdale Tower on your right.

7 GPS: SD 5608 4626

Through a further gate next to a house, then soon after take the footpath right through a wooden gate.

8 GPS: SD 5592 4601

Follow the field edge past the front of Bleasdale Tower and out into the next large field. Walk diagonally across this field towards a gate in the gap in the woodland.

9 GPS: SD 5564 4582

Through the gate and continue ahead up the track, all the way to Broadgate Farm.

10 GPS: SD 5522 4561

Bear left in front of the farm buildings at Broadgate, cross the track and go straight ahead and over a stile.

On the map follow points 6 to 4 from Route A with the following instructions:

6 GPS: SD 5518 4554

Keep to the left field edge and then turn right in front of the kissing gate to go along the top edge of the field. Through a gate, keeping the woodland to your left. Take a short detour to the bird hide on your right. The field in front of the hide is being managed for breeding wading birds such as Lapwing and Curlew. Several shallow pools known as wader scrapes have been created by the farmer to provide food sources for these bird chicks.

5 GPS: SD5480 4564

Pass through a wooden gate, turn left and follow the left hand wall to the field corner, turn right and follow the edge of the field next to the woodland, up the steep hill. Take a moment to rest and admire the wonderful views with Parlick, Fairsnape and Hazelhurst to your right, Pendle beyond and behind you Beacon Fell.

4 GPS: SD5459 4581

Turn left through the wooden gate entering the woodland and continue to the road. (At this point you can extend your route and continue on Route C, taking in Cobble Hey Farm & Gardens)

14 GPS: SD 5449 4579

Cross the road with care and through the metal gate. Head diagonally across the field following the footpath sign to Calder Vale and St John's Church.

15 GPS: SD 5428 4596

Head towards the metal gate to the right of a small wood (keep tight to the way marker to avoid the ditch in the field). Note: at this gate you need to lift the handle before you pull it to open the gate. Head straight across the field towards the white gate in the wall and turn left onto the stone track and back to Caldertop Cottage.

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Walk Description

Route C – extension to Cobble Hey Farm & Gardens

This section of walk may be included as an extension to route A or B taking in Cobble Hey Farm & Gardens and Tea Room

1 GPS: SD 5449 4578

After emerging from Delph Wood cross the road with care and through the metal gate. Keep the wall on your right and proceed down the field.

2 GPS: SD 5426 4541

Continue to follow the wall edge and fence edge and go through a wooden gate.

3 GPS: SD 5416 4511

Continue ahead towards the brow of the hill and then down and through a gate in the wall. Note the bird hide on your right: the field in front of the hide is being managed for breeding wading birds such as Lapwing and Curlew. Several shallow pools known as wader scrapes have been created by the farmer to provide food sources for the bird chicks. The birds can be viewed best May-June time.

4 GPS: SD 5463 4493

Continue ahead, bearing left up the hill. At the top turn right through the kissing gate.

5 GPS: SD 5397 4492

Descend the field keeping the wall to your right all the way down to the track. Turn right into the farm yard and into Cobble Hey Farm, Gardens and Tea Room for a well earned rest.

6 GPS: SD 5362 4494

Continue to follow the track past Cobble Hey, then across a field and through a wooden gate. Continue ahead to a metal gate and across a brook. Continue ahead and up to a grassy track and through another gate.

7 GPS: SD 5390 4541

Keep the fence line and then hedge to your right and continue ahead, then through a metal gate onto a stone track. Continue ahead all the way back to Caldertop Cottage. Take time to use the hide which overlooks several fields that are excellent for wading birds and hare. At Landskill the farmer is carrying out habitat and landscape works to benefit farm wildlife, including: hedgerow restoration, rush management, ditch re-profiling and scrape creation. The meadow here is managed traditionally as late cut hay. This allows the waders plenty of time to nest and rear their young in the spring before the grass is harvested in July.

About This Walk

These walks take you through land that is prime habitat for ground nesting waders - Lapwing, Snipe and Curlew for example. They like open wet fields with clumps of rushes, but not too many otherwise chicks can get lost, but enough to provide cover from predators. Wading birds also like wet features such as shallow ponds or scrapes with gently sloping sides. Careful farm management of grazing and rush cutting help preserve these valuable habitats. Several of the farms you will walk near are working closely with the RSPB's Bowland Wader Project to carefully manage their grassland and maintain wet areas to help conserve these special birds.

Further information can be found inside the bird hides and on the project's website at

www.rspb.org.uk/ourwork/projects/details/237276-bowland-wader-project

Look out also for brown hares on these routes, especially in the springtime. Perhaps you will see hares standing on their back legs and looking just like a pair of boxers trying to knock each other out. This occurs when females fight off or test the strength of potential male suitors!

About the businesses



Caldertop Cottage, Broadgate Farm and Cobble Hey Farm & Gardens have all been accredited through the

Green Tourism Business Scheme. The scheme provides accreditation and encouragement for tourism businesses to reduce the environmental impact of their activities. By encouraging sustainable practices the scheme ensures the continued enjoyment of the environment around us for future generations. The businesses are assessed against a rigorous set of criteria for such things as saving energy, water and waste as well as promoting wildlife watching opportunities and car free activities to visitors; all three businesses have achieved well deserved gold awards. Being green certainly doesn't compromise quality though, you'll be sure to have a fantastic holiday experience!