

Bridges along the Brock



Start Point

Distance/Time

Terrain

Key to Facilities

GPS Waypoints (OS grid refs)

Bowland Visitor Centre,
Beacon Fell Country Park,
SD 5646 4270
















6 miles

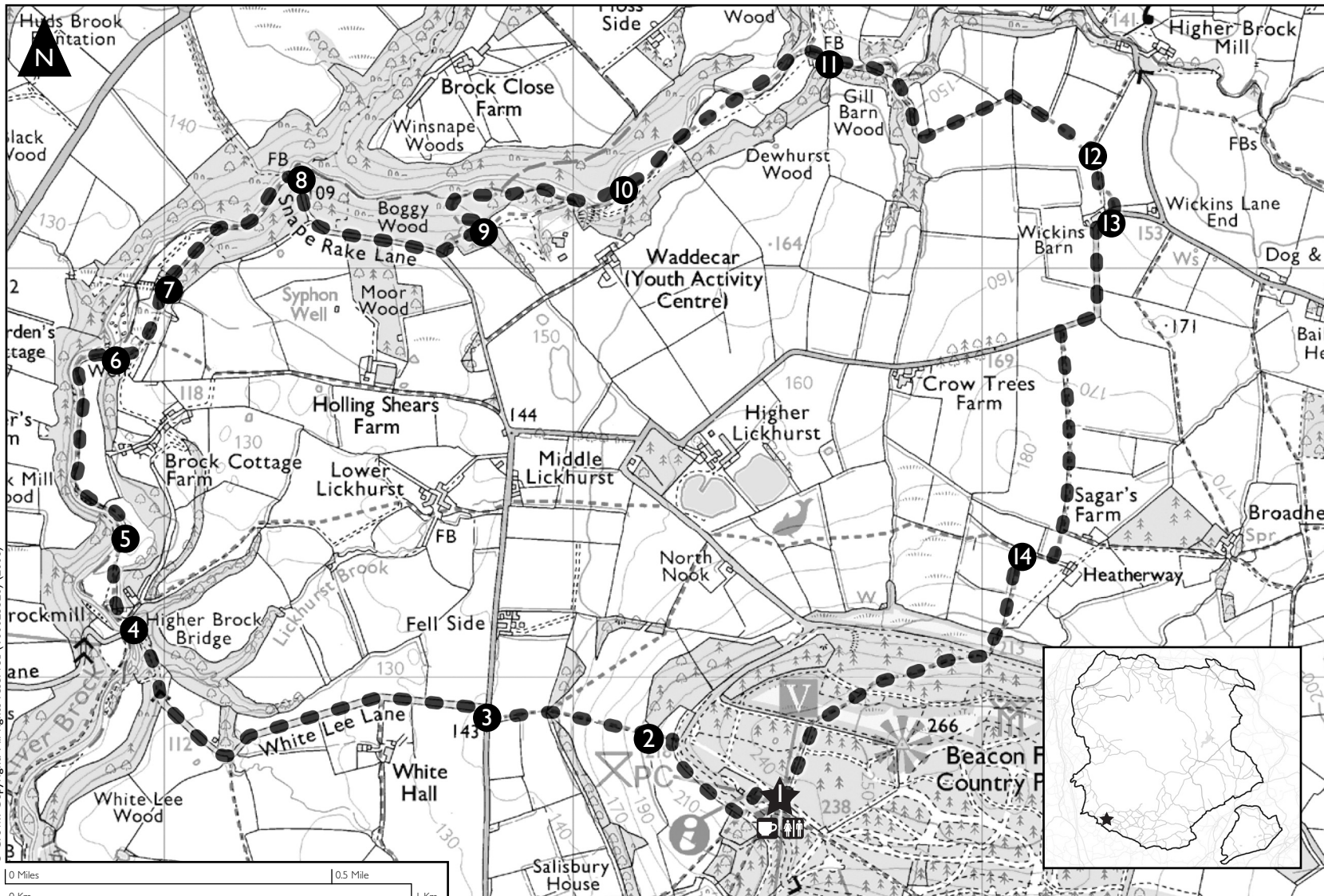
4 hrs (approx.)

Tracks, fields and roads.
Gates and some stiles.
Steep sections and can be wet
underfoot.

Bowland Visitor Centre:

 Café,  Toilets

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-  SD 5619 4286
-  SD 5579 4289
-  SD 5492 4314
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0 Miles 0.5 Mile 1 Km



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About This Walk

Beacon Fell Country Park offers spectacular views of the Forest of Bowland and Morecambe Bay. On a clear day it is possible to see the Isle of Man. There is an abundance of wildlife if you are prepared to be observant. Rabbits and hares are frequent and are easily spotted. Roe deer are a little more elusive, but patience may well be rewarded! Stoats and weasels may be seen clambering over the dry stone walls. As many as 11 species of dragonflies and damselflies live around the ponds during the summer months.

A highlight of this walk is the path along the River Brock. Much of the woodland here is ancient semi-natural woodland, that has been in existence since the 16th Century. A variety of different birds and wild flowers as well as small mammals and farm animals can be seen at any time of year.

The black and white Dipper and the bobbing Grey Wagtail feed on the rocks in midstream and you may see a Pied Flycatcher if you are lucky!

Several species of bats including Daubentons, Pipistrelle and Whiskered have been recorded in the bat boxes near to Waddecar Scout Camp. The woodland and stream habitat are ideal for both roosting and feeding.

Walk Description

★ Cross the road and go through a small gate opposite the Visitor Centre, into the field. Turn right and follow the fence line across the field. At the end of the field, turn left to and over a stone step stile in the dry stone wall.

② Head straight down the steep field. The path is not obvious but the gate and stile to the road can be seen at the bottom. Half way down there is a stile and a footbridge to cross in the woodland. To the right are good views of Fairsnape and the Bleasdale Fells (on a clear day).

③ Take care crossing the road and turn right along the road to White Lee Lane. Follow the lane down to Brockmill. This road can be busy at popular times so please proceed with care.

④ At Brockmill, do not cross the river bridge but go through the stone gateway on the right to Brock Cottage Farm. Bear left immediately in front of the cottage with the river on your left. Cross the stile and follow the way-marked field path to the right.

⑤ After about 200 metres cross the stile on the left to a path on the riverbank.

⑥ As the path leaves the river, go up a grass bank to the right. At the top turn left along a farm track.

⑦ The large pipes which come into view on the left are carrying water from the reservoir at Haweswater to Manchester. Go to the right of the white building (known as Paradise Cottage) and along the path at the bottom edge of the wood. This path eventually rejoins the riverbank on a series of board walks.

⑧ Do not cross the footbridge on the left but turn right up a stony track (Snape Rake Lane). After a short while the surface becomes tarmac. Continue till you reach a bridleway along a track on your left and follow this bridleway downhill through the woodland.

⑨ Part way down is a memorial bench with a lovely view if you feel like a rest. Continue downhill and turn right behind a second memorial bench. The river is on the left again and the trees have many bird and bat boxes. Bear right towards Waddecar Scout Camp, keeping on the track as it passes through the campsite near to the river.

⑩ As you leave the Scout Camp area cross a stile to an open field with a good view of Fairsnape directly ahead. At the end of the field is a large footbridge. Do not cross this but turn right and over a stile into Gill Barn Wood.

⑪ Continue to and over a footbridge on the left and follow the track uphill through the woodland to a stile. Cross this and, keeping the old hedge line on your left, cross the open field. Parlick is straight ahead.

⑫ At the end of the field cross another stile and head towards Wickins Barn, keeping the fence on your left. As you approach Wickins Barn the path takes you away from its yard and to a ladder stile onto the road.

⑬ Turn right along the road and shortly after the right hand bend turn left up a farm track towards Sagar's Farm and Broadhead Farm. At the top of this drive do not bear left but go straight on through the gateway to Heatherway. Turn right over a stile into the field.

⑭ At the marker post (by a power line pole), turn left and head uphill towards Beacon Fell. Cross a stile and you are back within the Fell boundary. Carefully cross the road and head uphill diagonally to the right through the woodland. Follow this path back over the Fell to the Bowland Visitor Centre, which serves excellent refreshments.