



# Bleasdale Parish Hall, Tramper Trail 2

OS Explorer  
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## Start Point



Bleasdale Parish Hall, Bleasdale  
SD 5736 4533

## Distance/Time



1.4 miles (2.2 km)  
1 hour

## Terrain

Suitable for Trampers. *Please note* the trail follows private estate roads which are also public footpaths. Metalled roads, gravel/hardcore and grassy tracks. Can be quite muddy and wet in places. Care will be needed to avoid getting bogged down and on rutted tracks to avoid overturning.

## Key to Facilities

Bird Hide,

Bleasdale Parish Hall SD5736 4533

Accessible toilet (24hrs)

Parking (disabled only)

To book a Trampler or accommodation contact:

Bleasdale Cottages 0199561343

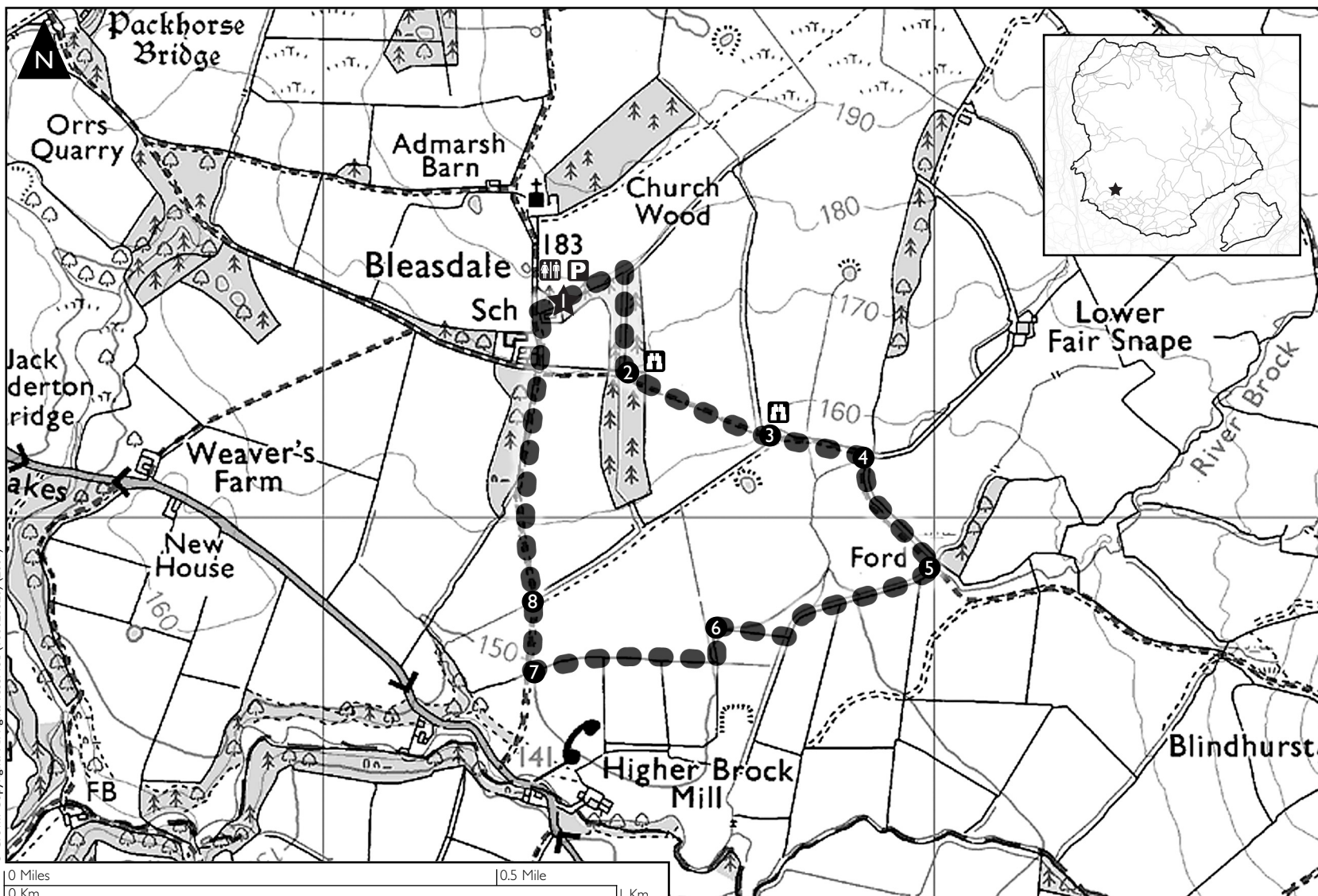
[www.bleasdalecottages.co.uk](http://www.bleasdalecottages.co.uk) for

other accommodation visit

[www.forestofbowland.com](http://www.forestofbowland.com)

## GPS Waypoints (OS grid refs)

- SD 5736 4533
- SD 5753 4536
- SD 5774 4513
- SD 5789 5410
- SD 5799 4493
- SD 5764 4484
- SD 5735 4476
- SD 5735 4487





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## Route Description

**1** **GPS:** SD 5736 4533  
From the car park at the parish hall, proceed along the winding path into small woodlands at the rear of the hall to a wooden bird hide overlooking open rushy pasture. Have a look at the wild life and sensory garden to the side of the hall and note the wind turbine that provides power for the parish hall in the open field towards the church.

**2** **GPS:** SD 5753 4536  
Follow the path through the woodland and take a left turn through a gate into the pasture and cross diagonally to a second bird hide.

**3** **GPS:** SD 5774 4513  
At the 2nd bird hide, take the road heading towards Lower Fairsnape Cottages for a short distance.

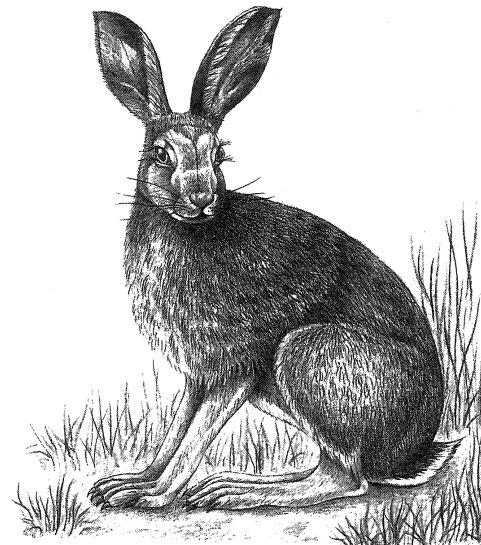
**4** **GPS:** SD 5789 5410  
Before a cattle grid turn right to follow a small stream curving left along the field side to a wooden footbridge crossing a wider stream.

**5** **GPS:** SD 5799 4493  
Don't cross the footbridge but turn right to follow the stream to a wider wooden bridge in an open field which takes you away from the stream.

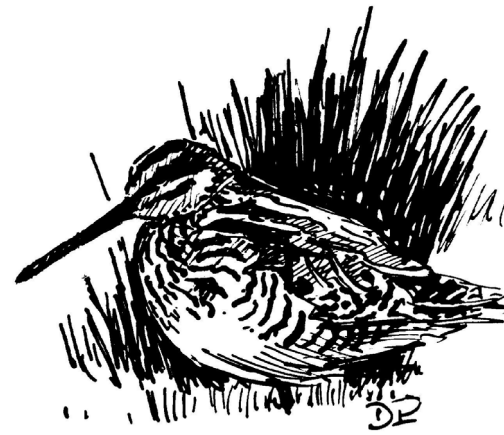
**6** **GPS:** SD 5764 4484  
Now continue across fields to a similar wooden bridge after which turn left to meet the fence line. Now keep to the fence line and cross open pasture before emerging onto the road through a gate.

**7** **GPS:** SD 5735 4476  
Turn right here to head once again for Bleasdale parish hall.

**8** **GPS:** SD 5735 4487  
At the road junction, you may choose to enter the newly planted woodland and proceed parallel to the road or continue up the road depending on the weather.



▲ Hare Debbie Yare



▲ Snipe RSPB



▲ Lapwing and chick RSPB

## About This Route

This trail takes 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, not too much otherwise chicks get lost but enough to provide cover from predators. Such birds like wet features such as shallow ponds or scrapes with gently sloping sides, not steep sided ditches and they dislike being overlooked by tall trees in the hedge line where predators - crows or raptors may perch. Careful management of grazing and rush cutting preserves this habitat at some cost to the farmer. Agri-environmental stewardship payments aim to recompense farmers for this loss of

income. Several farmers in the area 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. Lapwings, Curlews, Oystercatchers and Redshanks all breed in the area and Snipe can also be seen in the winter months. Further information can be found inside the bird hides and on the project's website at [www.rspb.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/projects/bowland/farmers.asp](http://www.rspb.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/projects/bowland/farmers.asp).

Look out also for hares on route which also appreciate large open fields and are a priority species in Lancashire's Biodiversity Action Plan.