



# Broadgate / Landskill / Cobble Hey Trails

OS Explorer

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## Start Point



Cobble Hey Farm, Claughton  
SD 5362 4491

## Distance/Time

Broadgate to Cobble Hey (one way) 3.5km (2hrs 30min)  
Broadgate to Cobble Hey circular 6.5km (4hrs)  
Cobble Hey via Landskill circular 4km (2hrs)



## Terrain

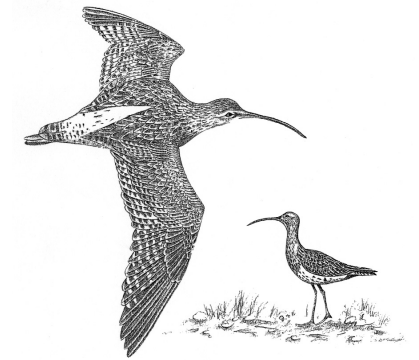
Hardcore tracks, Unsurfaced fields  
**Note:** At times due to inclement weather conditions some parts of these trails may be unusable. Please contact venues opposite to confirm.

## Contacts

To book a Tramper or accommodation contact: Cobble Hey Farm & Gardens  
**01995 602643** [www.cobblehey.co.uk](http://www.cobblehey.co.uk)  
Broadgate Farmhouse B & B and caravan site **01995 602402**  
[www.broadgatefarm.co.uk](http://www.broadgatefarm.co.uk)  
for other accommodation visit [www.forestofbowland.com](http://www.forestofbowland.com)

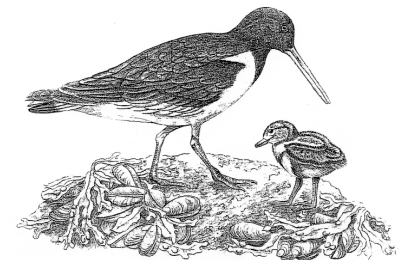
## Key to Facilities

Cafés, Toilets, Bird Hide



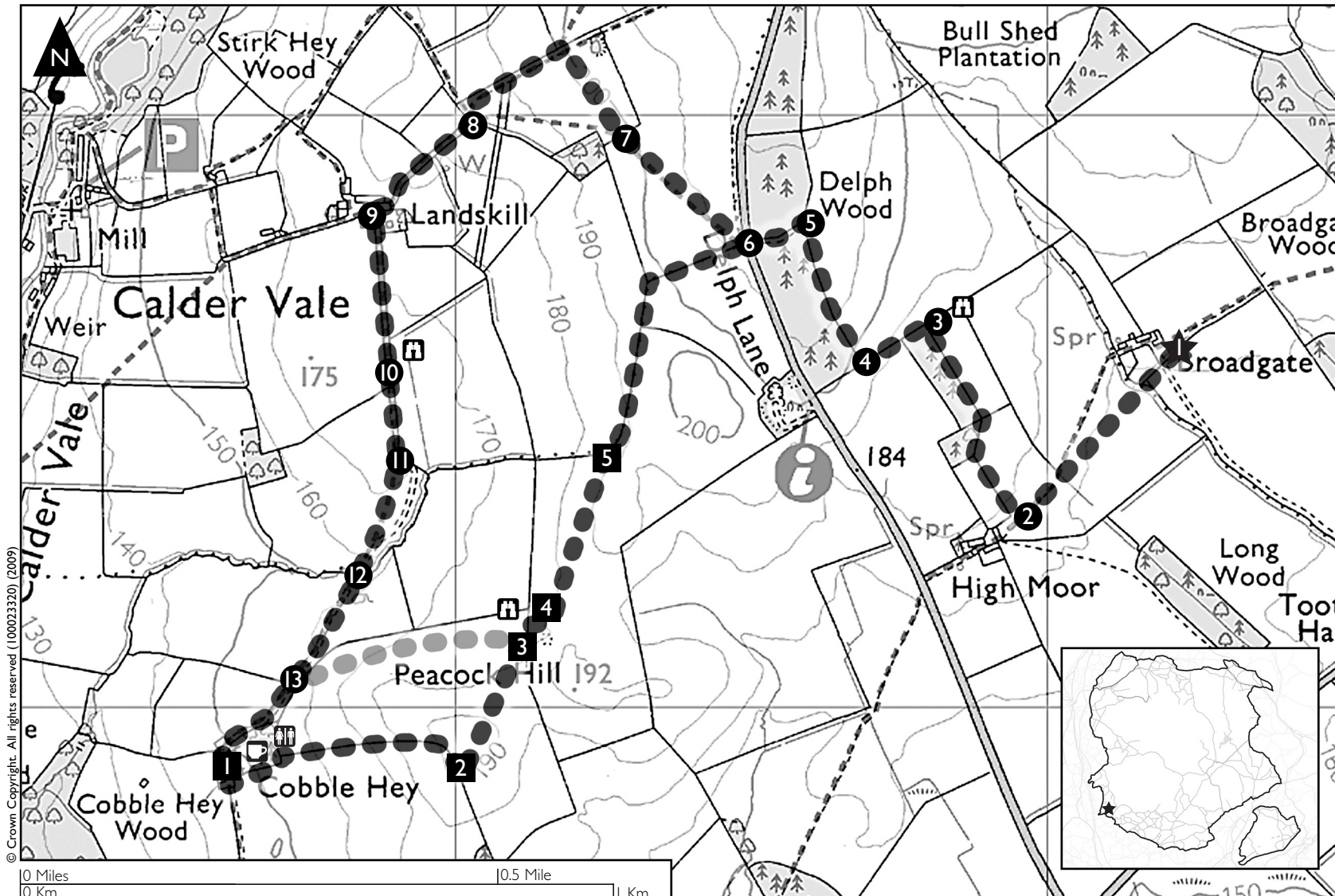
▲ Curlew

Debbie Yare



▲ Oystercatcher with chick

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## Route Description

### Option 1: Start Broadgate Farm

★ Take the farm entrance drive south out of the farmyard and turn right in through the wooden gate into the large sloping field on your right. Follow the left hand boundary up to the top of the field.

② Turn right in front of the kissing gate. Keeping the hedgerow and woodlands on your left continue to the end of the woodland.

Time to take a break and 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 Lapwings and Curlews. Several shallow pools known as wader scrapes have been created by the farmer to provide food sources for these birds chicks.

Return back to wooden gate at the edge of the woodland.

③ Pass through this wooden gate, turn left and follow the left hand wall up to the corner of the next wood.

④ At the field corner turn right and follow the edge of the wood up the steep hill. Take a moment to rest and admire the wonderful views with Parlick, Fair Snape and Hazelhurst to your right, Pendle beyond and behind you Beacon Fell.

**Note:** See if you can guess what the pulley is used for.

⑤ Turn left through wooden gate entering the woodland and continue to the road.

⑥ Cross the road with care and through the metal gate to the right. This way takes you via Landskill Farm and past a bird-hide overlooking more fields that are excellent for breeding wading birds.

Option 2 to go straight to Cobble Hey take the wooden gate to the left (shorter route). Keep to the wall to your right and follow the wall to point 5 of the Cobble Hey route and pick up the way markers back to Cobble Hey. (Follow Square points 5 to 3 in reverse on Cobble Hey route then to point 13 of this route).

**To continue via Landskill Farm:** head diagonally across the field following the footpath sign to Calder Vale and St Johns Church and then

⑦ 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. Follow this down the hill.

⑧ Go through the wooden gate and turn left onto the track to Landskill Farmyard.

⑨ As you pass through the farmyard turn left in front of Higher Landskill Farm and follow the waymarked route to Cobble Hey Farm.

Go through the metal gate; continue ahead along a stone track to the bird-hide.

⑩ Take time out to use the hide which overlooks several fields that are excellent for wading birds and hares. At Landskill the farmer is carrying out habitat and landscape works to benefit farm wildlife and includes 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.

Continue ahead to and through the metal gate. Keep the hedge to your left then bear left following the fence line to the next wooden field gate.

⑪ Through the gate and turn right and following the higher grassy track and continue down to and across a brook and through the metal gate.

⑫ Continue across this field towards the farm buildings and through the next wooden gate.

⑬ This gate leads you onto a stone track past a children's play area and several small breed animals on the right - goats, sheep and pigs. Follow the track into the farmyard - why not stop for a cup of tea at the café. Toilets also available here.

### Option 2: Start at Cobble Hey

① Leave the farmyard through the wooden gate to the right of the cattle grid and turn left and follow the field edge keeping the gardens to your left and then a wall to your left to the top of the steep hill (Peacock Hill) following the lapwing wooden way markers.

② At the top of the hill go through the wooden gate to your left and onto the stone viewing plinth and admire the outstanding 360 degree views.

Continue ahead and down the slope heading downwards to the wooden field gate in the wall.

③ Here you have the option to spend some time in the bird-hide overlooking the 'Lapwing Field' that is managed under Environmental Stewardship. Highland and Longhorn cattle graze here in early spring to help manage the grassland and several wet areas in the field provide ample food sources for wader chicks.

To return back to Cobble Hey farmyard follow the base of Peacock Hill back to a wooden gate in the wall that takes you out onto the stone track back to the farmyard past the animal pens and gardens.

**To continue to Broadgate or Landskill Farms** go back to the field gate in the wall (point 3). Pass through it and bear left and go straight across the field.

④ At the brow of the hill look out and head for the wooden gate on the fence line ahead (**Note:** Avoid the wall edge due to uneven ground).

⑤ Keeping the wall on your left follow the edge of the field around and up to the roadside wooden gate at the top of the field.

### To continue or return to Broadgate

⑥ Cross the road (with care), go through the wooden gate and through the woodland to wooden gate into the large field.

⑤ Turn right and follow the right hand fence/wood down to the bottom right hand corner of the field.

④ Turn left follow the wall edge and at the edge of small woodland.

③ Go right through a wooden gate and continue ahead with the woodland to the right along a grassy path which is stoned in places. Go through the next wooden gate and onto a stone path to the next gate and corner.

② Turn left and downhill towards Broadgate Farm and through the wooden gate in the bottom corner of the field.

Out of the field and to the drive returning to Broadgate Farm.