

The Priory Scorton Circular Walk

A beautiful circular walk from Scorton, through the fine scenery of Bowland and Nicky Nook.

Terrain

The route follows waymarked country lanes, tracks and fields. The more strenuous option taking in Nicky Nook and Grizedale Valley is hilly and you will need strong footwear.

Distance

Approximately 8km (5 miles). Allow 2 to 2½ hours to complete the walk. The more strenuous option is a further 2½ miles, allow an extra 1½ hours.

The Route

Please observe the Countryside Code at all times.

- 1.** Starting from the Priory Cafe car park, go up the steep incline known as Snowhill Lane, Go over the M6 Bridge and continue along the land passing several houses. Cross the narrow road bridge over Tithe Barn Brook and go up the land to the road junction.
- 2.** Turn left into Higher Lane and pass the gate and footpath to Nicky Nook. For the shorter route continue along the road for ¼ mile taking in extensive views of Wyresdale Lake, the Fylde Plain and Morecambe Bay. Shortly after crossing Tithe Barn Brook again, turn left at the fingerpost.
- 3.** For the more strenuous option taking in Nicky Nook and Grizedale Valley follow steps 3 and 4 - a fellwalk with spectacular views and a walk through a secluded wooded valley. Otherwise, proceed to step 5. Go through the kissing gate to Nicky Nook and go up a steep gorse-covered slope to the top of the hill. Keeping to the left of the small reservoir pass through a kissing gate and head towards a plantation of Scots pine. At the wall ruins bear right along a track up the ridge to the white triangular pillar at 215m. Continue along the footpath towards the drystone wall. (Do not cross the ladder stile). Take the path on the right of the wall and drop down a steep slope into Grizedale Valley.
- 4.** Cross the stile. Turn left and follow the bridlepath up Grizedale Valley passing through several gates on-route. At the end of the bridlepath, near Fell End Farm, take the lane ahead for a short distance, and turn left into Higher Lane. Follow Higher lane for ¼ mile and turn right at the fingerpost.
- 5.** Go through the metal gate and follow the grass track down through the trees. Continue along the footpath, through two more gates and head towards the farm buildings at Potter's Hill.
- 6.** Turn left into the farmyard and come out the other side along a stone track. At the end of the track turn right onto a tree-lined lane.
- 7.** At the end of the lane turn left into the busy main road. Turn right into the next side road at the sign for Scorton Picnic site. Go over the M6 bridge and continue past the entrance to Scorton Picnic Site. Take the footpath on the left signposted to Scorton.
- 8.** Cross the stile and go along the track beside the River Wyre. As the track veers up over the embankment, go left over a stile and continue, go left over a stile and continue along the footpath between the two wire fences to join Park Brook and banks of Scorton Lake on the right.
- 9.** Following the footpath away from Park Brook, and keeping the farm buildings to the left, go over the stile. Cross the field going over two foot bridges. At the white fingerpost continue between two fences with a garden and pond on the left. At the end of the garden, turn left, go across a footbridge, and continue up the track to the main road.
- 10.** Turn right and follow the road back into Scorton.

Route continued...

Nearby Places of Interest:

- Grizedale Valley
- Nicky Nook
- Park Brook
- Scorton Picnic Area
- The Priory
- Wyresdale Park and Lake

The Priory Scorton Circular Walk can be found at:

Scorton Village, Lancashire. The walk starts from The Priory car park situated in Scorton Village some 2 miles north of Garstang.

Map details for Priory Scorton Circular Walk

