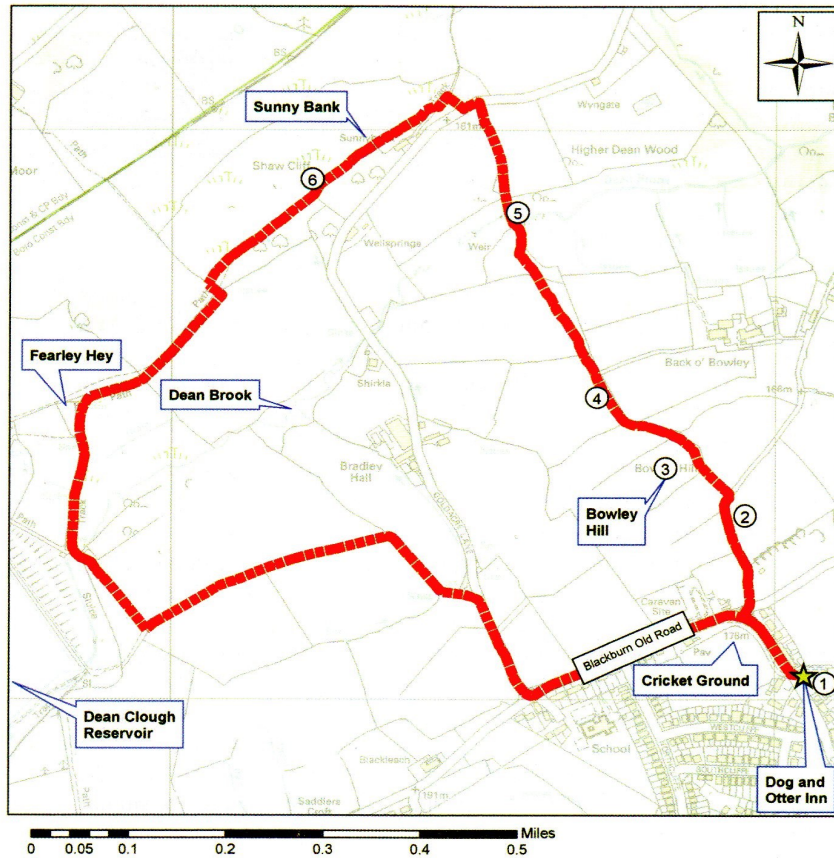


**Back of Bowley**  
Time: 1.30 hrs

Start point: Dog and Otter Pub  
Suitability: ♡♡♡ ☹



**Points of Interest**

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| 1. Dog and Otter Inn | 4. Herb Rich Meadow |
| 2. Pendle Hill       | 5. Marsh Marigolds  |
| 3. Bowley Hill       | 6. Rowan Trees      |

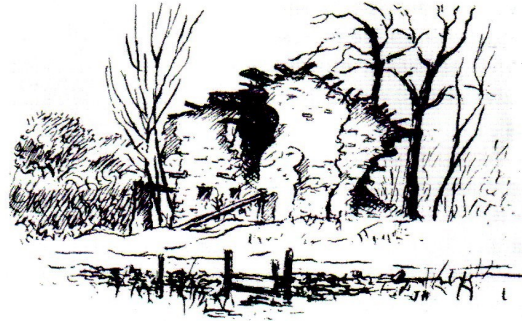


The Dog and Otter Inn

- The walk starts at the Dog and Otter Inn on Cliffe Lane. (1) Proceed up the hill to the corner where a sign points to Bowley Scout Camp. Go up Dean Lane, which gradually climbs and views unfold on each side. (2)
- Soon the road curves to the right and on the left you will find a stile next to an iron gate. (This may well be hidden by vegetation, so look carefully.) Proceed through the field and you soon reach another stile and Bowley Hill is now on your left. (3)
- Continue to the right of the hill following the fence and then a stone wall downwards. A stile and gate ahead leads you through the next field to a stile in the corner. From here the land slopes down to the Dean Valley with Shawcliffe Hill beyond. Follow the path down a steep field always keeping to the right. (4)
- Continuing down the field, you will see a stile. This leads you down to Dean Brook. Over the stile follow the ditch line on your right, round the edge of the field, eventually going through the tree line down to the river. The way here is very muddy and care has to be taken. Continue to the wooden bridge, the original bridge, a stone slab can still be seen on your right as you cross. (5)
- Climb the bank across the stream and find a stile to your right. The path now leads up the field with a fence on the left to Shawcliffe Lane at the top.
- Over the stile turn left on the road for a few yards. Take the stile on the right up a short field to a further high stile. Cross the track that you have reached and take the stile immediately on your left. The path is now along the hillside keeping well above the cottages below. Now follow a lovely level path through clumps of gorse with idyllic views of the valley to the left. (6)
- The way crosses a broken stone wall and continues for a further ½ mile until the ruins of Fearley Hey Farm are reached. Fearley Hey was one of the farms built after the enclosure of the moor in 1762. Look for a stile near a short stone wall on your left. The path leads down through the old farmyard where thistles and nettles now abound.
- Keeping the trees on your right continue down the field and cross the

bridge over the Dean Brook at the corner of the Woodland. Follow the old farm track up the hill keeping the wall on your right. The track leads up to the reservoir road at which turn left and follow the road. Further along the road a good view will be had of the route you have taken with Bowley Hill ahead and Pendle Hill in the distance.

- Soon you reach a stile and gate and the road bears right then left into Goldacre Lane. At the junction turn right up the hill onto Blackburn Old Road where a seat allows you to rest a while. Follow the road left for ½ mile and you will arrive back at the starting point at the Dog and Otter.



The Ruins of Fearley Hey

### Points of Interest

1. Dog and Otter Inn - *Although this Inn was modernized and extended a few years ago it dates back to 1805.*
2. Pendle Hill - *Stop at the gate on the right and you will see a particularly striking view of Pendle (Point 1). Look for Cherry Plum here in the hedge with Hawthorn. The former is uncommon in this district.*
3. Bowley Hill - *A short walk on to the hill here will reveal wonderful views. In particular Dean Clough Reservoir stands out to the West whilst in the distance to the North there is a good view of distant Penyghent 30 miles away in the Yorkshire Dales.*
4. Herb Rich Meadow - *This is a herb rich meadow with many grasses and flowers and throughout this walk sheep are to be encountered at all seasons of the year. Please keep your dog on the lead particularly at lambing time*
5. Marsh Marigolds - *Look for Marsh Marigolds here in Spring, and water boatmen and damsel flies in Summer. As well as the commoner birds you may see Tree Creepers and Green and Greater Spotted Woodpeckers here.*
6. Rowan Tress - *Look out for Rowan trees in Spring when in bloom and in the Autumn when covered with bright red fruit. The hill on your right attracts moorland birds such as Skylark, Meadow Pipit and Linnnet.*