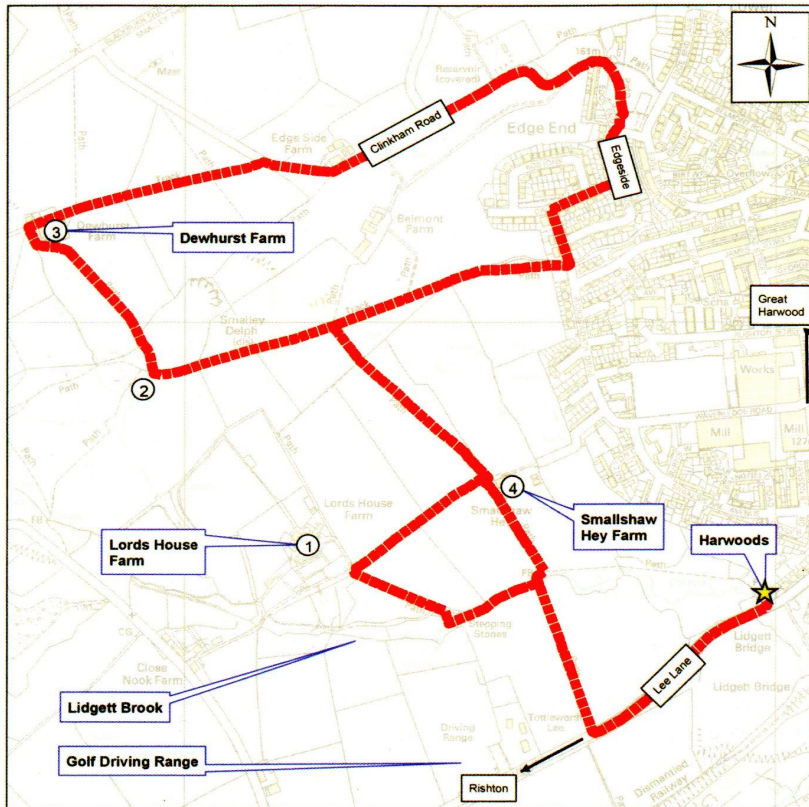


Beyond the Lidgett

Time: 90 mins

Start point: Harwoods

Suitability: ♡♡♡ ☹️



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Key

— Beyond the Lidgett Route

★ Start Point

Points of Interest

1. Lords House Farm

2. Y Hill

3. Dewhurst Farm

4. Smallshaw Hey Farm

- The walk starts at 'Harwoods' originally the Lidgett Inn on Blackburn Road. With your back to the restaurant, turn right and walk along Blackburn Road towards Rishton and when you come to a gate in the hedge, turn right into the field (the remains of a footpath sign and stile are in the hedge!)



Lidgett Brook

- Head straight across the field to the boundary, then turn left walking along the edge of the field with the Lidgett Brook on your right. Walk to the corner of the field and then, drop down into a hollow, over a stile, over the bridge and then up the other side of the hollow.
- The next stile, takes you into an animal pen of Lords House Farm, (1) walk straight through and over the stile at the other side. Follow the path round to the right.
- You now come through a gate and into a car park, take the path off immediately to your right, through another gate. Walk along the edge of this field, close to the fence on your right, go through gate way into second field. Roughly half way across this field, there is a path off to the left, leading up the field. Take this. Before the stile, stop and admire the view stretching from Hambledon Hill to Darwen Tower.
- Over the stile, the path now strikes up the hill but after only 100 yards you meet another path crossing the field. Take this track to the left and follow this lovely level way admiring the panorama on your left. Go over a stile, and then through a gate way, the path leads you round an old quarry, Smalley Delph, where gorse abounds. (2) Follow the path, uphill to the right, and through a gate.
- (3) Make for the iron gate leading into the farm yard. Through the gate, you are opposite an old barn, go left, then right round the barn (you are now opposite the house) and then right, heading for a gate. The track now heads east through a further gate and eventually meets a lane, Clinkham Road. Through the kissing gate turn right, past Edgeside Farm on your left. This Farm also has a plaque on the wall, 'Erected by Robert & Eliz Cross 1770'. Continue down the lane.
- When the road bends sharply to the right, continue straight on following the footpath sign. Turn almost immediately to your right and continue through Edge End Wood. At the end of the footpath, cross over the road

- and go down Edgeside leading on to Highfield.
- As the road becomes Wordsworth, there is a footpath off on your right hand side through a small wooded area. Go over the stile and follow this narrow stretch of path. After 2 more stiles you are in a field. Continue straight and then half way across the field follow the path down to a stile on your left. Over the stile, follow the path straight down to the fence line.
 - Here turn left and go over the stile. Turn right, back on yourself and continue on the narrow path, round the edge of (4) Smallshaw Hey Farm.
 - Go over the stile and through the field, keeping close to the right hand edge of the field. Over another stile and then continue straight over the bridge. Make your way across the field, back to Blackburn Road. Here turn left and continue back to Harwood's.

Points of Interest

1. Lords House Farm
*was formally
 Harwood Edge Farm.
 This Farm was
 erected after the
 enclosure of the moor.
 Built into the wall of
 the house is a plaque,
 bearing the words
 'Edward and Alan
 Pickles 1767'.*



Harwood Edge Farm

2. Y Hill - *Where the path turns right a small outcrop, which used to be called the Y hill, makes another observation point for the area. Thyme and Heath Bedstraw grows on this rough pasture.*
3. Dewhurst Farm - *The farm opposite is Dewhurst Farm, some 700 feet above sea level. The farm house now in existence replaced the old one built 1763. There is a date stone on the present building marked TL & H 1899.*
4. Smallshaw Hey Farm - *The date stone here records 'R.C. 1772' but there was a farm here much earlier. An old document states that it was leased to Pierce Wolstenholme in 1754. It was owned by Alexander Nowell and the lease stipulates that he must keep a dog.*