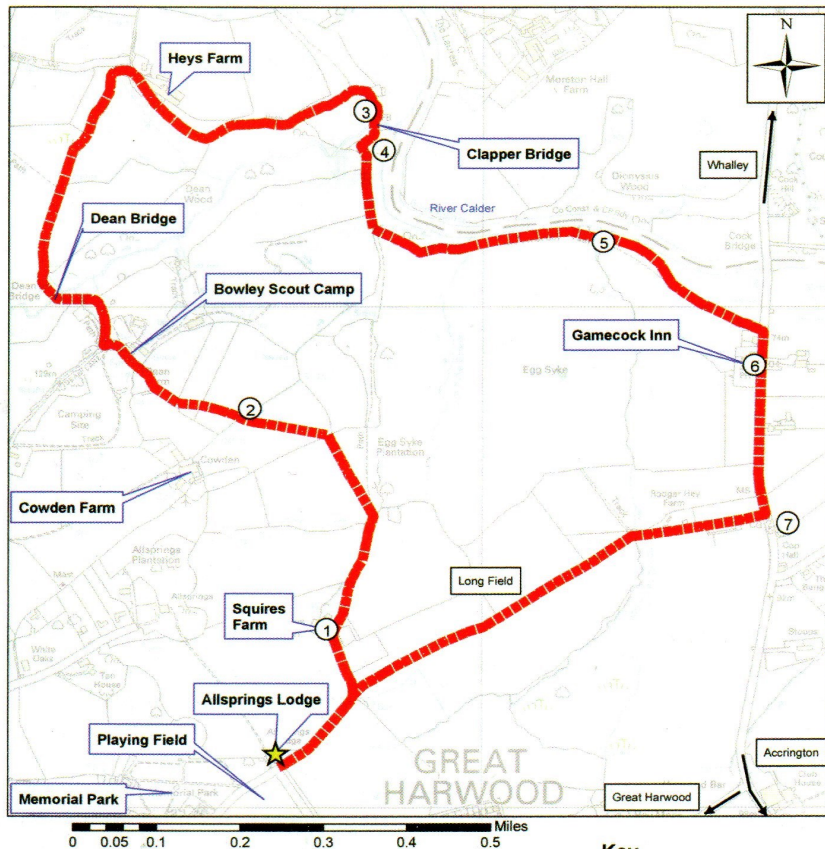


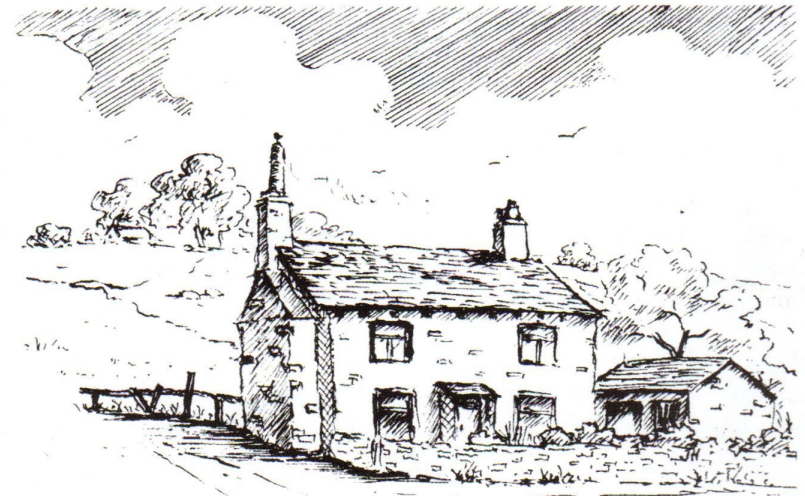
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Time: 1.30hr

Start point: Allsprings Lodge
Suitability: ♡ ♡ ☹



Points of Interest

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| 1. Squire's Farm | 5. Trees of Harwood. |
| 2. Dean valley | 6. Gamecock Inn |
| 3. Golden Saxifrage | 7. Martholme Viaduct |
| 4. Spring Flowers | |



Squires Farm

- This walk starts at Allsprings Lodge and initially follows the Great Harwood Nature Trail. Facing Allsprings Lodge, follow the lane to the right, which leads round past Squires Farm. (1)
- Continue past the front of the farm and through a kissing gate which leads you down the left-hand side of a field to a further kissing gate and wooden bridge. The path which passes two seats, now forks, and you need to follow the line of hawthorn trees on your left to a gate in the corner of the field.
- Through the gate the path is ill-defined but climb the small hill ahead and continue diagonally left across the field leading towards the right hand side of Cowden Farm, a wooden bridge leads you over a stream and in to the next field. (2)
- Continue diagonally left, passing a lone tree in this field, and over a stile. Continue straight across this field and over another stile. Head for the old barn, then bear right through a kissing gate and into Bowley Scout Camp.
- Continue, past the house to the road, bear left and then follow the public footpath sign, off to the right down the muddy track. Keep straight on here and follow the track down under an avenue of trees, mainly sycamore on your left and beech on your right.

- Now follow a beautiful stretch down to Dean Bridge and for a further ½ mile until you get to a Farm. This is Heys Farm. Here turn right and follow the wall/fence line, as best you can until a stile is reached. Keeping the farm buildings on your left. Go over the stile then turn left and the next stile is straight ahead.

- Again go over the stile continue on the lower ground keeping close to the fence on your right, in a gap between the trees stop to admire the view through the trees across to the Scout Camp.

- After the next stile keep again close to the right hand side of the field, following the gully. Climb another stile and here you are greeted by the sound of rushing water in the River Calder below. Go down the left hand side of the hill, and then bear right at the bottom, you are heading for a stone Clapper Bridge, which goes over the tributary of the Calder, on your right. (3)

- Go through the kissing gate and climb the steps, uphill on a well-made path. (4) Leaving the seat and going through the gate and turn left admiring the tall beech trees above you as you go. The path follows the river and leads down a sandy slope to the river and continues for ½ mile until a stile is reached beyond a small bridge.

- The grassy hill beyond leads you up to Whalley Road and a fine view is had of Cock Bridge as you approach. (5) A small gate leads onto the road. Cross the road with care turning right up the road you pass the oldest Inn in Great Harwood. (6)

- Continue on the footpath until you see a lane on the right hand side, clearly marked with a footpath sign. Before crossing the road turn to admire the view of Martholme Viaduct with Pendle away to the left. (7)

- Follow the track past Rodger Hey Farm on your right and down the path taking the stile on your left keeping the fence on your right and continue in a straight line to the next stile. The way is known as Long Fields. A stile leads you on to the farm track, turn left and in a further 250 yards you reach your starting point at Allsprings Lodge



The Track to Dean Bridge

Points of Interest

1. Squire's Farm - *Robert Squire lived here in the 1600s but he lost the tenancy because he refused to conform to the Protestant faith. The front of the building has been modernized but the wide chimney with its open fireplace remains.*
2. Dean Valley - *At this point there is a good view of the Dean Valley ahead with Pendle to the right below which you can see the River Calder.*
3. Golden Saxifrage - *grows in the wet margins of the brook and Sweet Woodruff which smells of new-mown hay, at the edge of the wood. If you wait a while you may see a grey squirrel in the trees.*
4. Spring Flowers - *In spring, Dog Mercury, Wood Anemones and Bluebells stretch down through the trees to the River Calder. Admire the view from a seat which was placed here by Great Harwood Civic Society in 1985*
5. Trees of Harwood. - *A look back from here gives a wonderful view of the many trees which abound in this corner of Great Harwood. If you are here in May, you will see two fine Cherry Trees in bloom across the river.*
6. Gamecock Inn - *Now known as the Gamecock, this Inn was here long before the bridge over the Calder was built. It was a resting place for travellers going from Clitheroe to Manchester.*
7. Martholme Viaduct - *The viaduct carried the railway from Blackburn to Burnley through Great Harwood before Dr Beeching's famous cuts.*