

HYNDBURN GREENWAY



ROUTE INFORMATION

Starting from Great Harwood town centre (Clock Tower).



GREAT HARWOOD TO LEEDS-LIVERPOOL CANAL (railway Path)

Starting from Clock Tower go down Queen St and turn 3rd right down Clayton St. Continue across St Hubert's Rd to the end of the road

onto the green, grown over the site of a former railway line.

Turn right onto the tarmac path running the length of the green (this is a shared-use path). Follow all the way past the end of the green (where it passes a cemetery to your right) and continue through a cutting to open ground, looking towards Blackburn.

When you reach the corner with the open ground in front of you, turn left (there is a signpost to Rishton) and go down to the canal, reaching it by a bridge just before some houses.



Rishton to Blackburn via Canal

You can continue to Blackburn Town Centre on a traffic free route alongside

the canal - it has a good tarmac surface. It is also great way of beating the traffic and getting to work at Whitebirk or Blackburn



Canal To Rishton

To continue into Rishton, simply turn left and follow the towpath until the next bridge.

Enjoy the great views to your left to Pendle Hill and Hambleton Hill; with a helpful interpretation board "Mills & Hills" on the path. To stop in Rishton, simply exit the canal at next bridge and you'll find yourself in the centre of the town.



Rishton to Church and Accrington

Continue to follow the canal towpath as it passes above the motorway. Then another 200m further on take the new track to the left (It is signed "Hyndburn Greenway, NCN6, Accrington 2"). Follow this down and up a little dip on a surfaced track to reach a bridge over another part of the canal. Cross straight over and follow the road ahead into a residential area. Continue along the road (Church St) as it bears right through Church village up to a t-junction at the end.

Turn right on a shared path and then cross the road at the traffic lights to a cycle path alongside a new housing estate. At the end of the path go right under the railway and then turn left on to a cycle path going up beside the railway line. Turn right for Church and Oswaldtwistle Station. Follow the path for approx 1km, until turning off to the right onto a path alongside Scaitcliffe Street (this is just after crossing a road bridge). Accrington Station is just ahead on the cycletrack.

Causeway Accrington



ACCRIINGTON STATION TO BAXENDEN (Woodnook Greenway)

Follow the shared foot/cycle path past the Globe Centre, which used to be one of the largest textile machinery

factories in the world, to a mini roundabout. There is a skate park on the left. Cross the road and take the path going down to the lake. Cross the lake on a causeway. The piers used to carry an old railway across the lake.

From the lake follow Woodnook Greenway, a converted old railway track. It has a good firm, non-tarmac surface. Cross a road and then simply follow it all the way to the end (approx 3km). It passes through lovely mixed broadleaf woods and sections of open country. Your legs will notice this peaceful, traffic-free delight has a gradual climb.

At the end, to get the main road follow a track on the north of some fishing lakes onto Alliance Street.

RETURN ROUTE



BAXENDEN TO ACCRIINGTON STATION

Ride down Alliance Street and follow the track up a short climb to the site of the old railway line. This is the start of the Woodnook Greenway. Simply follow this for the next 3km, on it's gradual descent towards Accrington.

At the end, cross straight over the road and cross Scaitcliffe Lake on a new causeway, the piers of which used to carry the railway line. Come out in front of the Globe Centre and with a skate park to your right. Cross over the road and onto the shared foot/cycle path along Scaitcliffe Street. Join path alongside the railway.



ACCRIINGTON STATION TO RISHTON

Follow the path alongside the railway for approx 1km. Turn right into the subway passing under the railway line and then left on a new cycle path

alongside a new housing estate. This brings you up to a traffic light junction. Cross using the shared foot/cycle path and then turn left into Edward St (there are NCN signs at each of the turnings). Go all the way to the end of this residential street (passing a church on your right) and up to a bridge over the canal with a great view across open countryside.

CANAL TOWPATH Church to Clayton Le Moors

If you wish to walk to Clayton-le-Moors or beyond, you can simply turn right here and follow the canal towpath. It is hoped to improve the surface of the towpath in the future.

To continue towards Rishton

Simply cross over the canal and carry on straight along the newly tarmac track which leads up to another section of the canal. Turn right onto the towpath and ride gently along into the centre of Rishton, with great views to Pendle, Hambleton Hill and the towns in between.



Great Harwood

Rishton to Great Harwood

You can exit the canal in Rishton or continue for another 500m to bridge number 108. Turn right off the canal and follow the track

across open ground heading towards a pylon. (To ride to Blackburn, simply stay on the canal and continue for another 3km approx).

At the corner of this field, turn right and follow the track through a cutting and onto a green, passing a cemetery then rows of terrace houses to your left.

Turn left at the second lane you cross and follow this road (Clayton St) straight into the centre of Great Harwood, coming out on Queen St in front of the Co-op.



WHAT TO SEE / PLACES OF INTEREST

- Haworth Art Gallery, Accrington. Just off the Greenway, this Edwardian mansion is set in nine acres of parkland. It also has a tearoom. Open afternoons from Wed-Sun. (Tel 01254 233782)
- Accrington Water Park. A old mill lake on the fringes of Accrington Town Centre with a unique causeway crossing.
- Oswaldtwistle Mills. A large mill factory shop, craft centre and cafe plus grounds and a wildfowl reserve. Children's donkey rides and other family events in the summer. (Tel 01254 871025).

Near Rishton



Near Baxenden



Shoe Mill



Woodnook Greenway



† (Source: British Heart Foundation, Morris)
 †† (National Forum for Coronary Heart Disease Foundation, Sharp)

- Your kids will love it
- It is good for the environment
- It is great way of enjoying the outdoors than going by car.
- It is quick. You will be surprised how far you can cycle in an hour. At rush hour, a bicycle is quicker than going by car.
- It increases your fitness. Regular cyclists enjoy a fitness level equal to that of a person ten years younger ††
- It is free

WHY CYCLE?

- It is a great way of enjoying the outdoors
- It eases stress and tension
- It helps control body weight
- It reduces the risk of heart disease and high blood pressure †
- It helps increase your fitness, stamina and well-being
- It is natural and easy

WHY WALK?

- Cycle for Health
- Hyndburn & Ribblesdale PCT have teamed up with Sustrans, and Cycling Projects, a charity specialising in cycling for health and wheels for all to offer a programme of short cycle rides based on the Greenway. Free bike hire is provided and help in riding a bicycle is given if necessary. It is all great fun. You will enjoy it, if you give it a go.
- To find out more about walking and cycling opportunities in Hyndburn contact: Hyndburn & Ribblesdale Healthy Heart Team on 01254 356800 or Cycling Projects on 0161 745 9099 or cpnw@cycling.org.uk

TOURIST INFORMATION

Accrington Tourist Information Centre,
 Town Hall, Blackburn Rd, Accrington
 01254 380293

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Lancashire County Council produce an extensive range of leaflets and maps on cycle routes. For more information visit our website: www.lancashire.gov.uk/environment/cycling or ring 01772 534609

HYNDBURN BOROUGH COUNCIL

01254 388111 www.hyndburn.gov.uk

SUSTRANS

Sustrans, the sustainable transport charity, works on schemes to encourage cycling and walking, including the National Cycle Network. 0845 113 0065 www.sustrans.org.uk

LOCAL INFORMATION

These sites include local history and what's on guides. (Lancashire County Council is not responsible for these external sites). www.great-harwood.org.uk www.rishton.org

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Peninne Evnts specialise in running cycle events and give a free advice service on local cycle routes Mark Sandamas 01282 814738 & 01695 682020 www.pennineevents.co.uk

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Hyndburn & Ribblesdale Valley Council for Volunteers, working closely with the Primary Care Trust (PCT) run a series of short health walks in Hyndburn. Many of these guided walks use the Greenway. Maps are available of these routes to allow you to walk on your own or with friends and family.

HEALTH WALKS AND CYCLE RIDES BASED ON THE GREENWAY

• Walk or cycle to the train
 The Greenway runs by Accrington and Church & Oswaldtwistle Stations. Leave the car at home and catch the train.

• Walk or cycle to town
 Use the Greenway to walk and cycle to town

• Walk or cycle to work
 The Greenway runs close to Accrington Town Centre and through the St James Square office area. You can continue on the Greenway to work at Great Harwood, Whitebirk and Blackburn.

• Walk or cycle to school
 Both Norden High School and Sports College at Rishton and Hollins Technology College at Baxenden are close to the Greenway. Many children would like to walk or cycle to school. The Greenway gives you a safe way of getting to school.

SHOPS
 Walking or cycling to work or school is a great way of starting the day, keeping fit and beating the rush hour blues.

HEALTHY TRAVEL TO WORK, SCHOOL OR THE

NATIONAL CYCLE NETWORK

The Hyndburn Greenway is part of National Cycle Network Route 6, which will run from London to Keswick. The Network comprises 10,000 miles of traffic-free routes and traffic-calmed or minor roads. For more info see www.nationalcyclenetwork.org.uk

CODE OF CONDUCT

As the route is shared with other users, such as walkers and horses, it is good practice to follow some simple common sense rules:

- Give way to others
- Ride at a gentle pace and slow down when passing other users
- Warn others of your approach – all bikes are now sold with bells.
- Be polite
- Do not assume other people can hear or see you.
- Obey the Highway Code on the short road sections.

BRITISH WATERWAYS PERMIT

To cycle on the canal towpath you should obtain a free permit from British Waterways. You can download this from their website www.waterscape.com or obtain one by ringing 01942 405700.

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The Hyndburn Greenway offers you a great traffic free route, linking Accrington Town Centre with Blackburn, Rishton, Church over Baxenden. There is also a link to Great Harwood.

Following traffic free paths and upgraded canal towpaths, you'll find the route great for walking and cycling - you can even ride a horse on part of it! Plus, as the Greenway is flat, you do not have to work too hard.

Use the Greenway to keep fit and healthy. Cycling or walking along the Greenway is a superb way of getting to work, school or to shops. It is a lovely route for cycling or walking just for fun.

The Woodcock Greenway and the crossing of the lake south of Accrington Town Centre are particular highlights of the route.



A TRAFFIC FREE ROUTE FOR CYCLISTS AND WALKERS THROUGH THE HEART OF HYNDBURN

