

This will bring you in a half mile from Moors Farm to Elton Road. This is the B6232 Blackburn/Haslingden Road, known as the Grane Road. The Grey Mare Inn will be on your left. You may turn right on the road, take the left fork after 600 yds and follow this road into Belthorn Village.

An attractive alternative route which can be boggy in wet weather crosses into the field opposite the Grey Mare, close to a signpost pointing to Edgeworth. Follow the line of telegraph posts across the field to a steep sided valley with a clapper bridge. From the bridge climb to a pair of stone gate posts and follow the green track to a gate. Then take the left track into Belthorn village.

On the walk through the village the views in all directions are splendid. The TV station at Winter Hill can be seen clearly. Belthorn is the turning point of your walk. Look for Chapel Street on your right and turn into the street. There are the remains of the old chapel although little but the graves are now visible.

At the end of Chapel Street bear left and then right over the playing fields until once again you return to the main road. Cross over and continue past Higher Eden Farm for about 30 yards. Go through the gate on the right and cross the field to come out at Lower Eden Farm on Sough Lane. Turn left here look for the steps over the wall on the right. Go over the wall and follow the telegraph poles down to the stream where there is a stile and a small bridge. On the walk from the road to this point you can see evidence of former coal pit sites known as Engine Bye and Heeden, all of which closed in the last century.

Ahead and slightly to the right Moss Hall Farm can be seen in the distance. The path is not easy to follow, walk in the general direction of the farm, crossing a small foot bridge before finding the path

becoming more noticeable. At the farm bear right then left through the yard. This will bring you out at Ye Old Brown Cow Inn and the corner of Whitecroft. Go down here and past Whitecroft Farm for 60 yards. Go over the stile on your right and you will see on the far edge of the field almost diagonally another stile. Cross this and turn left; a few yards will bring you to steps down into Duckworth Hill. Turn right and in a quarter mile you reach Immanuel Church again.

On this walk you will need strong footwear. It is not a walk for push chairs or prams. Some of the paths have blended into the countryside and the terrain at times is swampy. The walk is particularly rewarding however, because of the magnificent views in all directions and can rarely be bettered anywhere in the country.



ENJOY YOUR WALK

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1. "Aspen Valley Fairy Caves",  
(Ancient monument - rare 'bee-hive' shaped coke ovens),
2. Rhyddings Park & Urban Conservation Area.

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# THE BELTHORN TRAIL



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The walk starts at Oswaldtwistle Library, but those knowing the area may prefer to start at Immanuel Church it takes four to five hours.

From the Library walk up Union Road towards Blackburn. Turn left into New Lane opposite the Black Dog and you will reach Immanuel Church after 1/3 mile. The Church was built for £1,500 on land given by Sir Robert Peel, twice Prime Minister, and was consecrated in 1837. By 1985, about 27,000 had been buried there, more than the entire population of Oswaldtwistle at present.

Turn left either below or above the Church, both paths are sign-posted. This will bring you into Rhoden Farm yard after crossing Wham Brook. Look for a waymark pointing right and then in 10 yards another pointing left. Footpaths through the fields will bring you to Haslingden Road. This was originally constructed about 1790 by Blind Jack of Knaresborough. The Toll House, closed in 1875, is just over the road.

Take the path opposite, leaving the Toll House on your right and begin to climb to the open moorland. After passing Moors Farm on your left, you go out on to the moor proper. Look for a stile over the wall on your right and then another half left. At the second stile turn left. Care is necessary here, watch for the waymarkers ahead, the path is obscure and the ground can be boggy and uneven. Take a moment to look back and you will see the whole panorama of the valley containing Oswaldtwistle and neighbouring towns. In the far distance Pendle, Ingleborough and the Bowland Hills can be seen.

Continue over the moor, remembering to look for the waymarkers. You will pass the sites of the old Belthorn reservoir and Whetstone Edge Quarry.

