

Winter Wonderland Walk

Directions for the Walk.

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Starting from Junction 7 Car park walk up the hill (Blackburn Road) towards the Traffic lights.

Before you reach the traffic lights go **OVER** the Canal Bridge and join the canal footpath on the far side (*the same side as the Accrington Sea cadets building and car park*). The first bridge you go under is no. **114A**

A few 100 yds further on and you will pass the sign 'Welcome to Church' and 'Rileys swing bridge'.

Keep on this path passing the Leeds to Liverpool half way marker (a white mileage marker).

You will soon come to the end of the canal path and you will need to go over the canal bridge and join the path going in the same direction on the other side. Keep on this canal path going under canal bridge no. **111d** past the 'Welcome to Oswaldtwistle' sign and under bridge no. **111a**, a little further and you will pass under bridge no. **111**, a little further you will pass under bridge no. **110a**, and then bridge no. **110**.

Keeping on the canal footpath and you will soon see a golf course on the opposite side of the canal. Next you will pass under a rusting metal railway bridge and then a sign 'Welcome to Rishton' and you will walk under bridge no. **109**.

Shortly you will go over the motorway on bridge no **108AA** and onto bridge no. **108A**.

IMPORTANT: at the next bridge no. **108** you will leave the canal footpath and join the gravel footpath by the yellow and black road barrier bordered by temporary mesh fencing across the football field and under the pylon .

(don't follow the green sign that says public footpath which goes off to the right).

Once you have crossed the football field you will turn right and follow the gravel path until you come to the end of the diversion where you will take the left fork and see a bench on your left.

You are now on the path which leads you through a partially wooded area, past Great Harwood cemetery (on your left) and onto the outskirts of Great Harwood.

As you reach the outskirts of Great Harwood you will see a pub on your right '**The Victoria**'. We have asked the owner if they would be happy for our walkers to use their **TOILETS** and they agreed. Further along the same foot/cycle path over the minor roads you will see a huge mural of steam engines on your left.

IMPORTANT: Look out for **BARONS WAY** which is a minor road that crosses the footpath. **Turn right Down Barons Way** until you reach the T Junction at the bottom.

Turn sharp left and immediately on the right you will see a **footpath that goes between two large stones**. Follow this footpath down the slope up the other side until you reach the cobbled road. Follow the cobbled road around until it joins the tarmac road.

Follow the tarmac road up Lower Barnes street until you come to the roundabout at the top where you will see the '**Forts Arms**', who have agreed to allow our walkers to use their **TOILETS**.

At the roundabout you need to go almost straight across (third exit) and walk up the street towards **All Saints** church at the top of the road keeping **Mercer Park** on your right. Turn left at the top of the road (when facing All Saints church) and then first right passing the front of All Saints Primary school (Winckley road).

At the end of the road turn left up the road towards a black pedestrian gate which brings you back on to the canal tow path. Turn right on to the canal towpath and you are within a few 100yds of the canal tow path starting point (bridge no 114A). Leave the canal tow path and turn right following the main road back to junction 7 Business Park.

Don't forget to pick up your completion certificate at the car park

Thank you - Thank you - Thank you - Thank you

for taking part in this walk and raising money for Building classrooms at Bethany