

Route Description: Exploring the Bleasdale Estate

1. There's roadside parking in Delph Quarry on Delph Lane (SD54593 45550). Walk downhill along Delph Lane to the footpath (SD54801 45228) leading to High Moor. Through the wooden gate on the L before the farmyard, follow the path behind the buildings across the pasture next to the fence to a stile (SD55180 45543) at Broadgate. Across the road is a gate (SD55224 45599), turn R into a muddy farm track for Broadgate Wood. Through a gate (SD55633 45328), cross the pasture to Bleasdale Tower (SD55834 46148), walk in front of the building to a gate and the road at Brooks Barn (SD56101 46256).
2. Turn R down the estate road, leave the woodland continue to Brooks. After the farm, on the L & in the trees is the old packhorse bridge crossing the River Brock. Continue along the estate road, before the next woodland, there is a track on the L leading to a pasture via a gate (SD56699 45632). Cross the pasture to Admarsh Barn and the Chapel (SD57293 45529).
3. Turn R & walk down the road to Bleasdale School, before the cattle grid is a gate (SD57359 45248) on the L. Along the path, gates & a small footbridge assist passage through the woodland. Walk across the pasture to the gate (SD57729 45124) by the 'Ailsa Grove Hide'. Turn L along the farm road to the cattle grid & brook (SD57895 45103), now turn R on the path alongside the brook to a footbridge (SD58012 44924). Continue to the muddy farm track (SD58654 44686) & to Blindhurst. Enter the cobbled farmyard at Blindhurst keeping R.
Pass in front of the white-washed cottage (built 1731) and turn L to leave the farmyard.
4. Leave the farmyard, turn R and climb the short slope diagonally to a stile (SD58871 44789). Turn L and descend the path heading for Fair Snape Farm, keep a constant direction to cross a fence stile (SD58804 44972) and then another fence-stile (SD58763 45153) to a footbridge (SD58657 45370). Follow the path alongside the fence (it crosses the fence) to the road at Higher Fair Snape (SD53235 45923). Turn R up the farm road to Higher Fair Snape.
5. Through the gateposts & turn L after the barn, follow the signs through the 2nd farmyard and along a good path to reach the Concessionary Path (SD57659 46717) before Holme House. Turn R and follow the farm track, through the yard at Holme House, passing a cattle grid (SD57271 47174) before Hazlehurst.
6. Continue past Hazlehurst, its now an estate road leading to Clough Heads Wood & a cattle grid (SD56527 46780). Continue along the estate road, over Clough Heads Bridge, past the cottages and estate buildings to Brooks Barn (SD56101 46256).
7. Turn R at Brooks Barn, along the estate road, past Bleasdale Tower and Fell End. Continue along the estate road, just before Stang Yule is a path on the L, through a gate and Delph Wood to reach Delph Lane. Turn L and walk down Delph Lane to Delph Quarry and the start/finish.