

Owens Walks

Route Description: Conder Green, Galgate and Glasson Dock: along footpaths, tow-paths and old railway

1. Good car parking at the Conder Green Picnic Site (SD45682 56136). Walk down the access road to the A588, pass The Stork to reach the narrow road near the phone box. Walk down the quiet lane to the junction.
2. Through the pinch stile (SD46135 55810) on the L and follow the path behind the farm buildings and cottages. Cross an interesting FB and stile (SD46403 55872) in the corner of a field continuing toward the pylon near Parkside Farm. Much agility is needed to negotiate an iron stile, continue up the slope by the hedge to a stone stile by Parkside Farm. Through the obvious gap between farm buildings to emerge in the pasture keeping L of the hedge. Before reaching the pylon, the path crosses the hedge at a pinch stile (SD47082 55857) and gate. Pass under the power cables, descend the pasture to a stile (SD47254 55789). Ascend the slope up the obvious path to a less demanding iron stile, at the top of the slope, drift R away from the hedge and descend the hill to a stile (SD47409 55843) into Forerigg Wood. It's a short passage through the wood, after the stile, keep R along the edge of the woodland, cross the pasture to a stile (SD47677 55695) and the Lancaster Canal.
3. Turn R (S) along the tow-path, pass bridge 88 and Galgate Marina to soon reach the junction of the main navigation with the Glasson Branch.
4. Turn R past Bridge 1 and lock and walk along the wonderful turfed tow-path to reach lock 4.
5. Pass lock 4 and the bridge, in about 30m is a pinch-stile into the field, double-back in the field to a stile and cross the canal over the stone-bridge. Over a stile on the L, then cross the pasture diagonally, heading for a stile (SD46702 54432) near the corner of Back Wood. Over another stile, keep R to reach the road by the Church. Walk past the Church to a bend in the road, through a gap in the hedge on the R, walk through the wood passing the Leisure Centre of Thurnham Hall. Turn L along a footpath, passing various buildings to the front of the Hall, turn R to reach a stile (SD46387 54721) on the perimeter of the complex by the recycling centre. Cross the pasture to a stile, continue to the R between hedges to reach a stile (SD46418 54913) just before the canal. A short walk to the bridge, steps lead down to the tow-path.
6. Turn R along the tow-path to reach the marina at Glasson Dock.
7. From Glasson Dock, cross the road to join the footpath along the disused railway, return to Conder Green