

Route Description: Ribchester, Knowle Green and Stydd

1. There's a car park (SD64913 35211) in Ribchester. From the car park, turn L onto Church St, at the through road junction, turn R into Blackburn Rd (SD64947 35327). Around the bend, turn L into Ribblesdale Rd (SD65081 35415), continue over Boyces Bridge (AD1876) along Stonygate Lane, at the edge of the development on the LHS is a tarmac farm track (SD65140 35784).
2. Turn L up the track to Boyce's Farm, continue thro' the farmyard along the track to reach a 'road junction' (SD64563 36111) just before Ashmoor House. Go through the gate on the R, over a stile and gate, then turn L crossing the meadow, follow the white marker posts to a stile (SD64377 36271). Cross the stile entering Buckley Wood, descend the slope to a footbridge (SD64275 36265). Follow the path thro this hidden meadow alongside Boyce's Brook, (idyllic!) to reach another FB (SD64078 36469). Over the FB, turn L and climb the steps, a short wooded path leads to a stile by a marker post (red dot). Cross the obvious path to reach Buckley Hall (SD63848 36601). Continue along the track some 50m to reach a broken stile on the R, cross the stile, bear L and descend the slope heading towards Cage Mill. Through a gateway (white paint marker) and marker posts, continue to reach a stile (SD63678 36831). Over the stile, follow the fenced path to the mill access road, turn L to reach Cage Farm and Green Moor Lane (SD63560 36942).
3. Turn R along Green Moor Lane, at the 1st bend, go through the stile on the L (SD63555 36994). Walk along the stream crossing a stile to reach a footbridge (SD63406 37241), cross the FB and turn L through the orchard by the cottages to reach the ford (SD63326 37284). Over the FB, turn R and follow the obvious path alongside Cowley Brook (stream on R). Over a small stone FB to reach the weavers cottages at Spring Farm (SD63349 37398), continue up the road, past Lum Mill to reach the Old Smithy. Follow the road, uphill, there's a footpath on the R (SD63380 37570), follow it behind the Old Smithy, through the woodland, only Cowley Brook breaks the silence! Cross Cowley Brook at a FB (SD63516 37802) and climb the steps by the ruin of Knowle Green Bobbin Mill. Turn L at Clay Cottages to reach B6243. Turn R and walk up the road for 50m, there's a wide farm track (LHS) opposite the Church.
4. Follow the farm track among the dwellings, at Briar Cottage, take the steps on the R, through a gate to a stile (SD63830 38209). Cross the meadow keeping close to Cowley Brook, over some stiles (SD64015 38484), from the stile by a holly, leave the brook, cross the meadow to reach a bridleway between two holly's, a steel gate and stile (SD64119 38548). Follow the bridleway through the farmyard at Moor Hey to reach Stonygate Lane (SD64539 38509). Cross the lane, follow the FP over the meadow to reach the corner of a stone wall and then a stile (SD64816 38518). Turn R, descend the green lane to New Row (Weavers cottages) (SD64815 38156).
5. Walk in front of New Row, at the end on R, there's a path through a tunnel of shrubs to a gate, turn L heading toward the stone dwelling. Keep R (in front of the house), skirt around to a gate (by a kennel) (SD65048 38236). Follow the fence-line to the woodland. Over a stile, descend the meadow (SD65460 38223), then head toward a stile (SD65396 37878) and the road (SD65362 37766).
6. Cross the road, follow the farm road to the farm at Duddel Hill (mast), through the farmyard, descend the pasture through a gate by stone wall (SD65520 37131). Cross the next pasture to a stile and FB (SD65450 36745) and continue to Stydd Manor (SD65361 36107).

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7. Follow the road to Ribchester Rd (SD65343 35455), turn R into Ribchester village.