

## Clitheroe Club Site – River Ribble

Camping and Caravanning



### Route Summary

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A delightful walk along both sides of the River Ribble west of Clitheroe starting at the Club Site of the same name. The walk follows the river north east to Bradford Bridge before returning southwesterly to the start using riverside and field paths/tracks with some lane walking.

### Route Overview

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Category: Walking

Length: 8.650 km / 5.41 mi

Last Modified: 22nd September 2017

Difficulty: Medium

Rating: Unrated

Surface: Moderate

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### Description

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### A CIRCUIT OF THE RIVER RIBBLE FROM CLITHEROE CLUB SITE



#### Walking by the River Ribble near Clitheroe

1. From the reception at Clitheroe Club Site exit past the barrier to the approach road. Go straight ahead for a few paces then go left (signposted Footpath To River Bank) just before the 5mph sign. Bend back sharply to the left and head downhill between some bushes. Drop down to a track by a play area and go left over a little bridge before turning right near a kissing gate. Follow the path to reach a surfaced track by the River Ribble. Go right on this, passing below a play area with the river to the left.

Continue to bear right past a small railway then pass a swing park and benches with picnic benches on the left. You'll reach a car park at Edisford Bridge (home to toilets and an ice cream van in season). Pass through the car park bearing left towards the river and then going right to walk behind benches towards the bridge. Bend right as the path rises up from the field and bear right again following a sign for The Ribble Way before the road. Follow the rising Tarmac track past a sign for Clitheroe and continue on a path that soon becomes a pavement by the road.

Carry on past a car park and to the left cross over the road at a pedestrian crossing. Once over head right and shortly go left on the Ribble Way at the Ribblesdale Swimming Pool sign.



Walking to Edisford Bridge near the start of the walk

2. Follow the access lane for the sports centre past a barrier. At the end of the access lane continue straight ahead over a field to reach a sign for the Ribble Way. Go right near the river. Just before the path descends into trees, leave it to the right to follow 'footpath' and 'Ribble Way' signs past a dog bin and between houses, continuing down a short lane. At the end of this go left and then right in front of Cloggers Cottage. At the next junction go straight ahead and ahead again at a sign for the Ribble Way. At the next junction (with Union Street') continue ahead through more houses.

Cross Kingfisher Crescent and continue ahead by a white metal fence. Pass Heron Mews and carry on a much rougher track behind allotments. After these follow the track to reach a gate near a stable. Pass through the kissing gate next to the gate and once level with the stables on your left, go half right at a fork in the track to pass through a further kissing gate.

The path rises up through the field beyond. When the fence on your right bends right continue ahead and pass a post, going ahead again (on the left path) to descend steeply in trees. Join the River Ribble again and leaving the trees behind, go through a kissing gate. Follow the river bank to take a half right turn by Brungerley Bridge passing over a footbridge to reach a lane via a stone stile.



### Heading for Brungerley Bridge

3. Go right up the road and shortly cross over near a white house following the Ribble Way to the left through gates by a sculpture. Take the track beyond, turning half right at a junction for Brungerley Park. The track climbs up past a Ribble Way sign, continuing ahead at the next junction. Follow the path high above the river and at the next junction (just after a bench) go half left down some steps. At a junction near a weir go right over a little bridge and continue by the river. The path rises then turns left on a wide track by a Cross Hill Quarry sign. Follow the river to go left on The Ribble Way at an otter sculpture.



### Descending to the River Ribble near a weir

4. Descend and leave the trees and pass through a gate. Follow the riverside path and pass through another gate before following the path by the river bending to the right by a bench. Continue by the river and pass through a further gate then follow the path beyond with a fence/wall on your right. Continue to bear right at Bradford Bridge and go left up some steps to the road.

Go left, crossing the bridge carefully. Beyond, as the road bends right, go left through a gap in the wall, going left again down some steps to pass through a kissing gate to the opposite side of the river. Follow the river to the field end and bear right to the top corner of the field. Pass through a second kissing gate continuing up a short stretch of path to pass through a third kissing gate to an open field.



Bradford Bridge

5. Climb the field heading half left towards a telegraph pole, going past the right hand end of a line of trees/bushes. At this point bend left to cross the lower of two stiles in a fence. Head half left descending to a field corner. Cross a bridge going over a stile to the next field. Go half left past a telegraph post and continue over the trackless field. Aim for a gap in the fence by a tree, crossing a bridge to pass through this gap.

Bear left on a path and cross a stile, heading left and crossing a bridge by a post. Go straight ahead to climb the next field, crossing a stile to the left of a short tree. Pick up a part-surfaced track and follow it beside bushes to pass through a gate by an old stile. Descend and bear right and join a track coming in from the left. Go ahead on this following the rising path past a farm and follow the access track to reach a road via a gate/opening.



Following the River Ribble

6. Cross the road to go right on the pavement. Rise to shortly go left through a kissing gate. Take the good track ahead towards farm buildings. Rise to join a surfaced access lane for Waddow Hall. Go left on this. At a junction of lanes go ahead past an Authorised vehicles only sign. Descend toward the hall going right just before a cattle grid, and follow footpath signs. Head left on the rising path and follow arrows that will then see you descend. Go through a gate and bear left and go right by another gate. Follow the track descending to head right.

Follow the track to reach a lane via a kissing gate. Go left, following the lane carefully to bear right past Shireburn Park Residential Site. Continue downhill on the lane passing a kennels/cattery on the left. Just as the road bends right leave it and go left at a footpath sign. Pass through a gap and cross the bridge. Afterwards bear right behind houses passing through a gap, heading left. The path bends both right and left here to a road among houses. Pass right of the island, heading upwards on the lane beyond.

Bear right to rejoin your outbound route and follow the road heading left then go right before St Ann's Court. Go ahead past a marker, going left on the path. Bear left at the Ribble Way sign to pick up the access lane for the sports centre and follow it back to the road. Go right and cross to the left at the pedestrian crossing. Bend right then go left at The Camping and Caravanning Club sign and walk back to the site.

## Waypoints

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