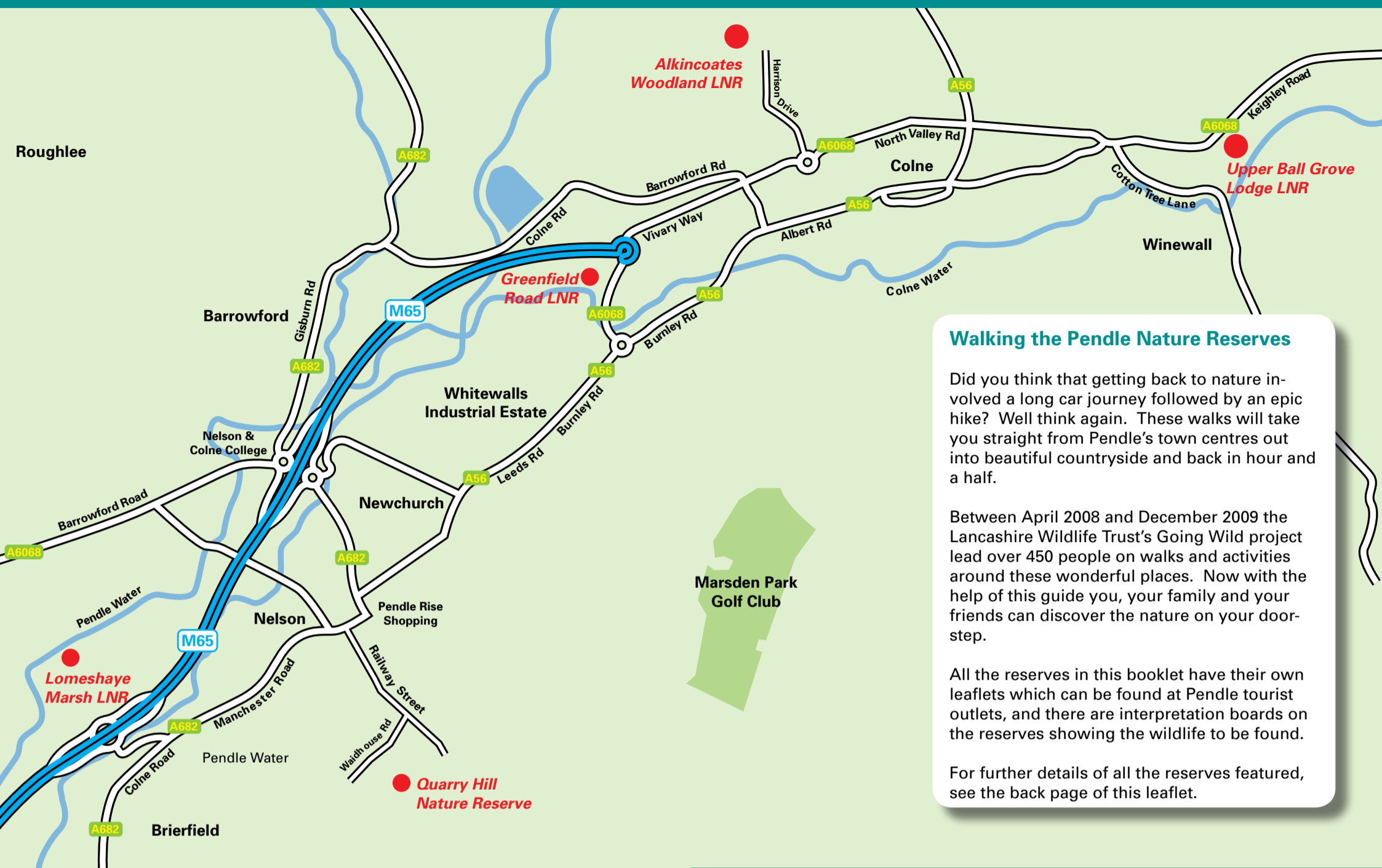


Map of Pendle, Brierfield, Nelson & Colne



Walking the Pendle Nature Reserves

Did you think that getting back to nature involved a long car journey followed by an epic hike? Well think again. These walks will take you straight from Pendle's town centres out into beautiful countryside and back in hour and a half.

Between April 2008 and December 2009 the Lancashire Wildlife Trust's Going Wild project lead over 450 people on walks and activities around these wonderful places. Now with the help of this guide you, your family and your friends can discover the nature on your doorstep.

All the reserves in this booklet have their own leaflets which can be found at Pendle tourist outlets, and there are interpretation boards on the reserves showing the wildlife to be found.

For further details of all the reserves featured, see the back page of this leaflet.

Alkincoates Woodland Local Nature Reserve (LNR)

A 19 acre broadleaf plantation, with ponds, a wetland area and a rich variety of wildflowers.

Greenfield Road Local Nature Reserve

8 acres of woodland, pond and grassland on the floodplain of Colne Water.

Lomeshaye Marsh Local Nature Reserve

Surprising 3 acre wetland on the side of Pendle Water on site of the old sewage works in middle of modern industrial estate.

Quarry Hill Nature Reserve

16 acres of woodland, meadow and marsh on the site of an old quarry and subsequent landfill.

Also in Pendle but not included in the Going Wild project, is **Upper Ball Grove Lodge Local Nature Reserve**. A 5 acre site, located on the floodplain of Colne Water, it was the first LNR to be officially designated in Pendle, in 2004. The lodge was originally constructed for farm use and then by a leather tannery downstream, in what is now Ball Grove Park. The Reserve features deer, toads frogs and newts, euphrasia, common orchid whilst the lake has Bulrush, Yellow Flag, Reed Canary-grass and Amphibi-bistort. Located off Winewall Road, Colne, BB8 7HZ

LNRs are designated by the Local Authority, in this case Pendle Borough Council, who are responsible for managing them. Pendle Environmental Action Group, reserve 'Friends Of' groups and community volunteers carry out much of the management work and promote the sites.

At the time of writing, Quarry Hill was not designated an LNR, but will hopefully be so in the near future. The reserve is owned by Lancashire County Council.

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Alkincoates Woodland LNR Walk

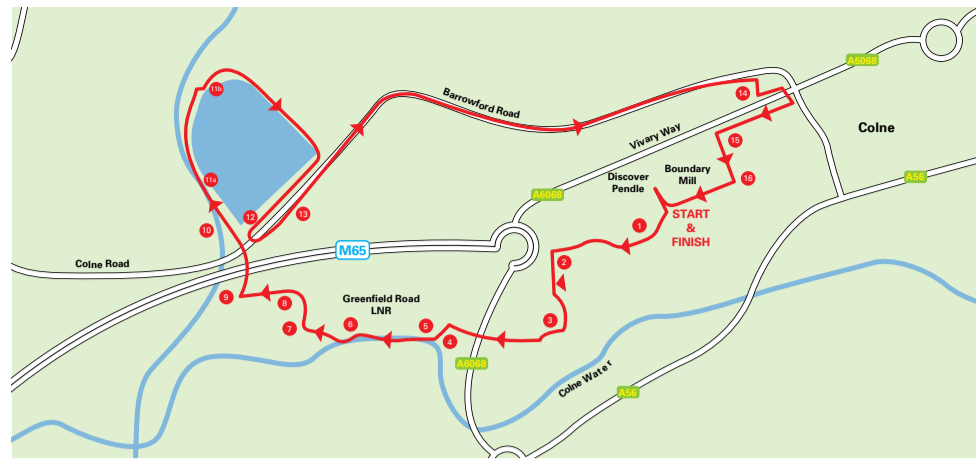


Starting from Colne Rugby Club car park (BB8 9SF). 1.5hrs.

1. Cross the sports field to the gate and go through the squeeze stile into the LNR.
2. Follow the gravel path heading up the hill, take the path to your left signed Canal Walk. At the crossroads take the path to the right, signed Canal Walk.
3. Go through the kissing gate and cross Red Lane, turning left at Blue Slate Farm.
4. Carry on over the Bridge and up the hill with Slipper Hill Reservoir on your right.
5. Cross over the small bridge to your left and immediately turn right to follow the concessionary footpath through the garden. Please stick to the path as the landowners kindly let us use it!
6. Shortly after the wooden gate take the path to your right, up the hill next to the hedgerow. Look out for cowslips and bilberry here.
7. Keep beside the hedge until the top of the field and go through the squeeze stile about 10m from the corner. Turn left along the road about 5m before going through a wooden gate into a field.
8. Walk along the top boundary of this field, to the gate in the corner. Turn left down towards the Leeds & Liverpool Canal.
9. Cross the Canal bridge and go through the stone stile on your right and follow the path through the field. Look out for the celandines in Spring!
10. At the far end of the field, climb the steps to the road and through another squeeze stile. Cross the road to the metal kissing gate on the other side.
11. Follow this path up the hill. About 200m after the farmhouses, opposite a lay-by on your right with an obscured gateway, turn left, crossing over the old railway line and heading up into the woods.
12. Shortly after the kissing gate you will come out of the woods, follow the footpath that takes you along the back of some houses.
13. Turn left and follow the path along the side of Alkincoates Park. Carry on up through the gate where the path turns to gravel.
14. Turn right at the rugby pitch and you will arrive back at the car park.



Greenfield Road Walk



Starting from Discover Pendle at Boundary Mill (BB8 9QX). 1hr.

1. Walk towards the entrance of the car park. Just after the metal gates, turn left through the opening in the fence and follow the path.
2. Turn right along the road and right again along the footpath through the white bollards.
3. Cross the dual carriageway. On the far side of the car park is the entrance into the LNR.
4. Turn left down the steps and follow the path along Colne Water. This path brings you back up a set of steps to two ponds and a dipping platform.
5. Continue left along the top path, and through the gate back onto the road.
6. Follow the road which bears left. As the road turns back to the right, go through the A-frame in front of you.
7. At the Leeds & Liverpool Canal turn right. Continue past the locks and you will find Barrowford Reservoir up to your right. Take either of the next 2 flights of steps up then walk around the reservoir to the far side.
8. Go down and up the 2 sets of steps to Barrowford Road, where you will turn left and walk along the pavement. Cross the road before it bears right.
9. As the pavement narrows up the hill, cross to the left side pavement and then cross back in about 250m, at the bridge flanked by bollards.
10. Turn right at Alkincoates Road, left at the bottom and then cross the dual carriageway.
11. Turn right and after about 100m, take the path to the left between the playing field and Boundary Mill.
12. Take the right hand path which takes you back to Boundary Mill carpark.



Lomeshaye Marsh LNR Walk



Starting from Brierfield Train Station (BB9 6RS). 1.5hrs

1. Turn right out of the car park and head down Clitheroe Road. Cross over the Leeds & Liverpool Canal and turn right onto the tow path.
2. Walk alongside the Leeds & Liverpool canal for approximately 1 mile and then follow the sign saying 'Lomeshaye Industrial Estate' to your left.
3. Walk under the motorway bridge and continue towards the mill building.
4. Turn right at the mill, then immediately down Sun Street at the end of which, turn left down Ecroyd Street.
5. Turn right again and you will see Lomeshaye Industrial Estate in front of you. Walk across the small car park and head right with the industrial unit on your left.
6. When you emerge at Churchill Road, cross over and take your first left along Kirby Road.
7. At the end of this road is Lomeshaye Marsh LNR. This is a fantastic site for birdwatching – check out the new accessible bird-hide on the left side of the reserve. (You can do a circular tour of the reserve which takes 5-10 minutes.) Cross over the cobbled bridge on the far side of the reserve, through the kissing gate, and follow the path alongside Pendle Water.
8. As you emerge into open countryside, follow the path to the field boundary, cross through a step/squeeze stile and head under the underpass.
9. At the far side of the underpass turn left up a flight of stairs.
10. You are now back on Clitheroe Road. Head up the hill, over the level crossing and back to Brierfield Station.



Quarry Hill Nature Reserve Walk



Starting from Nelson Interchange (BB9 0SB). 1.5hrs

1. Head up Railway Street, crossing over Hibson Road and continue up the hill for about half a mile. Turn right onto Waidhouse Road. The entrance to Quarry Hill is on your left after about 100m.
2. Once in the reserve as the path splits, you may choose the high or low path. The low path takes you past the remaining cliff from the old quarrying days, and a bank of cowslips. The top path offers a small woodland and blackberries in autumn, plus a wonderful panoramic interpretation board.
3. Whatever your choice, or after 2 circuits, head past the stone seat, down the steps and over the stile. The path turns right at a house, and you will join the road between 2 mill buildings.
4. Turn right along the road which will take you to Walverden Reservoir. Pause here to observe the bird life, before walking up the road to the left and into the field heading up towards Southfield hamlet.
5. Shortly before you reach the hamlet, go through the small wooden gate on your left into the field. Follow this path for about a quarter of a mile, going over 4 wooden gate type styles.
6. After the 4th gate, turn left down the track into a field. As the field opens out follow the path down to the right, where it runs along a small ridge. Go through the gate and turn left between the field and the garden fence. Look out for the interesting wildlife here!
7. Follow the path where it bears right, then take a left down the track. Cross over the road and head down Wickworth Street. This gets very steep at the bottom so be careful, especially when wet or icy.
8. Turn right onto Southfield Street passed Valley Mills, before joining the path on your left that runs parallel with the road.
9. Cross over the bridge at the end into Walverden Park. Keep to the lower path along the river on your right, before heading up the hill and onto Brunswick Street.
10. Follow the road down towards town, cross over Hibson Road and turn right at the Job Centre to take you back to Nelson Interchange.

