

## DISCOVER HYNDBURN

# Woodlands & Baby Millennium Woodland

A circular walk from Clayton-le-Moors. The walk includes paths through Woodlands Park, Clayton Forest, Bell Lane, Baby Millennium Woodland and local history. It is a good starter walk for people new to or retuning to walking and those new to the area.



**Parking:** Local street parking on Clayton Hall Drive, Clayton-le-Moors BB5 5SA.

**Public Transport:** Nos 6/7 Wilson Playing Fields bus stop.

**Distance and Approximate Time:** 2 miles (3.2kms) – 1.25 to 1.5 hours.

**Terrain:** Four stiles, well maintained woodland path, tracks and footpaths. Can be muddy on the field section footpaths from Bell Lane, in the Baby Millennium Woodland and near Clayton Hall.

**Map:** OS Explorer 287 West Pennine Moors 1:25 000 scale

**Key to Facilities:** No facilities on route. Shops, cafes etc in Clayton-le-Moors Barnes Square and Pickup Street.

**Please keep dogs on a lead and follow the Country Code**

To get the full version of this map and the FREE route directions you will need ViewRanger. ViewRanger is a digital guide to the outdoors with downloadable route guides, outdoor maps, and powerful GPS navigation features. Their mobile app runs on iPhone, iPad, Apple Watch, and Android smartphones, tablets, and watches. <https://www.viewranger.com/en-gb>



For more information go to [www.prospectsfoundation.org.uk](http://www.prospectsfoundation.org.uk) For the gpx route use the QRCode on the right



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### Information to help you enjoy this walk

There is a [woodlands leaflet](#) to accompany part of this walk.

**START** Enter Woodlands via the ornamental arch at the corner of Whalley Road and Clayton Hall Drive.

Look out for interpretation boards and a sculpture of a Hen Harrier on the boundary with Whalley Road.

Walk through the Woodlands Park until you reach the path at the far entrance.

Turn left and leave the park at the drive to Woodlands Retirement Home. Cross the drive and go through the gate.

Keeping to the right-hand path walk around the edge of Woodlands and Clayton Forest Park and along the top path.

Clayton Forest Park, an oasis of woodland in the heart of Clayton-le-Moors, surrounding Wilson's Playing Fields, has seen some interesting innovations, helping to raise awareness of the value of positive woodland management.

Horse logging extracted timber from the woodland management, which also gently manipulates the ground surface to encourage the regrowth of woodland flowers.

Restoration of an old hazel coppice produced material suitable for woodland crafts such as hedge-laying and yurt-making and is a sustainable form of woodland resource.

If you wish to take time to explore the wood, you will need to return the gateway on to Bell Lane.

Leave the woodland at Butler Cottage, Bell Lane and take the stile on your left.

Walk across the field keeping to your left near the wall. Stop to enjoy the views over the wall with Pendle Hill over on your right.

When you reach the stile/gate enter the Baby Millennium Woodland and go up the slope on your right.

Take the path through the middle of the wood.

You will reach an information board that contains the names of all the 288 babies who were registered to have a tree planted to commemorate their birth.

*In 2003, thirty-five millennium babies officially opened a wood created in their honour. The Millennium Baby Woodland in Altham was created by environmental group The Prospects Foundation to celebrate the births of Hyndburn babies in the year 2000.*

*One tree for every child registered through the scheme was planted at the Burnley Road site.*

*A display board was also unveiled which gives the names of all the babies registered and visitors were given the opportunity to see other improvements made to the site.*

*Since the trees were planted in February and March 2002 volunteers have installed four picnic tables, a kissing gate, an easy access ramp and an informal footpath around the site, as well as carrying out general maintenance to the site and trees.*

The wood, which was originally the idea of the Oswaldtwistle Prospects Panel, received around £21,000 from various grant and funding sources.

*The site is now looked after by volunteers from [Clayton-le-Moors and Altham PROSPECTS Panel](#) and an anniversary event is planned for 2021.*

Now the path curves to your left and you exit the wood through a kissing gate.

Join the A678, turn left and at the public footpath sign turn left. The old night club Martholme Grange is on your right.

*Martholme Grange used to be a night club owned by Fred Skinner but is now a private home again.*

Follow the footpath track down hill.

*Notice the field of solar panels on your right. There are lovely views from this track over to Great Harwood and the trees on the skyline beyond.*

Keep on this track to the left-hand bend at Red House Farm.

Walk forward., (ignoring the footpath on your right) until you reach the large metal gates blocking the entrance to Clayton Hall.

*Clayton Hall was created in 1772 built by the Lomaxes to replace the first Clayton Hall as a private residence. It was demolished in 1977. One of the reasons for its demise was reported to be subsidence of coal mine voids beneath the hall that had weakened the structure.*

*However, a new (third) Clayton Hall which has a similar (if not replicated) appearance of the central portion of the previous structure has been built at the site. [More history.](#)*

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Take the wooden stile on your right and follow the footpath around the back of the houses in Clayton Hall grounds to a wall and a stone stile.

Over the stile follow the path along the fence line around the back of the modern houses.

When the path reaches an open area at housing turn left along Woodland Drive and then turn right on to the start at Clayton Hall Drive.

## Volunteering

If you live in the area and would like to volunteer then please join the Panel.

They have started Working in the Millennium Baby Woodlands ready for the 2021 Anniversary event.

Clayton-le-Moors PROSPECTS Panel was established July 1996. It is a local environmental group of volunteers working for lasting change in the area. Volunteers have carried out many projects over 20 years. The Panel is a member of The Prospects Foundation. You can find out more about the Panel on [Facebook](#).

## Volunteer with local PROSPECTS Panels

If you live in the area and would like to volunteer with a local group then click on the [LINK](#) to find out more about each Panel.

## Volunteer with PROSPECTS

There are [woodland volunteering opportunities](#) at The PROSPECTS Foundation.

The PROSPECTS Foundation has received a National Lottery Heritage Fund grant of £95,100 for an exciting heritage project in Hyndburn. The project focuses on the long term management of 8 Lancashire County Council woodland sites in Hyndburn.

The project will take on the management of these woodlands to conserve their habitat and heritage value for the future. The project will involve local people, schools and volunteers in learning about, surveying and helping to protect these woodlands

If you would like to **Volunteer with PROSPECTS** visit the [website](#).



## Volunteering with Woody

Woody is a Community Interest Company (C.I.C.) that was set up by a group of local volunteers back in 2012.

They help to manage woodlands in the borough of Hyndburn and aim to educate Hyndburn residents about the importance of woodlands and provide training in woodland crafts for the community.

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There is a full version of this walk with photographs and gpx route on ViewRanger. The link is via the QRCode on the front page or this

[LINK](#)



More walks are available at: - <https://prospectsfoundation.org.uk/walking/>

These will be available from ViewRanger as we add them.

Please follow the Countryside Code and leave only your footprints in the countryside.

## The five points of the Countryside Code are:

- Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs. Take maps/guidebooks. ...
- Leave gates and property as you find them ...
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home. ...
- Keep dogs under close control. ...
- Consider other people.

**We Hope You Enjoyed This Walk**



# The Countryside Code

## Respect other people

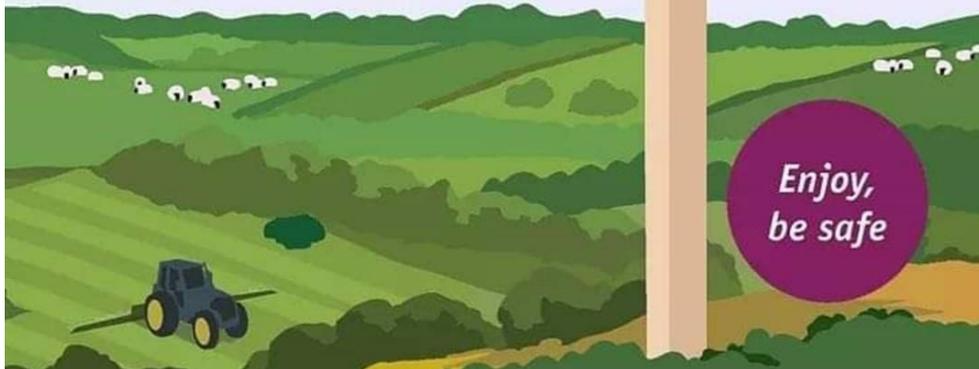
- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Park carefully so access to gateways and driveways are clear
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Follow paths but give way to others where it's narrow

## Protect the natural environment

- Leave no trace of your visit, take all your litter home
- Don't have BBQs or fires
- Keep dogs under effective control
- Dog poo - bag it and bin it

## Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead, check what facilities are open, be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs and obey social distancing measures



The PROSPECTS Foundation is Hyndburn's community owned environmental charity and we are something of a unique and wonderful organisation. We were established by local residents as a company limited by guarantee in 1998 and became a registered charity in 1999.

Our aim is to improve people's quality of life through positive environmental action. By working with a diverse range of groups in Hyndburn we aim to inspire young people; improve health and wellbeing; support communities; improve the environment; and encourage sustainable living.

**All our projects fit under one of our six themes of sustainability -**

**Improving Biodiversity...**Improve biodiversity and wildlife habitats.

**Energy conservation...**Promote energy conservation and the use of renewables.

**Local Food...**Increase the production of locally grown food.

**Raising Environmental Awareness...**Raising awareness of sustainable development issues.

**Sustainable Transport...**Encourage greater use of sustainable transport

**Waste and Recycling...**Increase waste minimisation and recycling.

<https://prospectsfoundation.org.uk/>

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## THE WINDFALL FUND...

Grants are available to community groups throughout Hyndburn for environmental projects which will improve the quality of life of local residents and contribute to the sustainable development of the Borough.

<https://prospectsfoundation.org.uk/the-windfall-fund/>

