

# The Pendle Way

## Earby - Laneshaw Bridge

This walk skirts the looming bulk of Kelbrook Moor and follows Pendle's earliest turnpike road to enjoy fine views from Knarrs Hill.  
Time: 4 - 5 hours.

1 From the **Museum of Yorkshire Dales Leadmining** take the road into Earby leading between the factory buildings. Continue along Water Street and bear left onto Red Lion Street. Follow the road through old Earby past the **Earby Yout** and after some 50 metres turn right onto a narrow walled footpath. Follow the path until you reach a lane.



Overlooking Earby

2 Turn left here then almost immediately right through a stile. Carry on through double iron gates and where the track bears right follow the fence straight ahead. Continue to the stile at the end of the field and cross the next field bearing left past an old quarry to the stile. Go straight on over a stream to a track and follow the fence to a stile. Cross the field to another stile, passing **Ridge and Furrow** markings on your left.

3 Go straight over the field to a gate, then head for the right-hand corner of the next field. An enclosed track leads to a lane where you turn left. At the end turn left. **Kelbrook** lies down the lane in the opposite direction.

4 At the end of the lane enter the field and follow the farm track to a stile. Carry straight on, through a gateway and across three fields to a ladder stile. Carry straight on to a field gate, stone squeeze and way mark post. Bear right across the field to a stile, once over the stile bear left to the corner of a wall and follow it to a ladder stile.



Harden Clough

5 After the stile, the path leads over the stream and straight uphill. Turn left by the line of trees and cross two stiles to the path in front of the farmhouse. Descend the path to a gate, bearing right over a footbridge and following the path that leads uphill to the right. Climb the stile ahead and skirt Scald Bank Farm on your right to join the farm track. Where the track bends left, bear right over a stone stile. Go diagonally left across the field and turn right at the wall, following it uphill to a stile. Carry straight on, turning left through one gate and one stile, past the pub to reach the road at **Black Lane End**.



Boulsworth from Knarrs Hill

6 Turn left up the road, then right into a lane. After half a mile, turn right down the lane to Knarrs End Farm. Just before the farm entrance, turn right up a track to a stile. Continue along the track until it bears left. Carry straight on here and follow the wall up to the triangulation point at **Knarrs Hill**.



Towards Knarrs Hill

7 Climb the stile and follow the wall on your left down the hill to the stile in the corner. Bear left across the next field to Knarrs Farm and a stile to the left of the trees. Go to the right of the farm and follow the track. Where it veers left, bear right to a stile. Go down this track and straight on past Earl Hall. Follow the field boundary to a gate. Go diagonally right across the field. Turn left at the wall and follow it to a bridge.

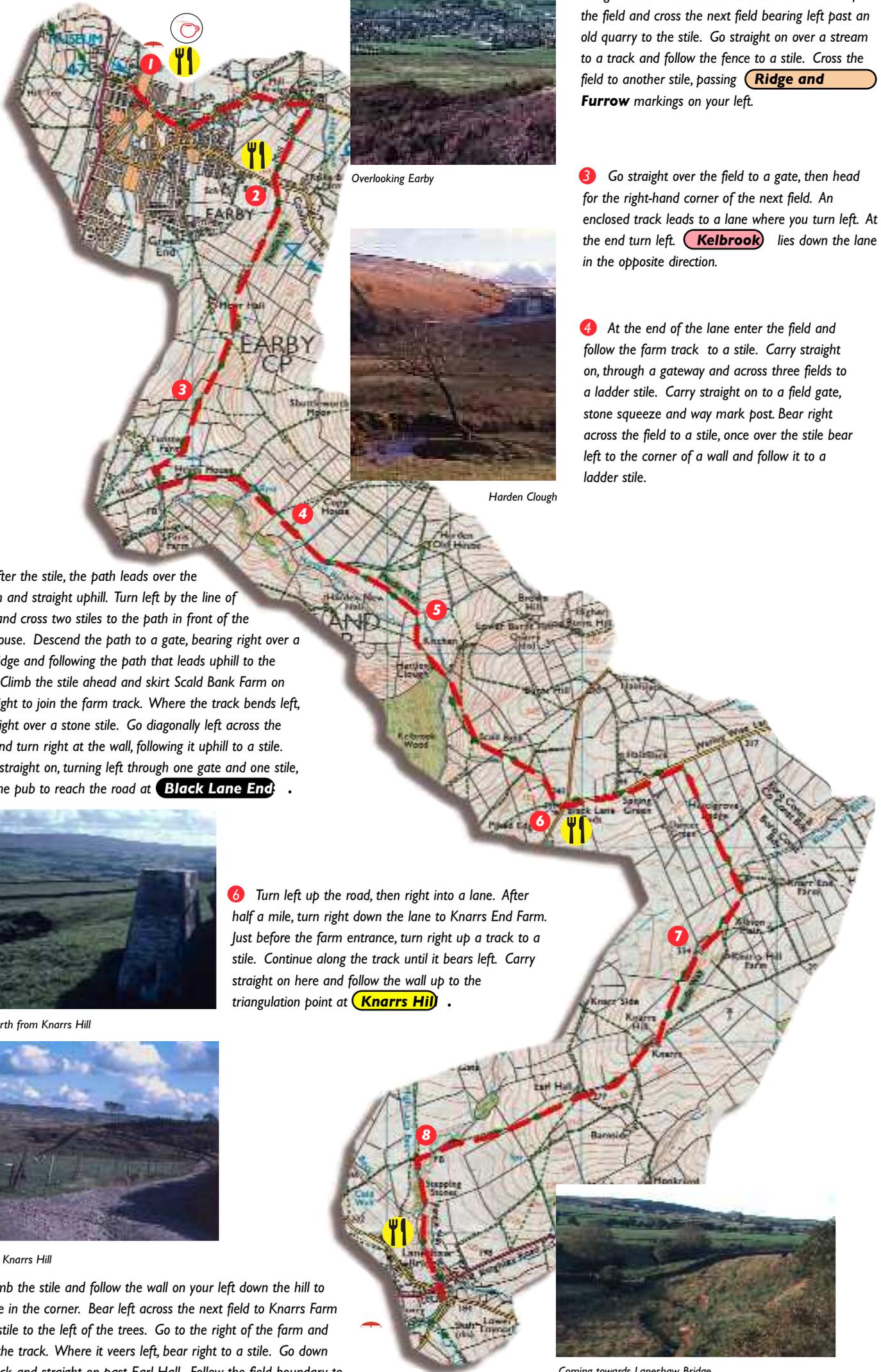
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8 Climb the stile and go straight along the wall, turning left over another stile in 100 metres. Cross the stream at the stepping stones ahead, then follow the path near the stream over three stiles to emerge in a works yard. Turn right down steps and carry on alongside the stream to emerge at **Laneshaw Bridge**.



Coming towards Laneshaw Bridge



### Museum of Yorkshire Dales Leadmining

Based in the Old Grammar School in Earby, the museum is open from late March to late October, 1.00pm to 5.00pm Wednesday to Sunday (6.00pm to 8.00pm on Thursday). The school was founded in 1600 with a bequest of money and land from Robert Windle, a local-born cleric. It remained a school until 1911. Telephone (01282) 841422.

### Earby

Earby was mentioned in Doomsday as "Eurebi" in the manor of Thornton. The old village lies away from the main road, close to the stream which powered a 12th century mill, hence the name Mill Brow. Nearby stood the tithe barn where the Parish Church of Thornton stored its levy on agricultural produce until well into the 17th century.

### Earby Youth Hostel

The Youth Hostel is housed in the former home of Katherine Bruce Glasier, a founder member of the Independent Labour Party and a leading suffragist.

### Ridge and Furrow

These ancient markings can be seen on many hillsides in Pendle, a reminder of the mixed farming which has given way to the more suitable pasture. As recently as the Second World War, much land was ploughed for crops.

### Kelbrook

Like Earby and Barnoldswick, Kelbrook was part of West Yorkshire until local government reorganisation in 1974. The Parish Church of St Mary's remains in the diocese of Bradford, rather than Blackburn. Unusually, the church which was consecrated in 1839, has a clock face on each of the tower's four sides.

### Black Lane Ends

The road at Black Lane Ends was the first turnpike in Pendle, built in 1755 from Colne to Skipton, but superseded by the later turnpike via Foulridge and Earby. The road was constructed on the route of an old salt way from Cheshire, as names like Salter Syke indicate. In the 19th

century Black Lane Ends supplied the outlying farms with most of their spiritual and bodily needs. Of the school, the Methodist chapel and the pub, only the Hare and Hounds remains in its original guise.

### Knarrrs Hill

From Knarrrs Hill (334 m) there are views to the west of Pendle Hill and Burnley. To the east is the valley leading to Keighley, with a steep escarpment, Earl Crag, surmounted by Wainmain's Pinnacle and Lund's tower (known locally as the Salt and Pepper Pots). Knarrrs means rocky.

### Laneshaw Bridge

Laneshaw Bridge village is situated on land which originally formed part of the Emmott estates. The Emmott family lived in a hall, now demolished, just off the Haworth road. They were beneficent landlords who set up a school for the children on the estate in the 18th century. The building survives to this day. The village was a crossroads for a number of turnpike roads, and consequently had a rare three-gated toll barrier to catch traffic from all directions. The first of the turnpikes was the road to Haworth in the 1750s, which followed the route of an old Herder's Road.



Pendle Way, Earby

### Birds to Look for

**Meadow** - Skylark, Wheatear, Meadow Pipit  
**Hedgerow** - Blueit, Greenfinch, Wren  
**Waterside** - Kingfisher, Pied Wagtail, Heron

### Plants to Look for

**Meadow** - Yellow Meadow Vetchling, Harebell, Tormentil  
**Hedgerow** - Wood Sorrel, Red Campion, Ivy  
**Waterside** - Lesser Celandine, Marsh Marigold, Common Rush



Pendle from Knarrrs Hill

The Pendle Way covers a variety of terrain and you are likely to encounter some muddy stretches. Weather conditions can change suddenly so be prepared for all eventualities.

- Wear stout, waterproof boots
- Take waterproof clothing
- Carry a compass and map
- Inform someone of your route
- Allow plenty of time
- Keep dogs on a lead across farmland and under close control at all other times

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Section Three - 11km (7 miles)