

# Lancashire Walks Around Longridge



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Is Longridge a village or a town? It has two high schools, a cinema and a good number of pubs and restaurants so this may tip into the status of town. Yet its countryside is so accessible that it should be considered as a village. Large village or small town? It hardly matters as you amble around it; just enjoy the fine Ribble Valley scenery.

**Start:** Village - I mean town centre car park on Berry Lane. [The terminus for the No.1 bus service from Preston is also on Berry Lane.] From junction 31a M6 follow B6243 to Longridge. At Old Oak Tree pub keep ahead, past Longridge High School. Cross the next roundabout towards Chipping and Beacon Fell. At the next mini roundabout turn right onto Berry Lane. The car park is on the right a little under 300m.

**Distance:** 10 Km or 6 miles

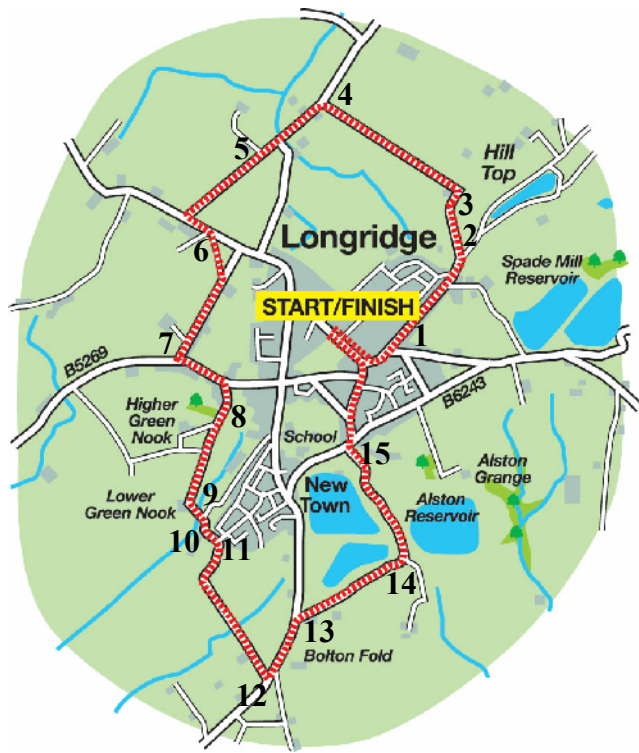
**Time:** 2½ - 3½ hours

**Terrain:** Mainly easy walking along lanes and farm tracks. After wet weather prepare for mud.

**Maps:** OS Explorer 286 Blackpool & Preston and 287 West Pennine Moors.

**Directions:** From the car park turn right onto Berry Lane and walk up the hill to King Street turning left before the Dog Inn (now an Indian restaurant.) At the White Bull (**Pic 1**) keep ahead in the direction of Jeffrey Hill. Now on Higher Road pass the internationally famous Heathcote's Restaurant on the right and cross junction with Chaigley Road. In just over 100m turn left onto a footpath that leads down to a footbridge. (**Pic 2**) From the footbridge keep ahead up a slope and cross a drive leading down to a property on your left. The path leads to a field corner and a stone stile. Cross this and walk to the far side of the next field. On reaching the fence turn left and follow the fence down a steep incline through holly bushes. (**Pic 3**) At the bottom cross a wooden stile and turn right along a grassy track. This leads past the rear of a farmhouse on the left. At its end turn left and then keep ahead through its yard onto a concrete track. This is Lord's Lane and it will take you down to Chipping Lane. (**Pic 4**) At Chipping Lane turn left.

Walk to the next bend and keep ahead on a farm drive. (**Pic 5**) As the drive veers to the right towards the house keep ahead on a grassy (and sometimes excessively muddy) footpath. This will bring you to Inglewhite Lane, opposite a motor vehicle repair workshop. Turn left and after a nursing home on the right take a footpath on the right that crosses to Halfpenny Lane. (**Pic 6**) Turn right and walk down to the next road junction. (**Pic 7**) Turn left onto Whittingham Lane. After 300m turn right onto Green Nook Lane, a farm drive. (**Pic 8**) Keep on this for 800m to the point where the lane bends to the right and then bear left over a footbridge (**Pic 9**) on a footpath that skirts the fence of an industrial unit. (**Pic 10**) Indeed the path now threads its way through an industrial estate to reach playing fields. From a pay and display car park (**Pic 11**) cross football pitches (or around them if they are being used and you wish to avoid irritating the players) to a footbridge on the far side from the changing rooms. Cross the footbridge and turn left. Now in pasture walk ahead with the hedge on your left. After another footbridge a track begins to develop leading you to a more definite farm track and Daniel's Farm. The footpath dog legs right through the yard and then brings you along the farm drive to Longridge Road almost opposite another pub called the White Bull. (**Pic 12**) Turn left in the direction of Longridge. After 400m turn right onto Pinfold Lane another farm drive. (**Pic 13**) This leads down to a path junction below the manicured slopes of two reservoirs. Turn left at the junction (**Pic 14**) and walk along an improving track which becomes Chapel Brow leading up to Chapel Hill near the stately church of St Lawrence. (**Pic 15**) On reaching the road bear right and turn left onto Fell Brow which will take you into the village/town centre.



Map by  
Chris Wyatt  
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Pic 1



Pic 2



Pic 3



Pic 4



Pic 5



Pic 6



Pic 7



Pic 8



Pic 9



Pic 10



Pic 11



Pic 12



Pic 13



Pic 14



Pic 15

