

Lancashire Walks



Tarleton

Tarleton is a prosperous settlement with an economy very much connected with horticulture under glass. Moreover as it is in easy reach of Preston, Southport and Liverpool in recent years it has grown as a dormitory around the village centre. This walk starts on Church Road and explores the flatlands out towards Sollom and Bretherton.

Start: Church Road. Car park close by the library. From Preston take the A59 Liverpool Road. After crossing Bank Bridge on its very awkward bend, turn right into Coe Lane. Follow this left into Gorse Lane. Keep ahead past Hesketh Lane. The library is on the right.

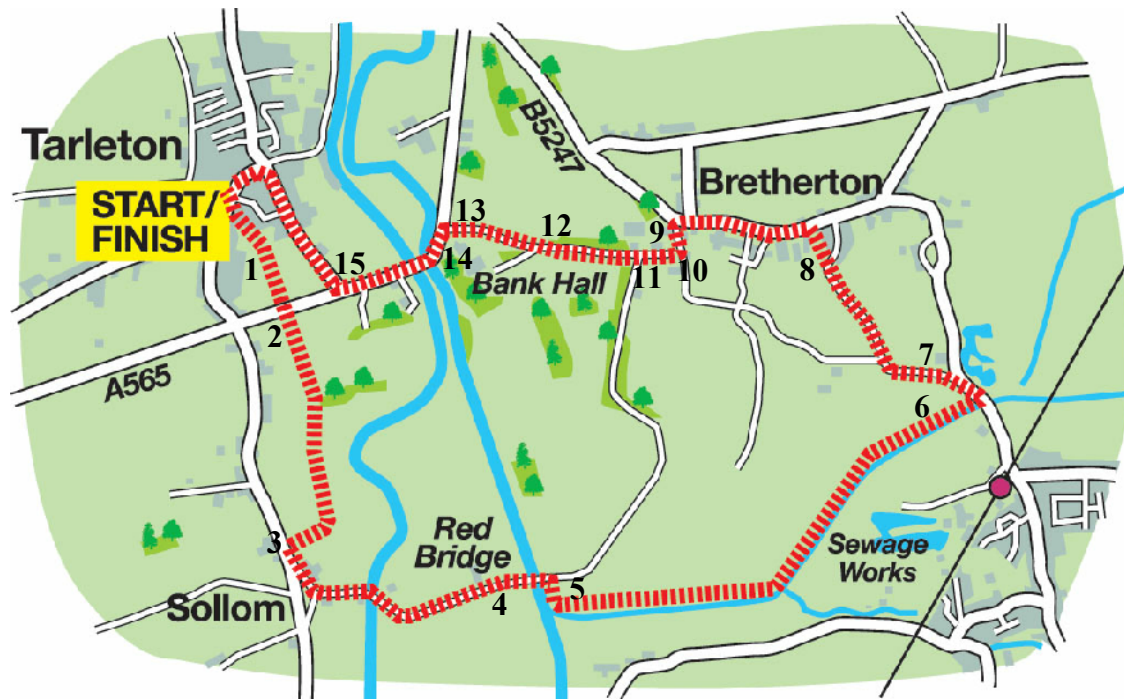
Distance: 10 Km or 6½ miles

Time: 2½ - 3 hours

Terrain: Easy flat walking

Map: OS Explorer 285 Southport & Chorley.

Description: From the library walk along Church Road towards the Cock and Bottle. Just before reaching the pub turn left into Church Walk. Follow the lane to its end and then take the footpath alongside the primary school. Keep on this as it crosses pleasant parkland (**Pic 1**) to reach the A59. Your way is directly across this busy road onto Back Lane, (**Pic 2**) but it may be safer to cross and the traffic lights 200m to your right. Once on Back Lane keep on it as it leads 1000m down to the small but attractive settlement of Sollom. After briefly rejoining the A59 bear left into the village (**Pic 3**) along the old road. After 150m turn left into Lock Lane. This leads down to a bridge over the Rufford Arm of the Leeds-Liverpool Canal. Keep on the lane for 200m and then follow it as it bends to the left on an unsurfaced section. Once more on tarmac pass Red Bridge Farm and continue to the poorly named Red Bridge itself, (**Pic 4**) which to confuse all colour blind walkers is in fact green. Once over turn immediately right, cross a stile (**Pic 5**) and keep on the raised embankment as it follows the rivers Douglas, then the Yarrow and finally the Lostock on a wide sweep to Lostock Bridge (**Pic 6**) on Bretherton Lane that will take the average walker well over half an hour. At Bretherton Lane turn left. After 200m turn left into Back Lane (**Pic 7**) (a different one!) and then after almost 400m right into Sarah Lane. Keep on Sarah Lane as it bends to the right and then left to become Bamford's Fold. (**Pic 8**) This quickly joins the B5247 close to the centre of Bretherton. Centre is probably not quite apt here since Bretherton is another of those long villages that characterise this part of Lancashire. Turn left. Walk along pass the parish church and Congregational Chapel towards the war memorial. Then turn left into Eyes Lane (**Pic 9**) that leads to Back Lane. (**Pic 10**) 200m from the memorial turn right and where the lane bends to the left keep ahead past a lodge to enter a long tree lined drive. (**Pic 11**) After passing the modern Keepers Cottage on the right and before you reach the car park of the nursery (children) up ahead look for a stile on the right. (**Pic 12**) It is about 50m from the car park and is not easy to find through the shrubs. Cross the stile and now in pasture cross the field to another stile in the hedgerow. After dropping down through a strip of woodland turn left on the edge of the field. The path soon crosses a drive and then leads up to the A59. (**Pic 13**) Once on the road turn left, pass the lodge (**Pic 14**) and walk across Bank Bridge. At the traffic lights ahead turn right into Coe Lane (**Pic 15**) and walk down to the village.



Map by Chris Wyatt at The Blackpool Gazette

Pic 1



Pic 2



Pic 3



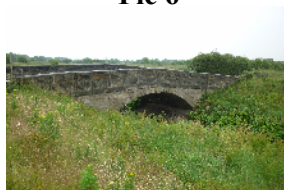
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Pic 6



Pic 7



Pic 8



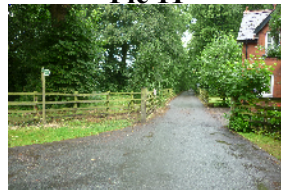
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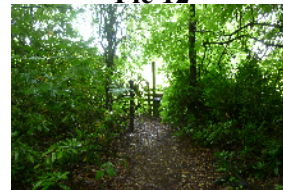
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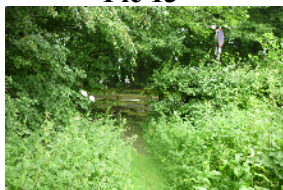
Pic 11



Pic 12



Pic 13



Pic 14



Pic 15



Pic 16