



Scorton - 'The Priory' Trails



Start Point ★

The Priory Café,
Scorton
SD 5024 4881

Distance/Time

Circular Trail 3 - 3.2 km
Optional Ext. Trail 2 -1.1 km each way
Optional Ext. Trail 4 -700m each way

Terrain

Country roads,
hardcore tracks
& paths. **Trail 2**
Wheelchair only

Trail Description

★ Starting from 'The Priory' Cafe car park, go up the steep incline known as Snowhill Lane, past the church, over the M6 bridge and continue along the country lane for 600m.

Blackpool Tower in the south to the Lake District peaks in the north. Across Morecambe Bay on a clear day the Isle of Man is visible.

5 Take the first turn on your right and proceed down Tithe Barn Lane. Look out for a source of renewable energy on your left. Continue under the M6 and at the T-junction (6), turn right heading back to the village and The Priory.

2 At the entrance to Wyresdale Park (on your left) the road forks. The main circular trail follows the road to the right, but there is an option here (Trail 4) to carry straight on along the road/track sign posted 'Private No Vehicular Access - Footpath Only' for a further 700m. Continuing straight on along this optional trail huge ancient oak, beech and ash trees overhang the track before giving way to the splendid Wyresdale Lake on your right frequented by mallard, geese, coot and grebe. Beyond the lake the land rises sharply to a hilltop known as 'Nicky Nook'.

6 At point 6 there is an option to turn left and follow the Millennium Way down to Gubberford Bridge (Trail 2). Follow the pavement down Gubberford Lane and under the railway bridge. **Take care here as the road is narrow and there is no pavement for 30m.**

7 Just beyond the railway bridge take the concrete ramp on the right onto a surfaced path 'Scorton Millennium Way'.

8 Beyond the memorial seat carved in the shape of a salmon the trees shadow the river and trout may be seen taking flies off the water surface. (At point 8 there is a lay-by available for parking and Trumper access).

3 At the end of the track Trumper users will have to re-trace their route back to point 2.

From point 2 the circular trail crosses Tithe Barn Brook over the narrow stone bridge before gently rising to a T-junction.

4 At the road junction turn right and after a few hundred metres the splendid panoramic views of the Fylde coastline are revealed from

9 At Gubberford Bridge you will have to re-trace your trail.

Key to Facilities

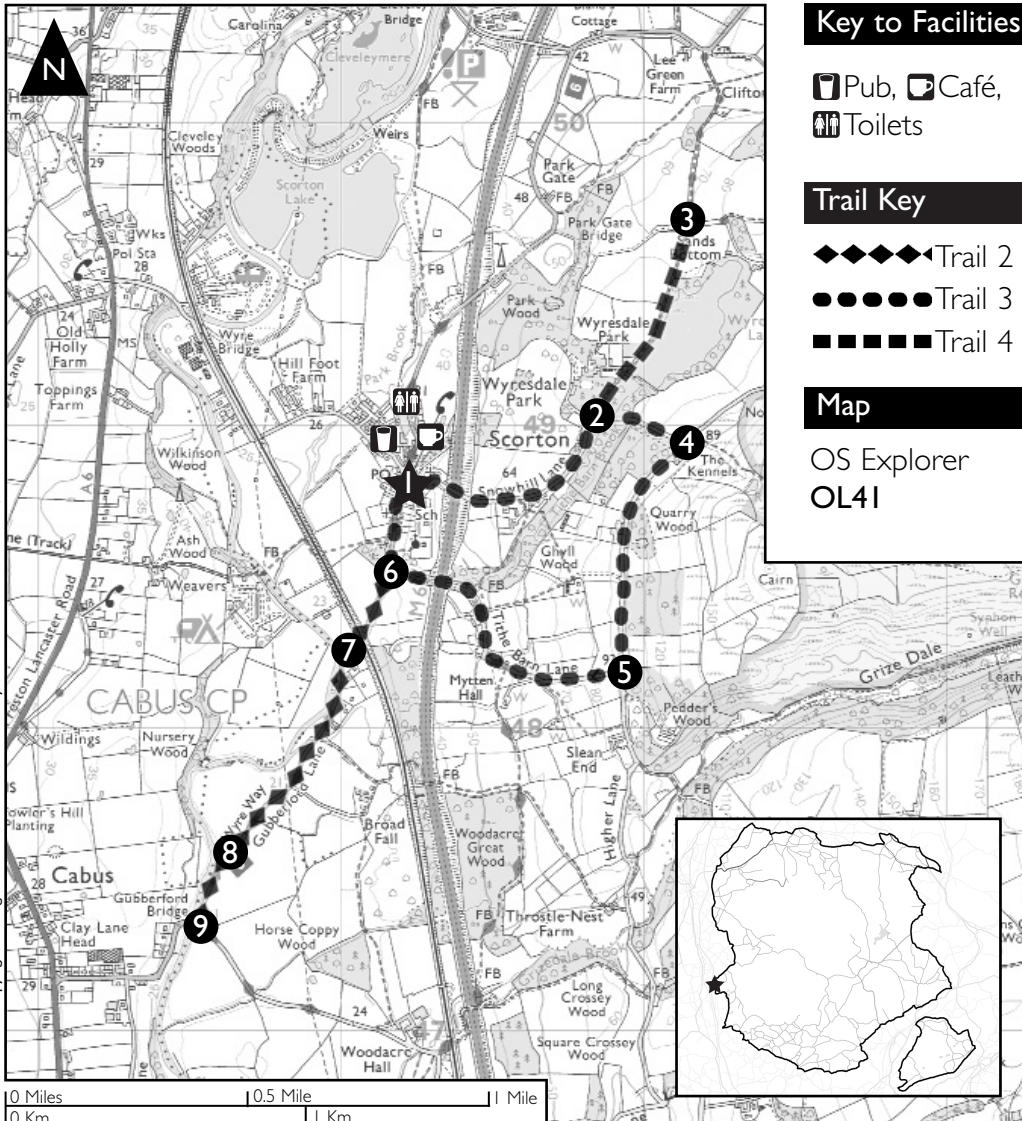
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Trail Key

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●●●● Trail 3
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Map

OS Explorer
OL41





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About This Trail

A circular trail with two optional extensions. Trail 2 is a pleasant 'ramble' in its own right, starting from Scorton village onto the Scorton Millennium Way and down to Gubberford Bridge.

Scorton is a picturesque village protected as a Conservation Area that lies in the Wyre valley on the edge of the Forest of Bowland AONB. The main circular trail takes you along quiet country lanes with magnificent views over the Fylde coast in the west, to the rugged moorland tops of the Forest of Bowland in the east.

The village has all the facilities to cater for your needs including public toilets and children's play area. The Priory is a café/restaurant, bar and village store. The Barn has a large gift shop, coffee bar and a plant centre specialising in hardy herbaceous perennials, together with an orchard garden open to the public. The pretty church of St. Peter's (c.1876) offers good Trumper access.

On the edge of the village are Wyresdale Park and Lake. In 1853 Peter Ormrod bought part of Nether Wyresdale and built a large country house called Wyresdale Park. He became owner of a cotton mill that provided employment for the villages.

His brother, James, built Scorton Church in his memory. The church has a superb Victorian lych-gate and 150 foot spire. When James' son Captain Ormrod inherited Wyresdale Park he developed a fish hatchery and kept a herd of deer and hunting hounds. Wyresdale Lake was created in 1897 for fishing and is fed by Tithe Barn Brook.

Scorton Millennium Way is a concessionary footpath provided by the people of Scorton as a lasting memorial to the Millennium. It meets a long felt need for a safe route away from the traffic on Gubberford Lane.

Sustainable Tourism

You can contribute to sustainable tourism by:

- Leaving the car at home and using public transport instead
- Purchasing local products, including food and drink
- Making a donation to the Bowland Tourism Environment Fund through donation boxes at participating businesses in the area.

Countryside / Moorland Code



From a gentle stroll or relaxing picnic, to a long-distance walk or heart-pumping adventure, the countryside provides every opportunity for enjoyment and relaxation. If you follow the Countryside Code wherever you go, you'll get the best enjoyment possible and you'll help to protect our open spaces now and for future generations.

1. Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs
2. Leave gates and property as you find them
3. Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
4. Keep dogs under close control
5. Consider other people
6. Prevent uncontrolled moorland fires

Tramper Safety

Please ensure you are accompanied when using the 'Tramper', as some routes may include gates and are remote. You should also take warm and waterproof clothing as the weather can change very quickly here. Please also note that some of the trails include sections of the public highway.

General Safety

If you are going for a walk, it is strongly recommended that you:

- Dress appropriately - avoid wearing denim and any other clothing, which doesn't dry quickly. It is better to wear lots of lighter layers, which can be easily removed or added. Sturdy footwear and waterproofs are also a must.
- Carry the right equipment - including an Ordnance Survey Map (OS Explorer OL41); compass; small first aid kit; high energy snack; something to drink; mobile phone (be aware that coverage can be patchy); whistle.
- Always let someone know where you're going and what time you expect to be back.
- Do not take any unnecessary risks.

If you are in difficulty or see someone in difficulty, please dial **999** and ask for **Mountain Rescue**.

To report any other incident contact:

- **Countryside Service** - **01772 534 709**, open 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday
- **Lancashire Constabulary** - **0845 1 25 35 45** or **999** for emergencies