

Greenhalgh Castle Walk

Starting Point

The walk commences from the board beside the Millennium Mosaic at the river end of the main car park situated behind The Discovery Centre on the High Street in Garstang. Grid Reference 494 455.

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Terrain

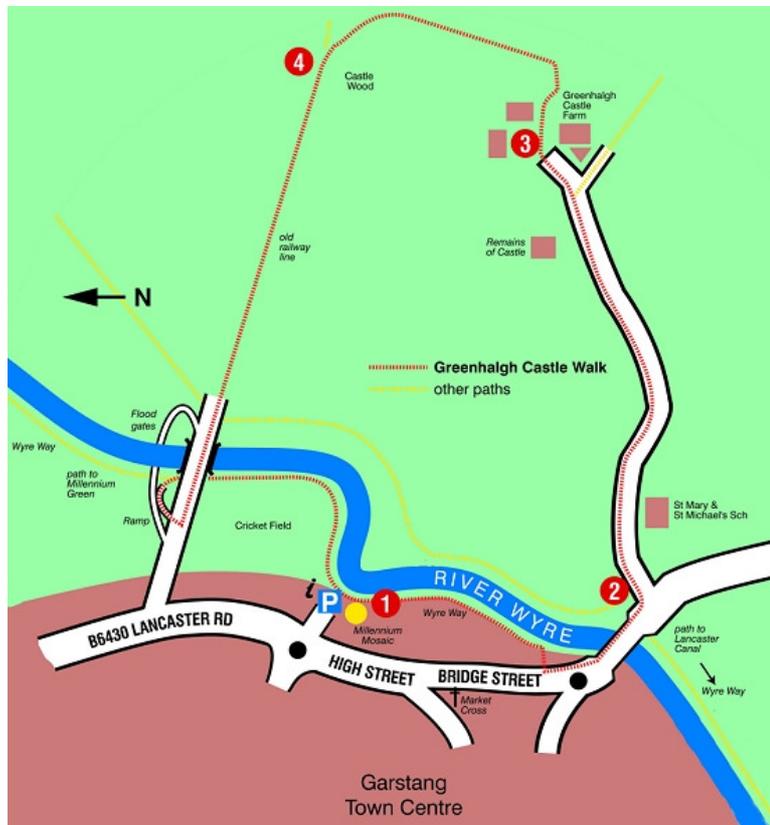
A short, circular walk along the River Wyre, a quiet lane, fields and a disused railway line. The walk involves using stiles.

Distance

Allow approximately up to 1.5 hours to complete the walk.

The Route

Please observe the [Countryside Code](#) at all times.



1. The walk follows the distinctive green waymarkers.

It starts at the board by the Millennium Mosaic and follows the riverside path to Bridge Street and Bonds Bridge.

2. After crossing the bridge turn left along Castle Lane and continue on to Greenhalgh Castle Farm. The castle is on your left just before the farmhouse.

Please do not walk up to the Castle as it is private land and the ruins are unsafe.

3. Walk through the farmyard, and continue to a stile on your left. After crossing the stile keep to the left hedgerow of the field to another stile.

Go over the stile and across the field to another stile, which leads to the former Garstang to Knott-End railway.

4. Follow the old railway until you have crossed the River Wyre. Look for the steps on your left or the access ramp further on the right and walk down to the riverside path and around the cricket field back to the Millennium Mosaic.

Millennium Mosaic

The mosaic depicts the sandy banks of the River Wyre, Greenhalgh Castle standing above the meadows, surrounded by trees and flanked by heathery hills, with a sun-tinged sky behind - complete with a bird.

The design was taken from the Soroptimist Presidential chain adapted (slightly) to reflect the view from the mosaic. All materials were from authorised sources - much of it recycled from the local area. Over two tons of stone was hand sorted, twice, to select material.

The mosaic was completed by Soroptimists, local people and visitors. A book recording participation is available at the Discovery Centre.

The mosaic was a Millennium gift to Garstang from Soroptimist International of Garstang.



Greenhalgh Castle



The Castle was built in 1490 by Thomas Stanley, 1st Earl of Derby. He was given permission to build by his step-son Henry VII for his assistance in defeating Richard III at the battle of Bosworth Field.

During the Civil War the castle was garrisoned by James, Earl of Derby in support of Charles I. It was one of the last garrisons in the north to succumb following a bitter siege in 1644/45 by Oliver Cromwell's forces.

Dismantled around 1650, the castle's stones were reused in local buildings. All that remains standing is part of one of the four original corner towers.