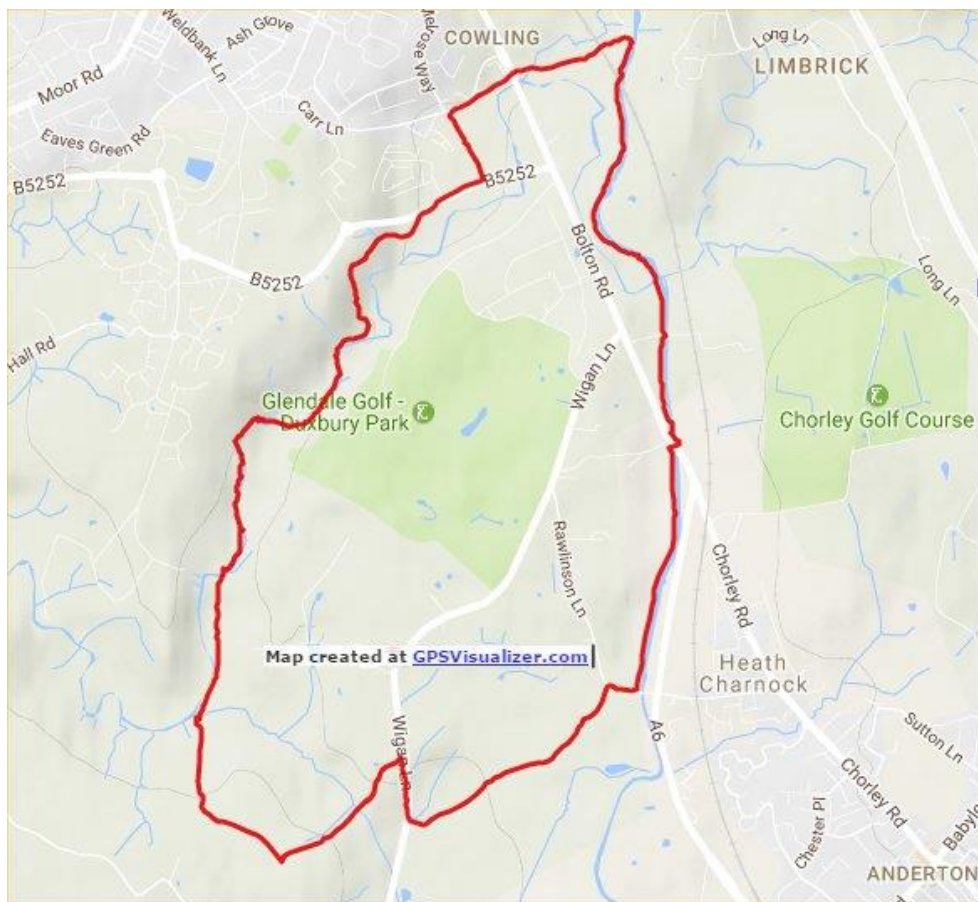


Heath Charnock Circular Walk

This is a 5+ mile walk mainly on flat country paths and towpaths with just a few short ascents. Takes in sections of the Chorley Circular walk and passes near an ice cream shop! Parking can be in the quiet cul de sac (opposite or extension of Melrose Way?) opposite the Hop Pocket on Carr Lane near PR7 3JZ SD589160 beside the Tenet factory.



It is important to always be appropriately dressed for the conditions and carry, and know how to use, a suitable map for the walk.

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1: SD589160 Starting in the cul de sac, walk to it's end to find an opening in the fence and continue on the path in the same direction to reach the B5252. Turn right and after 270yds (240m) on the other side of the road, find an opening beside a metal gate.



2: SD588158 Go through the opening onto a country path. After a short distance pass through a kissing gate and over a short wooden bridge to tackle a short ascent (90ft?). Below on the left is the Yarrow. Continue on the path down to the path beside the Yarrow.



3: SD587154 Head right along the Yarrow (possibly muddy) path. This is part of the Chorley Circular Walk. Watch for carvings along the path and also two seats in memory of Terry Lewis a Rambler member. After about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile just before a bridge, the Chorley Circular goes sharply off to the right but ignore that and go to the bridge.



4: SD582146 Cross the bridge and up a short slope to cross a stile into an open field. Continue directly ahead across the field. After about 270 yds (243m) go through (or round!) a gate at the top of slight incline. Continue ahead down to the side of the Yarrow again. After 220yds (200m) come to a bridge.

5: SD 581141 Cross the bridge BUT do not follow the river. Instead, after a few feet, head up a path to the left. Exit the trees and go directly across the field (single file in crops) heading for an opening beside an obvious tree.



6: SD 581139 Go through the opening and continue with the hedge on the right. On a clear day there are excellent views toward Rivington Hill. The formal path keeps the hedge on the right but if very muddy then, at an opening, put the hedge on the left. Near the end of the field look for a path on the left.



7: SD 584136 Turn left almost back on yourself onto the track. After 200yds (180m) a track comes in from the right. Continue ahead (slightly left). After another 170 yds(150m) keep to the right hand of a Y junction. Soon a metal fence is reached beside the Wigan Lane A5106. There is no gate, climb over the fence.



8: SD 588140 Turn right on Wigan Lane and after 225yds(202m) on the other side of the road, find a footpath to the left.





9: SD 588137 Go along this track for about ½ mile to reach a quiet road beside a partly curved bungalow. Turn right along the road and cross over to reach a canal bridge.



10: SD 596142 Don't cross the bridge but go down to the towpath. Follow this for 1.5 miles. Some of this is the Chorley Circular again. (About half way along (SD597154) there is a narrow lane up to the A673 and a well known Frederick's ice cream shop.) After the 1.5 miles look for an exit on the left



11: SD 596164 Go through the exit and slightly downhill and bear left to follow this driveway for ¼ mile to meet the busy main A6. Cross over and continue straight ahead walking beside houses and onto a road that shortly arrives at the entrance to the cul de sac at the start of the walk.

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