



BOLLINGTON WALKS

Exploring the beautiful area of Bollington

From Clarence to Nancy

A circular walk from Bollington Discovery Centre or Bridgend Centre to White Nancy



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Situated in the historic Clarence Mill, the Bollington Discovery Centre tells us the history of how the people of Bollington made the town what it is today.
Opening hours Saturday and Sunday 11am—4pm and Wednesday 1:30pm—4pm.

The Bridgend Centre is a local independent charity playing an active role at the heart of the community, open to everyone.
Opening hours Monday to Friday 10am—4:30pm and Saturday 10am—1pm. Toilets and refreshments available.

BOLLINGTON WALKS; in partnership with Walkers are Welcome, Bollington Discovery Centre and the Bridgend Centre.



From Clarence to Nancy - A circular walk from the Bollington Discovery Centre and Bridgend to White Nancy

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Clarence Mill built by Martin Swindells Senior in 1834 to take advantage of canal transport. The Bollington Discovery Centre is based in this mill. White Nancy is Bollington's iconic landmark built in 1817 to commemorate the battle of Waterloo.

1. **Starting at the Discovery Centre** Turn left out of the door and walk to the end of Clarence Mill. Turn right down Clarence Road to the traffic lights. Cross the road at the traffic lights at the Aqueduct.

Starting at the Bridgend Centre. Turn left and walk along Palmerston Street to the traffic lights at the Aqueduct.

2. At the traffic lights by the Aqueduct walk up Water Street and walk to the end. Turn right up High Street and walk up the hill. At the top of High Street turn left and walk into Chancery Lane. After a very short distance you will come to a two-way junction, look on the right hand side for some stone steps leading to a stile in the wall.

3. Cross the stile to reach a stone flagged path. Follow this path uphill until you reach a metal kissing gate. Go through the gate, turn left and climb a few stone steps to another gate. After passing through the gate, you will have a choice, the easy route or the strenuous route.

Easy route

4a. Follow the path leading diagonally uphill to your right until you come to a gate leading to a concrete paved track. There are fantastic views here over Bollington as far as Manchester, the Wirral and beyond. Turn right and follow the track until you see a cattle grid. Just before the cattle grid turn left and follow the signed path up the steps. At the top of the steps you will have reached White Nancy.

Hard/Strenuous route

4b. Turn right after the gate and follow the steep path uphill with the drystone wall on your right. This path can be muddy and slippery in wet weather. Go through the gate at the top, turn left, go up a few stone steps to another gate which leads to a concrete surfaced track. Look for a signed footpath opposite leading up stone steps.

Climb the stone steps up to the top of the hill where you will find White Nancy. Take some time to get your breath back and admire the panoramic view.

Return either by the same route or the alternative route:

5. With your back to White Nancy, walk back towards the top of the steps you came up and look for a metal kissing gate diagonally on your left. Go through the gate and follow the steps downhill through the woods. The path ends at a concrete paved track. Turn left and follow the track downhill until it meets a road. Turn right and take the pavement along the front of a row of cottages. The road ends at a T junction with the Bull's Head pub on the corner.

6. At the T-junction turn right onto Oak Lane which after a few yards becomes Jackson Lane. Continue along Jackson Lane, passing the entrance to Hollin Hall hotel on your left. At the junction with Chancery Lane continue along Jackson Lane to the left. After a few yards turn right into Hurst Lane.

7. Follow Hurst Lane downhill until you reach the canal bridge. The road crosses over the canal and then bends to the right.

8. **To return to the Discovery Centre.** Shortly after the canal bridge, look for a gate on your right leading to the towpath. Go through the gate and turn left. Follow the towpath until you reach a footbridge. Cross the bridge to reach Clarence Mill and the Discovery Centre.

To return to the Bridgend Centre. Take the path which leads downhill in front of Aqueduct Cottage. This path leads to some steep steps down to Wellington Road. (To avoid the steep steps continue to the end of Hurst Lane and turn right). Turn right onto Wellington Road, and walk under the Aqueduct to the traffic lights. Cross Water Street and continue ahead along Palmerston Street. The Bridgend Centre is on the right hand side.



The Bridgend Centre was an original Bollington farmhouse from the early 17th century onwards. It is now the home of a community charity supporting local people.