

Haughton Manor and Fulwood Park Wood, Preston, Lancashire



Moderate Terrain

4 miles
Circular
2 hours

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Access Notes



1. The walk has just a few gentle slopes, but nothing too steep.
2. The paths are a mixture of quiet tarmac lanes, unmade woodland paths and grass paths across meadows and pastures, meaning some stretches can get muddy at times.
3. The first and last stretch follows the edge of Haughton Green Lane so take care of traffic at this point.
4. There was no livestock when we walked, but you might come across cattle in some of the fields.
5. You will need to cross 14 stiles, most of which are enclosed with wire fencing so dogs will need a lift over. (Two of the enclosed stiles are in a stile-sleeper bridge-stile combination which will make it tricky to carry larger dogs over).

Haughton Manor is a real gem, ideal for refreshments before or after your walk.

A 4 mile circular pub walk from Haughton Manor near Preston in Lancashire. The walking route explores the area to the south taking in the bluebell woodland, Fulwood Park Wood, meadows, pastures and quiet lanes that surround the pretty stream, Savick Brook and the historic Haughton House. These paths are not busy thoroughfares and so, if you are lucky, you may well come across deer, hares or kestrels in the meadows on the way round.

Getting there

The hamlet of Haughton Green lies about 3 miles northeast of Preston. Haughton Manor is accessed from Haughton Green Lane, just to the east of the hamlet itself. The pub has its own large car park.

Approximate post code **PR2 5SQ**.

Walk Sections



Start to Access Lane



Leave the Haughton Manor car park via the vehicle entrance and turn right along the road (traffic can be fast moving on this stretch so take good care). Just before you reach the buildings of the hamlet of Haughton Green you will be able to join the left-hand grass verge. Cross over the first three driveways and then turn left into the fourth driveway (for Beesley Farm), signed as a public footpath. Cross the stile alongside the electric vehicle gate and continue ahead along the tarmac drive.

Pass the property on your left and, as you reach double farm gates ahead, turn right over a stile to enter the field on your right. (NOTE: Whilst many of the fields on this walk are used as hay meadows, you may come across cattle in them at times). Standing with your back to this stile, cross this small field at about 11 o'clock. Cross the stile, sleeper bridge, stile combination to enter a second field.

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Walk diagonally right to reach the far right-hand corner where the next stile leads you into a third field. Turn immediately left and follow the line of the hedge on your left. You will emerge via a wide gap to reach a T-junction with a tarmac access lane.

1 → 2 Access Lane to Footbridge



Turn left along this quiet access lane and follow it as it leads you between trees and fields. As you approach two pairs of vehicle gates ahead (an interesting contrast between old and new!), turn right immediately before these to join the fenced grass path which leads you around the right-hand edge of this property.

Beyond the property, the path swings right to become a rocky sunken path, leading you downhill through a tunnel of trees. Part way down, ignore the stile on your left and continue to the bottom of the slope where a wooden fence begins on your left. Stay on the path alongside this fence which swings left, eventually emerging to the end of another tarmac lane with the gates for Cow Hill Kennels on your left and one of the entrance gates for Haighton House (more about that later) behind to your right. Walk ahead for just a few metres, crossing the bridge over the pretty stream, Savick Brook. This brook runs from the outskirts of Longridge and into the River Ribble. In 2000, work was undertaken to widen the final section to become the Ribble Link, which connects the Lancaster Canal to the River Ribble.

Immediately after this bridge, turn right to join the fenced path signed as a public footpath. Your path ends abruptly with a fence ahead and a gate to your left (this is due to a safety problem with the original course of this footpath). Turn left through the gate, then turn immediately right to continue along the right-hand edge of a grass meadow. Before the end of this meadow, the path turns right through another gate and then immediately left to continue its original course along the edge of the woodland. Stay with this path for about 100 metres and you will come to a path junction at a large wooden footbridge.

2 → 3 Footbridge to Fulwood Row



Bear right to cross this footbridge over Savick Brook and then bear right again on the stone path which leads you past another

entrance for Haighton House. Bear left to join the access drive for Haighton House, lined with white metal railings. Follow this pretty drive winding ahead between beautiful mature trees with the brook running down to your left.

Haighton House is a brick and sandstone mansion that was built in 1820, becoming the home of Squire Anderton in 1832. The surrounding woodland, Fulwood Park Wood, is renowned for its bluebells in the late spring. In Anderton's time it was used for game hunting as part of the Squire's exuberant social entertaining calendar. The woodland became known locally as Squire Anderton's Wood. During World War II the house was used for evacuated nuns and orphan children and today the mansion has been divided into three separate dwellings.

At the end of the drive, go through the two gates which lead you past a cattle grid and the main entrance gates. Keep ahead on the tarmac access lane and follow this as it swings left leading you between hedgerows. You will come to a staggered T-junction with another section of lane, turn left along this and it will lead you back over Savick Brook. Keep ahead for another 50 metres and, just before the lane leads you under the motorway, turn left over a stile to join the stone track signed as a public footpath.

At the top of the slope, you will come to two vehicle barriers ahead. Go through the right-hand of these to enter a grass field. The (subtle) footpath crosses this field at about 1 o'clock, but if you prefer you can keep ahead on the track (with the fence on your left) and then, when you reach the gate ahead, turn right to follow the hedgerow on your left. Either way, you will find the gate with stile alongside which takes you into the next field. Walk straight ahead, following the line of the left-hand hedgerow. At the far side, cross the stile to reach a quiet lane, Fulwood Row.

3 → 4 Fulwood Row to Cow Hill Kennels



Turn left along this lane and follow it as it swings right. Now continue straight ahead along the tarmac lane, passing Clock House Farm on your left, including a beautiful converted brick barn and the large square brick farmhouse itself. When the buildings end, do not follow the track which swings right into a field, instead bear left along the grass track for about 20 paces and then cross the stile on your right to enter this field.

Turn immediately left to follow the left-hand edge of this field. Stay in the same direction, following the left-hand edge of four fields in total (crossing a couple of stiles or using the adjacent gateways along the way). At the end of the fourth field, go ahead through the tree line and keep ahead on the grass track which continues along the fifth field (with the hedgerow now running on your right). At this end of this final field, pass through the gap alongside the field gate and follow the stone track out to a junction with the road (alongside Cow Hill Barn).

Turn left along this lane and, where it swings right, fork left onto the dead-end branch of the road, passing the entrance for Slaters Farm on your left. Keep ahead along this lane which leads you steadily downhill and back across Savick Brook. You are back to the point which you passed through on the outward leg, alongside the gates for Cow Hill Kennels.



Cow Hill Kennels to End



From this point you will be retracing your steps back to Haighton Manor. Walk straight ahead to join the grass path which swings right along the kennel's boundary fence. When the fence on your right ends, stay with the stone path which bears left leading you uphill through the tunnel of trees. At the top of the slope, follow the path left, right and right again around the edge of the property.

Turn left to join the access lane and follow this as it swings left, right and left again. About 50 metres later, fork right into the stone entrance area which leads you to the corner of a field. Keep ahead, following the line of hedge on your right until you reach a stile on your right. Cross this to reach the corner of the second field and walk diagonally across it, heading for the left-hand edge of the house. Cross the stile, sleeper bridge, stile combination and keep in the same direction across the final field. Cross the stile to reach the drive for Beesley Farm.

Turn left along the drive and cross the stile to reach the junction with the road. Turn right along the road, taking care of traffic on this stretch and using the grass verges as much as possible. You will come to Haighton Manor on your left for some well-earned hospitality.

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