

age channel beyond. **59** Shortly after the fence crosses the channel, look out for a footpath roundel pointing right, which indicates where the path leaves the watercourse and crosses the field on a slight rise. **60** At the other side of the field, turn left along another drain (Lancashire Gill) until you reach a farm bridge on your right, with field gates at either end. **61** Cross the bridge and follow the field boundary ahead of you, which leads to a bridge under the old railway. **62** Beyond the bridge, go through a narrow hand-gate and continue in a similar direction, with a fence and gappy hedge on your right, towards Kelbrook. **63** Go through a hand-gate on your right and walk up a short track to the B6383 near its junction with the A56. **64** Cross to the left of the roundabout and follow the main road back to the Craven Heifer.

similar footbridge over a side-stream and continue along the drain-



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Leeds and Liverpool Canal 3¹/₄ miles: fairly easy Cross low-lying meadows to the canal and follow it to our neighbouring village of Salterforth.

Noyna Hill <u>4 miles: moderate</u> A mostly gradual climb via field paths and country lanes to a rocky summit with open access and superb views.

Harden Beck and Noyna Hill 7 miles: fairly strenuous An all-day hike in the hills, sampling both the Pennine Bridleway and the Pendle Way.

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Leeds and Liverpool Canal 3¹/₄ miles: fairly easy

Allow 1–2 hours. Mostly level, on field paths and canal towpath. Some stiles and steps, and field paths may be muddy at times.

1 From the front door, turn right along the A56 to its junction with the B6383 Barnoldswick Road. 2 Cross at the traffic island to the right of the roundabout and go down the track opposite, indicated by a footpath sign. **3** At the end, go through a hand-gate on the right and follow the hedge on your left to a bridge under the former railway. **4** Beyond, follow the hedge to a double-gated bridge over Lancashire Gill. 5 Turn left, then right to cross the field along a slight rise to New Cut. 6 Turn left and follow the ditch to a footbridge. 7 Carry on along the right-hand edge of the next field then turn right over a footbridge in the hedge. 8 Walk up the right-hand side of the next field, towards the distant canal. **9** Near the top of the field, bear left beside a track heading to a field gate; keep left below the retaining wall and go through a hand-gate left of the main gate. **10** Turn right onto the towpath. 11 Follow the canal for a mile, passing under bridge 150 and over an aqueduct. 12 At bridge 151, leave the canal and turn right past the Anchor Inn into Salterforth. 13 Cross the B6383 at the lights by the phonebox, then turn right. **14** Beyond a bus stop, cross the entrance to Broadstones and turn left down steps onto a path beside a beck, which you follow to the right. 15 Continue between houses then take the path straight on at the end. 16 Cross another path and continue ahead as the path curves to a gate near the B6383 and then heads gradually away from it again. 17 Cross a gated footbridge over the New Cut then walk up to the old railway. 18 Pass through a metal hand-gate and descend steps to the former trackway. 19 Bear right and left and climb steps out of the cutting to a wooden hand-gate. 20 Follow the field edge to another gate then skirt to the right of a garden. 21 On meeting a driveway, turn right and walk down to the A56 by the Craven Heifer.

Noyna Hill (4 miles: moderate)

Allow 2 hours. Significant ascent, and some road walking on quiet country lanes. Several stiles, and field paths may be muddy after rain.

1 Cross the main road at the lights and turn left then right into Vicarage Road. 2 Bear right in front of the church and cross Main Street into Dotcliffe Road, with the beck on your left. 3 At the junction with Harden Road, keep right along Dotcliffe Road. Follow the road round a left-hand bend and continue uphill past the end of Millbeck Lane on the left. 4 Beyond the no-through road sign, bear right up a driveway and through the gate into fields. 5 Not far beyond the sheds on your left, go through a gate on your right and skirt left round an old quarry. 6 Follow the left-hand field edge up to a wall-stile with a hand-gate. 7 Bear left across the end of the field beyond to a stile in the corner, left of some cypress trees. 8 Follow a narrow path between wall and fence out to the end of a driveway; turn right then at

a house entrance turn left and walk down to the road (Cob Lane). **9** Turn left, uphill, and stay on the road beyond the entrances to Thick Bank Farm and Hard Clough Farm (both left), climbing gradually all the while and ignoring footpaths off to both sides. **10** After half a mile, pass a crossroads at the top of the private Teddy Carr Drive (right). Carry on past Throstle Nest Farm (left) to the brow of the hill, then descend to Noyna End Farm. 11 Two footpaths lead off to the right just before the farm; take the second, up stone steps and through a gate at the far end of a small fenced area. 12 Walk above the farm garden past a stile then bear left to a hand-gate in the wall. 13 Turn half-right and cross the field to a stile in the fence on the far side. Cross the next field in the same direction to a hand-gate in the far wall. 14 Cross a narrow rushy field to a squeeze-stile below a gritstone crag. 15 Turn right below the crag and walk up the narrow field, bearing left to a wooden kissing gate through the wall on your left. **16** The area around the summit of Noyna Hill is open access land, so feel free to explore. To continue with the walk, follow the path to the right of an overhanging rock. 17 This path winds vaguely rightwards across the open land to a kissing gate in the wall near the far righthand corner. 18 Turn left in the field beyond. 19 Follow the wall for a short distance then head downhill (right) to a stile in the wall at right-angles. 20 Follow the contour below the mast on your left then descend past a stone gatepost. 21 Shortly afterwards, turn right through a low, stony bank and follow a wall on the right to a gate. 22 Go through the wall, turn left, and follow the wall down to another gate into a lane. 23 Turn right and walk past the entrance to Grade II* listed Accornlee Hall and the bottom of the private Teddy Carr Drive. 24 After 250m, the road curves right; go through a hand-gate on the left and descend to a footbridge. 25 Cross a fence via a step-stile and follow the wall uphill on your right to a hand-gate in the far corner. **26** Continue along the wall to the far corner where a metal hand-gate leads to a footbridge. 27 Cross the next field past a tree to a gate in the opposite fence. 28 Turn slight left and descend towards the farmhouse in the trees, passing through a metal hand-gate in another fence. 29 Before the end of the field, go through a gate on the left into the garden; turn right and follow the driveway away from the house. **30** Pass some farm buildings and continue past another farmhouse out to the road. 31 Turn left and walk past the old buildings of Old Stone Trough. 32 Ignoring footpaths to right and left, follow the road back into Kelbrook village, passing the Grade II listed buildings of Stoops Farmhouse (left) and Yellow Hall (right). 33 Just after the junctions with Cob Lane (right) and Quernmore Drive (left), turn right between two houses to a gate onto a footpath. 34 Turn left through a wooden kissing gate at the end of a wall and follow the wall down to a walled alley in the bottom corner. 35 Follow the driveway out to the road and turn left. 36 Retrace your steps along Dotcliffe Road to the church and then keep left of the beck along Vicarage Lane back to the main road and the Craven Heifer.

Harden Beck and Noyna Hill 7 miles: fairly strenuous

Allow 3–4 hours. A hilly walk with rough ground, which may be muddy in places. Numerous stiles and a couple of busy road crossings.

1 Cross the main road at the lights and turn left then right into Vicarage Road. 2 Cross the beck in front of the church and turn right; keep left of the beck (Harden Road). 3 When the beck bends right at a bridge, keep left past Catgate Farm. 4 Pass between the last houses of Kelbrook and continue along Heads Lane beyond a cattle grid. 5 After 400m, the Pennine Bridleway joins from the left; continue ahead, to Heads House. 6 Beyond the farm, go through a gate and continue along the farm track. **7** Beyond a field entrance on the left, the track runs along the left-hand side of a field to a further gate. Cross to a gateway then continue to another wooden gate, then follow the fence to another gate in a walled corner. 8 Shortly afterwards, ford a slight stream then bear right off the track. Towards the far right-hand corner of the field is a stile in a wall. 9 Cross the next field roughly parallel to the fence at the bottom until you meet a wall at a projecting corner. Do not go through the gateway at the corner, but continue ahead (with the wall on your right) to a gate at the bottom of a wide hedge. 10 Cross a wall stile on your right and walk down the field to a footbridge over the Harden Beck. 11 Cross the beck and walk up the field to a telegraph pole, where you turn left. 12 Aim for the gable of the house and you will come to a wooden stile by a gate. 13 Cross the garden beyond and walk to the left of the house, down to a garage. Turn right through a gate onto the driveway and turn left. 14 Before a gate, turn right and cross Harden Beck via another footbridge. 15 Beyond the end of a short length of wall, the path bears right up a gorsy, heathery slope, meeting another path beyond a vellow-capped Pendle Way post. 16 Cross a stile and follow the wall up to Scald Bank Farm. Keep left of the farmhouse and follow the entrance track beyond the farmyard. 17 When the track bends left, go straight on through a squeeze-stile in the wall. 18 Bear half left across the rough grazing land to a fingerpost, where you turn right. **19** Go through a gated squeeze-stile in the wall in the corner and follow the path beyond, above a wire fence. 20 When you meet a wall, follow it over the brow of the hill. At a corner, turn right to a gate in another wall. 21 Cross the next field to a gated squeeze-stile in the wall to the right of a field gate. 22 Beyond, follow the wall on your right to a stile onto a track at Harwes Farm. Pass in front of the farmhouse to a gate at the far end of the farmyard. 23 Beyond the gate bear left across the field and go through a gateway in the wall. 24 The track swings right in the next field, but the path heads off to the left of a copse, to reach a wall stile next to a waymark post. 25 Beyond the wall, keep close to the wood on your right and cross a step-stile in a curving wooden fence. 26 Bear left and walk roughly parallel to a wall on your right to a ladder-stile in the corner. 27 On the other side of the wall, turn right and walk along the wall to a similar ladder-stile. 28 Bear right to a fence and walk down the ridge

to another ladder-stile over a crossing wall. 29 Keep on down the ridge, to the left of an old guarry. **30** When you meet a perpendicular path, turn right and descend below the guarries to a footbridge over the stream. 31 Bear left round another old pit then curve right uphill past a tree to meet a track to the right of Noyna End Farm, and drop left through the gate into the lane. 32 Turn right past the farmhouse entrance, then go up the steps on the left and through a wooden hand-gate ahead of you. 33 Walk along the garden fence past a stile then bear left to a hand-gate in the wall. 34 Turn half-right and cross the field to a stile in the fence on the far side. Cross the next field in the same direction to a hand-gate in the far wall. 35 Cross a narrow rushy field to a squeeze-stile below a gritstone crag. 36 Turn right below the crag and walk up the narrow field, bearing left to a wooden kissing gate through the wall on your left. 37 The area around the summit of Noyna Hill is open access land, so feel free to explore. To continue with the walk, follow the path to the right of an overhanging rock. 38 This path winds vaguely rightwards across the open land to a kissing gate in the wall near the far right-hand corner. 39 Turn left in the field beyond. 40 Follow the wall for a short distance then head downhill (right) along a wall at right-angles to a stile. 41 Follow the contour below the mast on your left then descend past a stone gatepost. 42 Shortly afterwards, turn right through a low, stony bank and follow a wall on the right to a gate. 43 Go through the wall, turn left, and follow the wall down to another gate into a lane. 44 Turn right past a house on the left and its entrance. For a shorter walk, jump to step 24 of the Noyna Hill walk. Otherwise, just after the delimit sign, turn left through a metal hand-gate onto a signposted footpath. 45 Walk down the side of the field to a gate below Accornlee Hall, a Grade II* listed house built in the 17th century. Ignoring the path up to the hall, bear left and walk down to a gate onto the main road. 46 Cross with care, then turn left along the pavement for a short distance. 47 Take a footpath on the right, down through a squeezestile and a metal gate into a field. 48 Walk down the left-hand side of the field to a hand-gate that leads down to a disused railway. 49 Cross and go through a metal hand-gate opposite. 50 Walk down a short walled track into a field. Leave the left-hand wall and cross the field to a footbridge. 51 Continue to a gate leading to a bridge over the Leeds and Liverpool Canal. 52 Before the bridge, drop right onto the towpath and follow the canal round a left-hand bend to the next bridge (148). 53 Go under the bridge and continue to the next (149). For a longer walk, you can stay on the canal and jump to step 11 of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal walk. Otherwise, just before the bridge, in front of a canal milestone, turn right up steps through a squeeze-stile in the retaining wall. 54 Take a hand-gate on the right of the field gate in front of you and drop down into the field. Bear left alongside the track descending from the canal. 55 Before you reach a farm bridge, bear right, away from the canal, and follow a fence and line of alder trees alongside a stream. 56 In the bottom corner of the field, cross to a footbridge with gates at both ends. 57 On the other side of the stream (New Cut), turn left and follow the watercourse. 58 Cross a continued overleaf