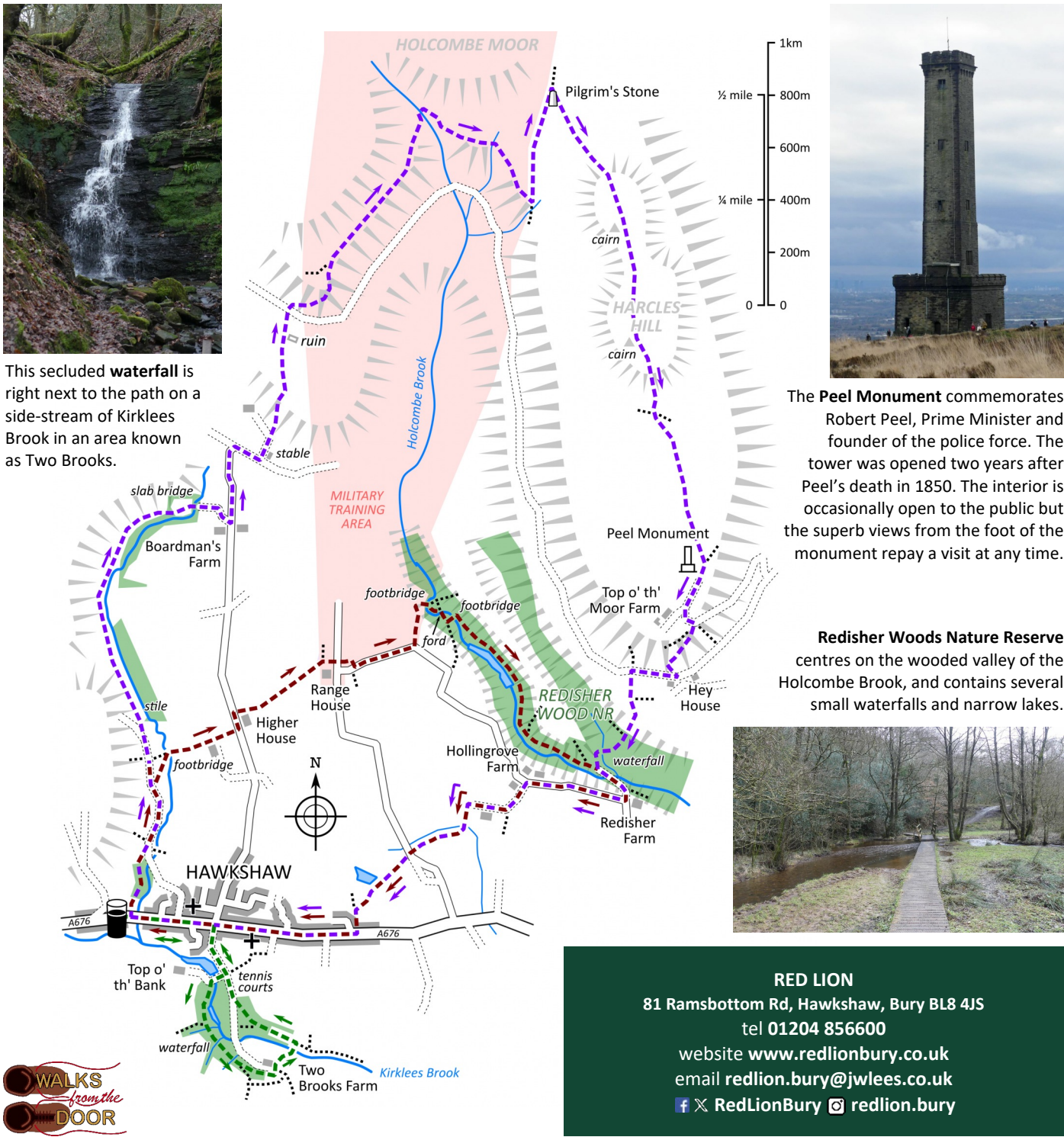




This secluded **waterfall** is right next to the path on a side-stream of Kirklees Brook in an area known as Two Brooks.



The **Peel Monument** commemorates Robert Peel, Prime Minister and founder of the police force. The tower was opened two years after Peel's death in 1850. The interior is occasionally open to the public but the superb views from the foot of the monument repay a visit at any time.

Redisher Woods Nature Reserve centres on the wooded valley of the Holcombe Brook, and contains several small waterfalls and narrow lakes.



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THREE CIRCULAR WALKS FROM THE



Two Brooks (1½ miles: Easy)
 A short wooded stroll in a local valley, featuring a pretty little waterfall.

Redisher Wood (3½ miles: Moderate)
 A farmland walk to a beautiful wooded stream valley and local nature reserve.

Peel Monument (6¾ miles: Fairly strenuous)
 A hearty farmland and moorland walk to an outstanding viewpoint.

Two Brooks (1½ miles: Easy)

Allow 1 hour. Woodland paths are uneven and may be muddy in winter. Two stiles; sheep may be encountered.

1 From the car park entrance, turn right along the main road. Walk past the Methodist Church (left) opposite Troutbeck Close (right). **2** Opposite the end of Hawkshaw Lane, turn right into Two Brooks Lane. **3** After 200m, level with the corner of a tennis court (left), turn right into the driveway of Top o' th' Brow, with a lake to the right. **4** Just beyond the outflow of the lake, before a gate, turn left onto a footpath. **5** Follow the path as it winds through the trees, ignoring a path that heads off up the slope to the right just before you step over a small stream. Shortly afterwards, ford a second stream below a waterfall (at its best after wet weather). **6** Cross a third stream (barely more than a trickle) via stepping stones, close to Two Brooks Lane on your left, and climb the bank beyond. **7** When the path forks, take the lower, left-hand path. **8** This runs past a couple of buildings and out into fields. **9** Turn left and head down towards the bottom of the valley, crossing a path that emerges from the buildings. **10** Cross the stream at the bottom and climb over a stile next to a gate. **11** Level with a ladder-stile on your right, turn left along a walled bank (a remnant of Two Brooks Mill, a former bleach works that once dominated this whole area). This path continues parallel to the stream until you reach a stile by a gate. **12** Beyond the gate, take the right-hand fork, which climbs a slope before meeting Two Brooks Lane. **13** Turn right and follow the driveway below the courts of Hawkshaw Tennis Club on the right. **14** Retrace your steps beyond the entrance to Top o' th' Brow, turning left when you reach the main road to return to the Red Lion.

Redisher Wood (3½ miles: Moderate)

Allow 2 hours. May be muddy in places after rain; numerous stiles and some short, steep sections. The route skirts Holcombe Moor Military Training Area; public rights of way should not be affected, but you can check firing times online. Sheep are likely in the fields.

1 Cross the road in front of the pub and walk down the driveway opposite. Take the public footpath through a gate on the right. The path runs through trees roughly parallel to a stream on the right then runs along the bottom of a field to meet a track. **2** Cross a stile next to the gate ahead of you and continue along the track, which climbs slightly to a second gate and stile. **3** The official right of way continues along the track then turns right after 100m down to a footbridge, but a more direct path heading down the slope to the right of a tree and across a rushy area provides an unofficial shortcut. **4** Cross a boardwalk and footbridge with a stile between them, and head up the right-hand side of the field. **5** Pass to the left of a house and continue along the field boundary to a stile and steps down to a lane. **6** Turn left past Higher House Farm then turn immediately right into a park-

ing area via a gap to the right of a gate. **7** Exit the property via a stile next to a gate and follow the hedge ahead past another stile. When the hedge ends, continue along a wire fence in the direction of Range House and the firing range compound. **8** Cross a stile in the corner of the field and take the path ahead (*not* over a second stile on the left), past a sign for the Military Training Area. Follow the security fence to a lane and cross straight over. **9** Cross a footbridge and continue to a second metalled road. **10** Turn left and follow the road to an assault course. **11** Turn left here by another military notice and follow a fenced public footpath marked with a Village Link roundel, shortly passing through an old kissing gate. **12** Continue along the right-hand side of the military area until the path zig-zags down a bank. **13** Turn right through a kissing gate into Redisher Wood Nature Reserve and cross a long footbridge. **14** Turn right and follow the stream to a ford with stepping stones. **15** Follow the track on the other side, turning left onto a path along a boardwalk before it starts to climb out of the valley. **16** Cross a footbridge and continue along the path with the stream on your right, which shortly widens into a lake. **17** At the end of the lake, go through a wooden kissing gate and descend next to the spillway. **18** Continue down the valley beyond the point where a cobbled track joins from the left until you reach a bridge over the stream. **19** Cross the bridge and follow the track uphill to a kissing gate. Follow the driveway beyond, out to Redisher Lane. **20** Turn right and follow the lane for 400m to Hollingrove Farm. **21** Turn left and follow a driveway that bends right (ignore a footpath on the left). **22** Pass to the right of the house at the end and walk through the garden past a greenhouse to a stile into a field. **23** Turn left and walk down the edge of the field to a stile next to a gate. **24** Cross the bridge over a stream and turn right. Follow the field edge to a stile into the service road for the firing range. **25** Cross straight over across another stile. Bear half-left to a gate and follow a short, fenced path to a stile into another field. **26** Follow the hedge to a stile, where you switch to the other side of the hedge and follow it down to a slab stile in the corner. **27** Follow a narrow path between gardens, passing through a hand-gate on the way, down to the Bolton Road. **28** Turn right and follow the main road for half a mile back to the Red Lion, crossing the end of Hawkshaw Lane about halfway along.

Peel Monument (6¾ miles: Fairly strenuous)

Allow 3–4 hours. May be muddy or boggy in places, and the higher sections are exposed in bad weather. Several steep ascents and descents. Livestock likely.

NB This route passes through the Holcombe Moor Military Training Area and permitted paths on Holcombe Moor are not accessible during firing times – check online before setting out.

1 Cross the road in front of the pub and walk down the driveway opposite. Take the public footpath through a gate on the right. The path runs through trees roughly parallel to a stream on the right then runs along the bottom of a field to meet a track. **2** Cross a stile next to

the gate ahead of you and continue along the track, which climbs slightly to a second gate and stile. **3** Continue along the track until it bends left, at which point leave it to cross a stile in the fence directly ahead. **4** Follow the narrow path parallel to the stream for half a mile, with occasional stiles, until you find yourself alongside a belt of conifers at a gap by a stile in the corner, where another path joins from the left. **5** Keep to the right of the next field, below a farm, until you reach a stile into the trees on the right. **6** Follow the path through trees and then across an open area until you meet the end of a track, which shortly crosses a stream via a slab bridge. **7** Follow the walled track beyond, bearing right at a gateway to emerge into a lane through a gate next to a house. **8** Turn left and walk up the lane to its end. **9** Turn right onto a farm track then turn left up a track with a footpath sign just before a stable. **10** When the track bends left towards a farm, go through the gate ahead and up a sunken and rather boggy path. Beyond a stile on the right, the going gets easier as you pass a ruined building. **11** When you reach a track, cross straight over and bear right on an eroded path that climbs steeply onto Holcombe Moor. **12** Follow the path along the brow of the hill with wide views over the head of Holcombe valley until the path drops past rocks to ford a stream. **13** Beyond, climb out of the valley and continue ahead, crossing a second clough and rounding the head of the main valley. **14** When you meet a path at a T-junction in a slight dip, turn left (rather counter-intuitively), leaving the moor edge. **15** This rather boggy path leads across the open moor towards a distant flagpole, until you reach the Pilgrim's Stone monument. **16** Turn right and follow the paved path, climbing to a cairn beyond the end of the slabs. **17** Continue to a second cairn, then drop down to cross a boggy valley before continuing towards the Peel Monument. **18** Go through a double gate in a fence and walk across the moor to the monument. **19** Walk to the left of the tower and join the track beyond, keeping left at the entrance to Top o' th' Moor Farm. **20** When the track swings left, cross the first of two stiles on the right. Follow a rocky eroded path down a fence on the left. Towards the bottom of the slope this bends left to meet a road. **21** Turn right for 175m, then turn left through a gate with GM Ringway and Village Link roundels. Walk down the wall and over a wall stile. **22** Continue downhill with a wall on your left, to a kissing gate in the corner. **23** Beyond, ignore a path off to the right and follow the path ahead of you steeply down through trees, past a wooden barrier. At a waymark post, the path veers right. **24** Cross a footbridge and bear left down to a wider path at the bottom of the valley. **25** Turn left to a bridge over the main stream.

Now follow the **Redisher Wood** walk from step **19** onwards to return to the Red Lion.

