



Miles without Stiles – 4 miles – Wycoller’s Cloughs

1. Turn left out of the Aisled Barn & head upstream. At the point where two streams join (as Wycoller Beck); take the track following the left fork. This is the Bronte Way.
2. On reaching the farm (Parson Lee), take the footpath on the left closely following the stream.
3. Through a swing gate, keep ahead climbing out of Smithy Clough. At the top, go through the gate. The height at this point is 300 metres.
4. Now turn right to follow The Pendle Way. Take the track leading off right after 200 metres. Where it comes close to a wall on your right, in the depression is the remains of a stone circle. Some stones are built into the wall & one has a notch in the top.
5. Just where the track starts to descend, look on the hill 300 metres ahead. There is the remains on an excavated burial mound. No remains were discovered in it!
6. In the valley is the ‘Tank Bridge’ which you should cross. This is a local nickname given from its size, not its intended use! Head forward and take the easy-latch gate in the wall on the right (you could climb for a closer look at the burial mound, if desired).

7. Where the track divides, follow the left branch by the wall. 4500 trees were planted 2011 around Wycoller & here are around half of them. This is the start of Turnhole Clough.
8. This track drops down to a wall with an easy-latch gate which you should go through. Climb the hill ahead to the rock outcrop known as Viewpoint Rocks (easily climbed).
9. Behind these rocks is a s***e (stile). Go to the right of this and pass through a (muddy) gate. Turn right and through a hole in the wall. The post to your right is Wycoller's Trumper trail.
10. Walk ahead along the valley side following the wall. The trail crosses typical moorland & may require good shoes or boots as it can be wet & muddy. Make for the s***e ahead, but of course, **do not cross it!** You get a splendid view of [Pendle Hill](#) from this stile (most days)! Turn right & go through the easy-latch gate in the field corner.
11. Follow the wall, turning left where it bends towards another easy-latch gate. Go through to a lane with another easy-latch gate at the end which you should take.
12. This leads you into a field with stunted trees (mostly Hawthorn) which you cross to... yes, another easy-latch gate. Before you pass through, look on the hillside across the valley for a good view of the Panopticon; a sculpture set in a viewpoint. Ours is [the Atom](#) & should have a polished steel ball from which you get views through the Atoms portholes.█
13. Passing through this gate, enter woodland where you might see [Roe Deer](#), [Grey Squirrels](#) & conifer loving birds (e.g. [Chaffinch](#) & [Long-Tailed Tit](#)). A feeding table at the end of the path attracts these visitors. Here pass through the last easy-latch gate (how many is that?) and turn down Raven Rock lane.
14. After the lane bends right, a track goes up steps to a great area of woodland for finding fungi, but that is not our route today. Head down past the gates (right (to Copy House Farm) & left) to the bottom of the hill. If you're not scared, cross the Clapper Bridge (known as Druids Bridge & Hall Bridge) ahead of you & turn right back to the Aisled Barn. Otherwise turn right before the bridge & go through the Conservation area. Just before the Willow tunnel, there is the phantom horseman on your left (a ghost described in several Wycoller books). To your left is a good view of ruined [Wycoller Hall](#) (Fearndean Manor from Jane Eyre?).
15. Through the tunnel, you cross the [ponds](#). Great place for frog spawn, sticklebacks, dragonflies, Kingcups, Iris, etc. Proceed along the track to our restored wildflower garden just before arriving back at Copy House Bridge. Turn left over this and you'll get back to the Aisled Barn.