

## Miles Without Stiles – Wycoller Tramper Trail (aprox. 2 miles)



Our walk follows Wycoller's Tramper trail. Trampers are all-terrain vehicles designed primarily for people who cannot get onto the fells. They can be hired free of charge by booking them on 01772 533919 or 01254 870253, but users must have had a short induction. The walk is marked by signs to guide walkers and Tramper users alike.



1. Turn left out of the Aisled Barn & take the track up-stream!

Proceed past the duck pond & picnic area to the next bridge. On the picnic area hill-side is a small depression identified as the site of a cock fighting pit.

2. Cross the next (Copy House) bridge & turn left up the track.

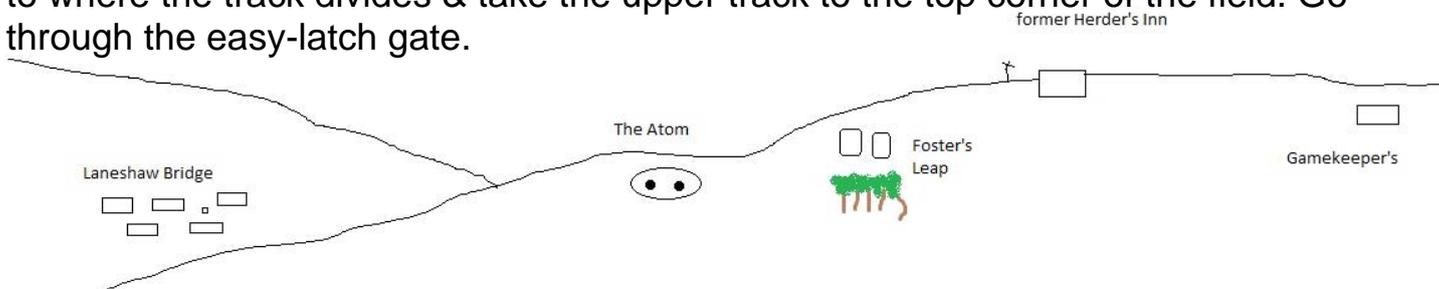
The small wood passed on the right is the haunt of [Woodcock](#). This elusive bird is well camouflaged, so unlikely to be spotted.



3. As the track reaches an easy-latch gate, look left and you will see the [Clam Bridge](#), believed to be over 1000 years old & probably one of the oldest bridges in England. It was washed off and broken in 1989 & 1990, but has been restored and replaced accurately.

4. Through this easy-latch gate turn right and go through a second easy-latch gate, then follow the track to a Tramper sign. Head straight up the field to a gap (for a gate) before the woodland.

5. Turn left to follow this track above the ruined farmhouse (Bank House). Keep going to where the track divides & take the upper track to the top corner of the field. Go through the easy-latch gate.



6. (Optional, but well worth the detour) Head past the Tramper sign to a gap in the wall (50 metres), then ahead for 90 metres to a gate in the fence on your left (bit muddy). Go through, same heading and after 100 metres you arrive at viewpoint rocks. ([Laneshaw Bridge](#), [The Atom](#), [Foster's Leap](#), [the former Herders Inn](#), and [the gamekeeper's cottage](#) (see above diagram) are visible below the skyline). Various farms dot the valley.

7. Go back to point 6, but this time take note of the Tramper sign & turn right to

follow the wall along the valley side. The trail crosses typical moorland & may require good shoes or boots as it can be wet & muddy.

Make for the **stile** 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.█

10. Passing through this gate, enter woodland where you might see [Roe Deer](#),



[Grey Squirrels](#) and conifer loving birds (e.g. [Chaffinch](#) and [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.

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, but turn right before the Clapper Bridge (known as Druids Bridge & Hall Bridge) ahead of you.

This leads into 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](#) (thought to be Fearndean Manor from Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte).



Through the tunnel, you cross the [ponds](#). Great place for frog spawn, sticklebacks, dragonflies, Kingcups, Iris, etc, etc.

Proceed along the track to our restored wildflower garden just before arriving back at Copy House Bridge. You know your way back to the barn from here!

The Tramper Trail is marked in red on the map below.

