The Pendle Sculpture Trail has grown!

In 2012 the Pendle Sculpture Trail was launched in Aitken Wood, Barley to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the trial of the Pendle Witches in 1612.

This trail is available on www.visitpendle.com in the Things to Do section. And to find out more about the Pendle Witches whose true story has inspired sculptures at both locations go to www.visitpendle.com/witches

In 2019 some new artwork was added to this lovely woodland site which proved so popular that Pendle Council sought to grow the trail beyond its original site. Letcliffe Park in Barnoldswick, which offers breathtaking panoramic views of the Lancashire and Yorkshire countryside, was chosen for the expansion of this popular attraction.

The park is run by Barnoldswick Town Council which is keen to enhance the park. You can easily visit both sites in the same day and we've included a map to show you how.

The artists and their new sculptures are:

Tilly Dagnall and Thompson Dagnall
A father and daughter sculpting duo from Preston.
Tilly has created Frogspell. Influenced by stories of witchcraft in the area, Tilly chose frogs as they are associated with spells.
And Thompson has carved Stolen Sheep. Thompson was inspired by an event in the true story of the Pendle Witches, where 13 year old James Device stole a sheep which was roasted at Malkin Tower during the notorious Good Friday Gathering.
In the 17th century the punishment for stealing a sheep was hanging, not matter what the age or size of the animal. Thompson was influenced by the saying you might as well be hanged for a sheep as for a lamb when he created his sculptor.
The Good Friday gathering was the fateful event where villagers plotted to blow up Lancaster Castle and kill the gaoler to free the women awaiting trial for witchcraft.

Sally Barker
Sally is from Hebden Bridge in West Yorkshire has created two artworks both involving the natural environment of the park.

Mary Conroy
Mary is a well-known artist from Limerick, Ireland. She has designed and made a number of ceramic icosahedrons that dangle from the trees in the park.

More to do
Letcliffe Park is also the starting point for the Stream and Steam Trail which encompasses Barnoldswick town centre and has some amazing heritage sites along its route, including one of the last working steam-driven mills in Lancashire, Bancroft Mill. You can get the trail from www.visitpendle.com
Letcliffe Park is on Manchester Road (B6252) in Barnoldswick BB18 5HE

Sculptures

1. Cones in the sky  
   by Sally Barker
2. Frogspell  
   by Tilly Dagnell
3. Dendrite  
   by Stathis Dimitriadis
4. Tree-Letters  
   by Sally Barker
5. Stolen Mutton  
   by Thompson Dagnall
6. Tower of Barlick  
   by Jack Boutet
7. Alchemies  
   by Mary Conroy

Letcliffe Park is managed by Pendle Borough Council in partnership with Barnoldswick Town Council.