Coldwell Inn

Coldwell Inn closed in 1939 after some 100 years as a hostelry. It was notorious for illegal gambling and cockfighting, well away from officialdom. The Inn has now been turned from a derelict shell into a residential holiday and educational centre for groups of disabled and disadvantaged people. There is a cafe for people coming to Coldwell for walking, fishing and birdwatching.

Catlow Bottoms

This beauty spot has long been popular with the inhabitants of Nelson for walking or picnicking. Naturalists consider the area to be of particular interest for its birds, insects and plants.

Catlow

Bronze Age pots found at Catlow in 1854 indicate the antiquity of the settlement here. In the Middle Ages, it was one of four main hamlets in Marsden and is the only one to remain outside the urban growth of Nelson. Catlow Hall still survives from the 17th century.

Catlow Quarry

During the 19th century the quarries here provided huge amounts of good building stone for many towns in the area, in particular Nelson. More recently, they have been used as infill sites for domestic refuse.

Southfield Methodist Chapel

The chapel is housed in a barn which was converted for local worshippers by William Sagar, the owner. John Wesley was a friend and frequent guest of the Sagars, who did much to further the Methodist movement in the area. The date on the chapel is 1797 but services were held at Southfield prior to that, and continue to be held to the present day.

Nelson

Before the coming of the railway in 1849, Nelson was little more than a collection of hamlets and outlying farms, known as Marsden. The railway brought the growing textile industry to the area and Nelson sprang up almost overnight. It took its name from the Lord Nelson Inn which stood at the junction of two turnpike roads in what is now the town centre.

Walverden Reservoir

The reservoir was created in 1869 by damming the flow of Walverden Water. When Nelson began expanding in the mid 19th century, the stream was a main source of water both for the many mills along its course and for domestic use. The resulting pollution was a major factor in the setting up of a Local Board in 1864. The reservoir now provides water for Nelson and serves as a recreational facility and nature reserve.

The Pendle Way covers a variety of terrain and you are likely to encounter some muddy stretches. Weather conditions can change suddenly so be prepared for all eventualities.

- Wear stout, waterproof boots
- Take waterproof clothing
- Carry a compass and map
- Inform someone of your route
- Allow plenty of time
- Keep dogs on a lead across farmland and under close control at all other times

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From the windswept reservoirs at Coldwell, the Way leads down towards the traditional northern terraced streets of Nelson and Brierfield, once the heartland of Lancashire’s cotton industry.