

water supply. Where possible the canal follows the level of the contours of the land through Pendle, with only two sets of locks at Barrowford and Barnoldswick. Between them lies Foulridge Mile Tunnel, which took five years to build.

Industry

Until relatively recently, textiles were Pendle's main employer, together with dependent industries such as engineering. Today many mills have been demolished, but others have been converted to alternative uses. The single-storey weaving sheds, identifiable by their north-facing roof lights, are readily adapted to engineering workshops. Amongst others, the aerospace industry draws on traditional local skills. Weaving does continue, but in a specialised form - ribbons, luxury fabrics and bandages. With the development of new industries, Pendle now produces everything from beds to wallpaper.

Drumlins

Drumlins are visible as the 'basket of eggs' landscape in the limestone countryside to the north of Barnoldswick. The small mounds were created by deposits of boulder clay as the glaciers retreated at the end of the ice age.

Greenberfield Locks

The locks at Greenberfield raise the canal to the summit level 148 metres above sea level. Originally there was a three-rise lock or staircase here but this used so much water that it was replaced by three single locks in 1820. The canal was diverted as a result, but the old route is still clearly visible, including the redundant bridge which was turned into stables for the barge horses. Lime was carried from Yorkshire into Lancashire to use on the fields and an old limekiln stands above the second lock.

St Mary-le-Gill

The church dates from various periods, the chancel from the 13th century, and the nave and tower from the 16th. Inside, 17th century pews and a three-decker pulpit survive as well as a Norman font. A church was originally built on this site by Cistercian monks who had attempted to found an abbey at

Barnoldswick. They were driven away by Scottish raiders, local hostility and bad weather and went on to build Kirkstall Abbey, near Leeds.



St. Mary Le Gill Church, Barnoldswick

Thornton Church

Thornton Church stands less than half a mile from Gill Church on the edge of the village. It is typical of Craven churches such as Gill and Bracewell, with which it is roughly contemporary and like them has no chancel arch. Much of the building dates from the 15th century, while inside is a carved face in the style of the 17th century.

Museum of Yorkshire Dales Leadmining

The museum, based in the Old Grammar School in Earby includes a working model of a smelting mill, a selection of miner's personal effects and there is a tea room. It is open from late March to late October, 1.00pm to 5.00pm Wednesday to Sunday (6.00pm to 8.00pm on Thursday).

Birds to Look for

- Meadow** - Lapwing, Curlew, Skylark
- Hedgerow** - Willow Warbler, Greenfinch, Wren
- Canal** - Mallard, Mute Swan, Grey Wagtail

Plants to Look for

- Meadow** - Yarrow, Lady's Mantle, Cuckoo Flower
- Hedgerow** - Lords and Ladies, Red Campion, Herb Robert
- Canal** - Common Reed, Bulrush



Old Barnoldswick to Earby railway

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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The Pendle Way is well signposted.



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The Pendle Way

Barnoldswick - Earby

Section two - 9km (5.5 miles)

The Pendle Way

Barnoldswick - Earby

Industrial archeology alongside the Leeds and Liverpool Canal quickly gives way to undulating limestone hills with two ancient churches to explore.

- 1 From **Bancroft Mill** turn right into Colne Road then right again into Manchester Road. After about 100 metres enter the lane on the left leading to Letcliffe Park. When the lane ends, carry straight on, bearing to the right to reach a stile in the wall. Turn right and continue for 150 metres then turn left on to the track which descends to the B6383.
- 2 Turn left and then right into the lane before the school. After some 200 metres cross a stile to take the path which forks right from the lane, and continue down to the **Leeds and Liverpool Canal**. Cross the bridge and turn left onto the towpath. The Canal leads past old mills and new industry.
- 3 Follow the towpath, crossing the road bridge to the opposite side after 800 metres. Once past the houses you emerge into limestone countryside, peppered with **drumlins**. The towpath continues on to



St Mary-le-Gill Church

- 4 Carry on past the locks for half a mile then cross the canal to the opposite towpath. Just after a sharp swing to the left, leave the towpath over a stile. Climb the field to the high fence and follow it to the right-hand corner. Turn left through the stile and, keeping to the left, cross the field to another stile. Turn left on to the road, crossing it to a gate opposite the factory entrance, and take the path uphill. Climb the stile and take the right-hand path through the churchyard of

St Mary-le-Gi



Greenberfield, Barnoldswick



Earby Mines Museum

Thornton in Craven



- 5 Enter the lane leading from the church turning immediately left then left again before the cemetery gates. Follow the walled path down to the stream then climb up to the golf course. Cross the course to a plantation, passing through it to a gate. Go straight across the field, over a stile and head directly for the church tower. From the stile in the far corner of the field drop down to the road. Turn right to **Thornton Church**. (NB The Pennine Way can be joined at Thornton.)
- 6 Opposite the church, climb the stile and cross the field to a gate. Bear left to a stile then carry straight on to a gate by the corner of the road. Still in the field, bear right to a stile in the far fence. Go straight ahead over two more fields then bear left across the next field to the stile below the farmhouse.
- 7 Cross two fields diagonally towards the church. Join the lane down to the main road at Earby. Turn right then immediately left into School Lane. After about 100 metres you reach the Old Grammar School, now the home of **Museum of Yorkshire Dales**

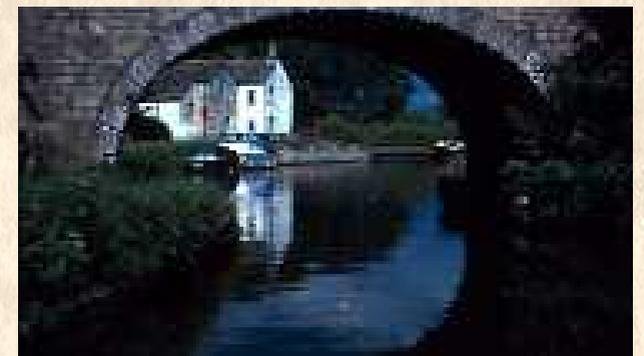
PLACES OF INTEREST



Bancroft Mill, Barnoldswick.

Bancroft Mill

This mill was the last cotton-weaving shed to be built in Barnoldswick, in 1922. The mill was closed in 1978 and largely demolished, apart from the engine house and chimney. The engine house, with the 1915 steam engine built by a Nelson firm, is open to the public during the summer and occasional steamings are held. For dates and further details contact Barnoldswick (01282) 813751 or 865626.



Greenberfield, Barnoldswick

Leeds and Liverpool Canal

The opening of the canal in 1816 hastened the expansion of the local towns and villages as the textile industry moved into the mills. Many mills can still be seen along the canal where they were ideally placed for ease of transport and a ready