

The Stanley Ferry Pub to the Southern Washlands Reserve

Duration Allow 60 minutes
Distance 4.6 km / 2.9 miles
Terrain An easy, circular walk, mainly on good all-weather footpaths and canal tow path although some paths in the Nature Reserve may become slippery in wet weather.

A Start in the car park at the Stanley Ferry Pub. Walk around the pub to the bottom car park and enter the canal tow path via the path in the bottom right corner.

B Turn right and walk to the metal bridge. Cross the metal footbridge (Ramsdens Bridge) and turn right onto a tarmac road.

C Continue on the canal side as far as Harrisons Bridge.

D Enter the Nature Reserve through a gated path and bear left along a narrow tree lined green path. Follow the path in a gentle arc through the beautiful woodland area between a large lake and the River Calder.

E Pause at Kirkthorpe Weir and enjoy the superb view upstream.

F Continue forward on the path to Broadreach Lock and spend some time looking at the lock area. Then walk under the bridge on the canal towpath back to Harrison's Bridge.

G Cross over the bridge, turn right and follow the Trans Pennine Trail North (67) eventually joining the canal tow path back to the Stanley Ferry Pub.

- Points of Interest**
- Stanley Ferry Marina – boats in plenty
 - Aire & Calder Canal with its bridges
 - Southern Washlands Nature Reserve with its lakes, beautiful trees, wildlife and excellent views of the River Calder
 - Broadreach Lock and Lock Keepers House
 - The Stanley Ferry Pub – food, refreshments, toilets and children's play area

