

# Calder Vale Walk: Mills along the Brock



## Start Point



Cobble Hey Farm & Gardens

★ SD 536 449

## Distance/Time



8 Miles

4 Hrs 30 Mins

## Terrain

Tracks, fields, roads and riverside paths.  
Gates and stiles can be very wet underfoot

## Public transport

No Public Transport

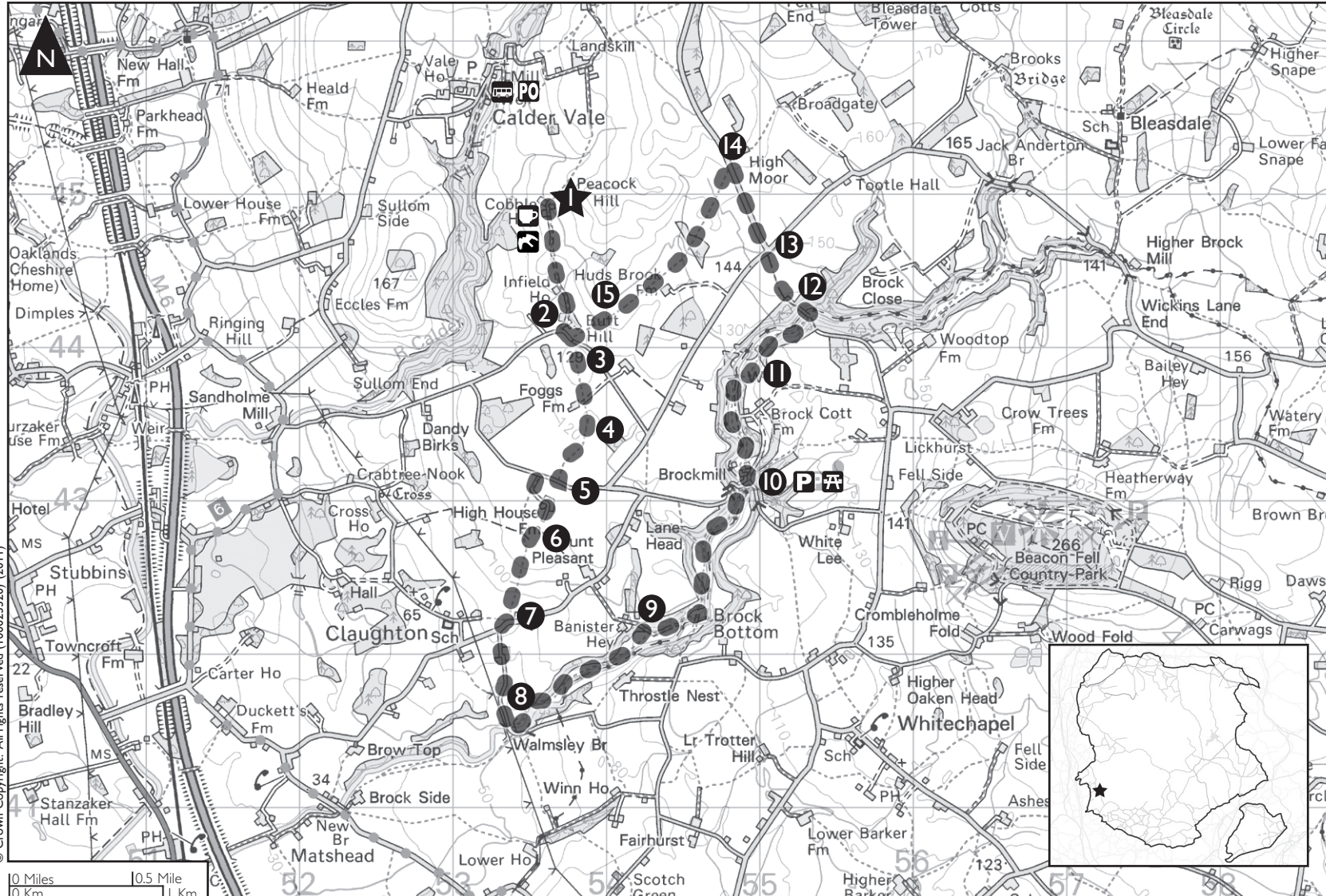
## Key to Facilities

PO Post Office, Bus stop,  
Tearoom, P Parking,  
Picnic Site, Bird Hide

Alt. start Brock Picnic Site - 10

## GPS Waypoints (OS grid refs)

- ★ SD 536 449
- ② SD 536 441
- ③ SD 537 439
- ④ SD 538 435
- ⑤ SD 536 431
- ⑥ SD 536 429
- ⑦ SD 534 422
- ⑧ SD 533 415
- ⑨ SD 542 421
- ⑩ SD 549 430
- ⑪ SD 548 437
- ⑫ SD 552 442
- ⑬ SD 550 446
- ⑭ SD 548 451
- ⑮ SD 537 440



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10 Miles 10.5 Mile  
10 Km 11 Km



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## Walk Description

★ **GPS:** SD 536 449

Head south from Cobble Hey along the track to the road.

② **GPS:** SD 536 441

Turn left and take the first footpath to the right.

③ **GPS:** SD 537 439

Cross the field diagonally to Foggs Farm. Before the farm go through the gate at the corner of the field and then through a kissing gate.

④ **GPS:** SD 538 435

Straight across 2 fields and out through a gate onto Gonder Lane.

⑤ **GPS:** SD 536 431

Turn right along the lane and take first footpath to the left along a track, past High House Farm.

⑥ **GPS:** SD 536 429

When the track bends left go through the gate on the right and follow the path across several fields to Clarkson's Farm and out along the drive onto the road.

⑦ **GPS:** SD 534 422

At the road turn right and take the next road on the left down to Walmsley Bridge.

⑧ **GPS:** SD 533 415

Before the bridge take the stile on the left and follow the River Brock up-stream until you reach a track.

⑨ **GPS:** SD 542 421

Turn right along this track, which becomes a well-walked path, passing the ruins of Brock Bottoms Mill and Cottages, and on to Brock picnic site.

⑩ **GPS:** SD 549 430

Climb the steps up to the road, turn right and cross the road bridge. Turn left through the stone gateway (Brock Mill). Immediately bear left in front of the houses and follow the path alongside the river up to the weir.

⑪ **GPS:** SD 548 437

Follow the track up-stream past an old farmstead, take the path to the right of the buildings along a wooded bank and left over a footbridge to cross the River Brock.

⑫ **GPS:** SD 552 442

Go up the tree-lined track to a road T-junction.

⑬ **GPS:** SD 550 446

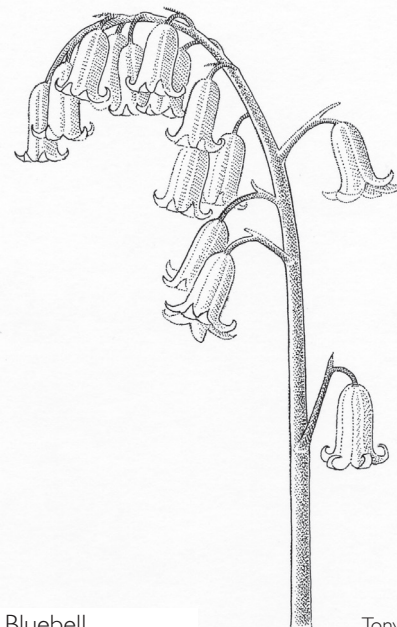
Cross the road and follow Delph Lane uphill until you reach a stone wall stile on your left.

⑭ **GPS:** SD 548 451

Go over this stile and cross over the fields into the wood, and out into fields, passing to the right of Huds Brook Farm. Continue through several fields until you reach Butt Hill Farm to your right and out onto Hobbs Lane.

⑮ **GPS:** SD 537 440

Turn right along this lane and take the first track on your right back to Cobble Hey.



▲ Bluebell

Tony Disley

## About This Walk

The River Brock flows through a steep sided valley of semi natural ancient woodland, which during the spring is a botanists delight, with a wide array of wildflower species and a magnificent carpet of bluebells.

The woodland supports a variety of birds such as greater spotted woodpeckers, nuthatches, treecreepers, long-tailed tits; typical summer migrants such as blackcap, willow warbler, chiffchaff, and garden warbler, as well as the more common woodland species. Dipper and grey wagtail can also be regularly seen along the river itself.

Brock Bottoms was once the site of a cotton spinning mill, with about 20 cottages built to accommodate the workforce. The mill was probably built in the 1790's by a Preston firm Lorimer & Company. After a chequered history and two re-incarnations as a roller making factory, and then a file making factory the mill finally closed in the 1930s.

The walk starts and finishes at Cobble Hey Farm & Gardens which has an excellent tea room for that all important refreshment stop – check their website for opening times

[www.cobblehey.co.uk](http://www.cobblehey.co.uk)