A RIVERSIDE RAMBLE AND PICNIC BESIDE THE RIBBLE

WALKS with Taste
in Ribble Valley

Distance: 6.8km / 4.2miles
Time: 1½ to 2 hours
Easy: 100m of ascent on good paths with just a few stiles.
HOLMES MILL

A unique dining, retail and leisure experience, historic Holmes Mill is home to a brewery, beer hall, hotel, restaurants, cafe and the extraordinary Bowland Food Hall: a temple to fine local food bringing customers the best of Bowland and the best of beyond.

Good times and great food are woven into the very fabric of Holmes Mill – a lovingly restored Victorian textile mill at the heart of the bustling market town of Clitheroe.

Holmes Mill is the must-visit venue foodies all over the North West are talking about: a multiple award-winning destination which anyone with an appetite for epicurean adventure will simply love!

Discover the best of Lancashire produce in the Bowland Food Hall and sample a vast selection of cask ales and craft beers amid the spectacular surroundings of Bowland Beer Hall – the only winner of a CAMRA Pub Design Award outside London.

And should you want to make a weekend of it, upstairs you’ll find a selection of industrial inspired boutique bedrooms with ensuite facilities in the Spinning Block Hotel.

Holmes Mill, Greenacre Street, Clitheroe BB7 1EB.

Tel: 01200 407111

In order to avoid disappointment, when planning to enjoy this walk with taste experience, it is recommended that you check opening times and availability of the venue in advance.
1. After selecting your picnic treats at Bowland Food Hall, turn left out of the doors, then left again onto the pedestrian walkway, up the steps and through the gravel car park onto the street. Turn right then cross road to enter castle grounds via gate opposite the pub.

2. Climb to the top of the castle for amazing views over the Ribble Valley then descend via the paths to the children’s playground. From here, head right past the church then left at mini-roundabout and past the supermarket and railway station.

3. Beyond station, take the cobbled road left underneath the railway bridge and follow it as it winds right past the Royal Mail sorting office then left after the playground. Turn right into Mitton Avenue then left at the end of the street, following the road past the cemetery to the river. Beware of the traffic on the final section where the footpath runs out and at the bridge, take steps to the left down to the riverbank.

4. Continue downstream through the little wood and past the waterfalls below Waddow Hall, following the path as it leaves the river and becomes a rough track past the allotments into the former mill village of Lowmoor. Continue along road until it turns sharp left: then cross road to take short driveway into playing fields. Follow path around right hand perimeter of playing fields to join the road between the tennis courts and swimming pool.

5. Cross road at the pedestrian crossing and head right, walking downhill to join the river again at Edisford. Follow the footpath downstream for quarter of a mile and continue on the path as it leaves the river and heads left over farmland and through a couple of kissing gates to meet a farm track and then a country lane. Cross the lane and through kissing gate next to the house and into the fields beyond, following the stream to the railway bridge.

6. Go through kissing gate under arches and follow track to new housing estate. Continue through kissing gate straight ahead to join Woone Lane and head for the castle, which appears after 250 metres. Continue along Woone Lane to its junction with Greenacre Street. Turn right then left to return to the Mill.

7. Enjoy a refreshing drink from the huge selection of cask ales and craft beers on offer at Bowland Beer Hall or sample a cocktail or glass of chilled wine from the extensive wine list at the Spinning Block bar & grill.
THE ROUTE

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This route has been described on a certain date in time, and it is possible that certain physical changes may occur over time. In particular, old stiles may be changed for gates.
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ON THIS WALK WITH TASTE

This easy riverside ramble starts from Holmes Mill, where you can enjoy a pre- or post-walk meal, or shop for some mouth-watering picnic treats before wandering through the grounds of Clitheroe’s Norman Castle to the River Ribble – the perfect spot for an alfresco lunch or picnic supper.

PARKING
Holmes Mill, Greenacre Street, Clitheroe BB7 1EB

MAPPING
Grid Reference SD 742414
OS Explorer OL41, OS Landranger 103

DOG-FRIENDLY
Livestock will be grazing in most of the fields, so keep dogs under close control and ideally on a lead.

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