

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.

**Shireburn Arms, Whalley Road, Hurst Green, BB7 9QJ**  
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Our head chef has crafted a menu that pays homage to the region's produce, as well as his talents, and features local specialities using the freshest ingredients. And, of course, you'll be wanting something to drink. Our wine list has something to suit every palate and with a well stocked bar featuring a selection of the finest local ales plus great coffee, we'll make sure you don't go thirsty.

Walkers are always welcome and can expect a relaxed, informal atmosphere in which to enjoy beautifully prepared food. Open fireplaces and cosy corners are perfect in the colder months while the gorgeous south facing terrace is the perfect spot when the sun shines.

Located in the picturesque village of Hurst Green, The Shireburn Arms is a 17th Century hostelry offering stunning views, beautiful accommodation and locally produced food. Original architectural features cosy, up to date contemporary fittings and fabrics to create a unique yet homely feel.

The Shireburn Arms



## RAMBLING ON THE RIVERBANK

# WALKS with Taste in Ribble Valley



**Distance:** 5.4 miles / 8.7km  
**Time:** 2½ to 3 hours  
**Moderate:** 175m of ascent, occasionally rough and uneven with several stiles.



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**ON THIS WALK WITH TASTE**

This riverside ramble starts from the Shireburn Arms and descends through farmland to the River Ribble, crossing the impressive footbridge at Dinkley, then following the river downstream towards Ribchester, returning through the woods and pasture to Hurst Green.

**PARKING**  
Shireburn Arms, Whalley Road, Hurst Green, BB7 9QJ

**MAPPING**  
Grid Reference SD 685378.  
OS Explorer OL41  
OS Landranger 103

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






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# THE ROUTE

1. From the front door of pub, turn left and, after 25 yards, take the farm track on the left along Lambing Clough Lane. Descend passed the houses and over the cattle grids for half a mile and to the bottom of the hills and follow the track between farm buildings, bearing slightly right to follow the footpath along the edge of the woods which leads to the newly restored footbridge over the Ribble.
2. Cross the bridge over river, then turn right and follow the riverbank path for half a mile to Marles Wood. Continue through the woods, to where the river widens into a picturesque lagoon; be sure and look at the view back upstream.
3. Bear left following the path away from the river but then after a short distance, and just before the steps, take the footpath to your right down across a footbridge and up the other side to continue straight on through woods to the lane. Turn right along the lane and continue passed Salesbury Hall,
4. Follow the lane for 3/4 mile to the stone bridge at Ribchester. Take care crossing this road bridge, and then turn right along track following the Ribble Way footpath upstream.
5. Follow the lane to the farmyard, and then turn right, down to the river where you bear left to follow the path upstream. Continue for half a mile through a kissing gate and over a footbridge into the woods as the river meanders round to the right.

 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.

6. Soon after the right hand bend in the river, the footpath leaves the riverside and climbs left through the woods and through a kissing gate onto open pastureland. Continue along the edge of the woods then head straight across field, taking in the spectacular view of Pendle Hill, and through the next gate.
7. After the gate, head slightly left across the field, slightly uphill, to a signpost on the edge of the coppice then continue over stile in corner of field. Go diagonally over the next field to a gate, to a track and turn right and then almost immediately left through a gate. Follow the left-hand field boundary as it curves round to reach a footbridge in the corner of the field.
8. Across the footbridge, follow the path along with the woodland on your left for 50 yards then head half right, diagonally across the field through a little dry valley, to a stile next to a solitary oak tree. Continue straight over next field for 250 yards, descending to a stream and crossing footbridge and following the path along the edge of the woods for 200 yards before crossing stile and continuing across the field to return to Lambing Clough Farm.
9. Turn left into Lambing Clough Lane and follow it uphill back to the village. At the top of the track turn right and the Shireburn Arms is just 25 yards on your right.

