



LANCASTER CANAL
TOWPATH TRAIL



WALK IT!
EXPLORING BY FOOT

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THE LEAFY LANCASTER LOOP

Explore the brilliant Aldcliffe Community Garden, Fairfield Nature Reserve, and a community orchard before taking in the sights and sounds of Freemans Woods and the marshes of the River Lune before looping back via the village of Aldcliffe via the Towpath Trail.

This route starts at Nelson Street car park which is easily accessible via private or public transport:

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Arriving by Bus: The 555 operates between Kendal and Lancaster. Visit [Stagecoach](#) for up-to-date timetables and fares.

Arriving by Car: Nelson Street car park operates pay and display parking.

Arriving by Train: Trains run frequently to Lancaster, please visit [Trainline](#) for timetables and fares.

Arriving by Bike: This walk is not suitable cycling. Bike storage can be found at Lancaster Train Station which is 10 minutes away from the start of the route.

WALK IT! AT A GLANCE



TIME
2 hours



DIFFICULTY
Easy



DISTANCE
4.7 miles



TERRAIN
Flat



Please note the map shown is for illustrating the route - for a more accurate map we would recommend using AllTrails.co.uk

THE LEAFY LANCASTER CENTRAL LOOP ROUTE

Follow the points below and tick them off as you go!

1. Turn right onto the Towpath Trail from the car park canal exit. After approx. 100m exit the towpath following the signs for Aldcliffe.

2. Cross the road and go over the bridge to the other side of the canal at The White Cross pub. Walk down on to the towpath past the pub. Continue for approx. 600m, walking under two bridges and passing The Water Witch pub.

3. The Towpath ends at 'Basin Bridge' also signposted as Aldcliffe Yard. Walk over the bridge to the opposite side of the canal by taking the small path on your right and walking under the bridge.

4. Continue until you see the Aldcliffe Community Garden on your right. Walk through the garden and exit onto Aldcliffe Road and continue under the railway bridge taking care to cross Brook Street.

5. Turn right onto Cromwell Road and continue to the end (approx 120m) where you will see the gated entrance to Fairfield Nature Reserve.

6. Enter the nature reserve and follow the path. After the 'Fauna' stone sculpture you'll reach a path junction; Turn left to walk through the orchard.

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7. Continue on this path, following the line of 'Lucy Brook' on your left-hand side.

8. At the path junction, head right so the brook remains on your left-hand side.

9. The path temporarily leaves Lucy Brook at Willow Drive. Turn left on Willow Drive, following the grass path and then pavement.

10. At the mini roundabout and farm entrance, continue straight ahead.

11. Turn left to rejoin the brook and woodland path just after the electricity sub station.

12. At the footpath junction turn left, passing the Marsh Playing Fields and play area on your right-hand side.

13. Continue on this path for approx. 910m, look through the trees to see glimpses of the Freemans Pools on your right.

14. At the estuary junction, turn left and continue along the path for approx. 1.5km.

NOTE: Dogs must kept on a lead to protect nesting birds in the area.

15. The disused railway path will come into view on your left-hand side, at the metal kissing gate, follow the signs to Aldcliffe along Aldcliffe Hall Lane.

16. Continue on Aldcliffe Hall Lane, after approx. 660m, turn left on to Aldcliffe Hall Drive (on the opposite side there is a signposted footpath to the River Lune).



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17. You will pass more houses until you reach the former grand entrance to Aldcliffe Hall which was demolished in the 1960's.

18. At the end of Aldcliffe Hall Drive you'll see the original East Lodge, a listed building and nod to the former Hall.

19. Cross Aldcliffe Road here and return to the Towpath Trail in front of you, then left to return to the Towpath Trail .

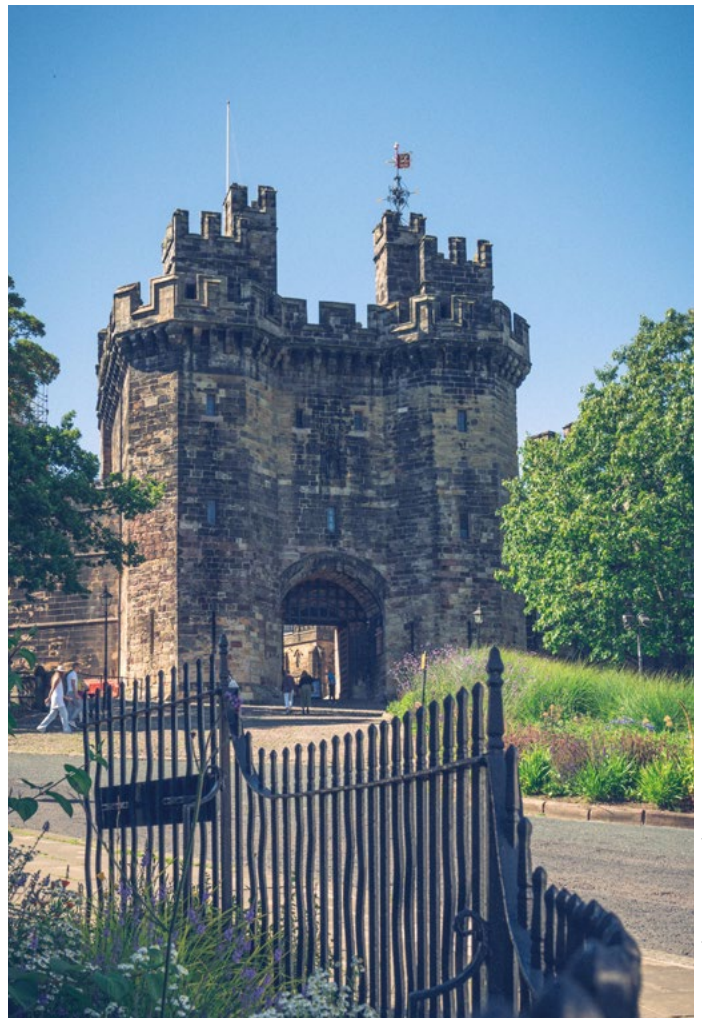
20. Leave the Towpath Trail at Basin Bridge (after Aldcliffe Community Garden) and re-join by crossing the bridge at Aldcliffe Yard and returning towards The Water Witch Pub.

21. At the White Cross pub leave the towpath, cross the road and return to the towpath via the path on your right

22. Walk towards the next bridge and exit on your left back to the Nelson Street car park.



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The Towpath Trail aspires to be fully accessible, welcoming and enabling all users to enjoy the Towpath Trail between historic Kendal and Lancaster.

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