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PARBOLD WALK No 1

**CIRCULAR WALK FROM THE FARMERS ARMS,
CHORLEY ROAD, HILLDALE L40 3SL**

About Parbold - Parbold is a small township in West Lancashire. It is situated 6 Km (4 miles) from J27 of the M6. It can also be accessed via the regular rail service which runs between Wigan and Southport. The name Parbold is drawn from Old English and means the "Pear Orchard". Its name still reflects its quiet and rural atmosphere.

Overview - This is a circular level walk through the neighbouring village of Bispham Green on field footpaths and tracks. A detour to Cedar Farm which has a teasshop, can be made by following Back Lane. Refreshments can also be obtained from the Farmers Arms and other local pubs.

There are stiles, some with steps.

Distance: Approximately 3.2Km (2 miles)

Grade: Leisurely

Walk start point: Farmers Arms. NGR SD 497 129

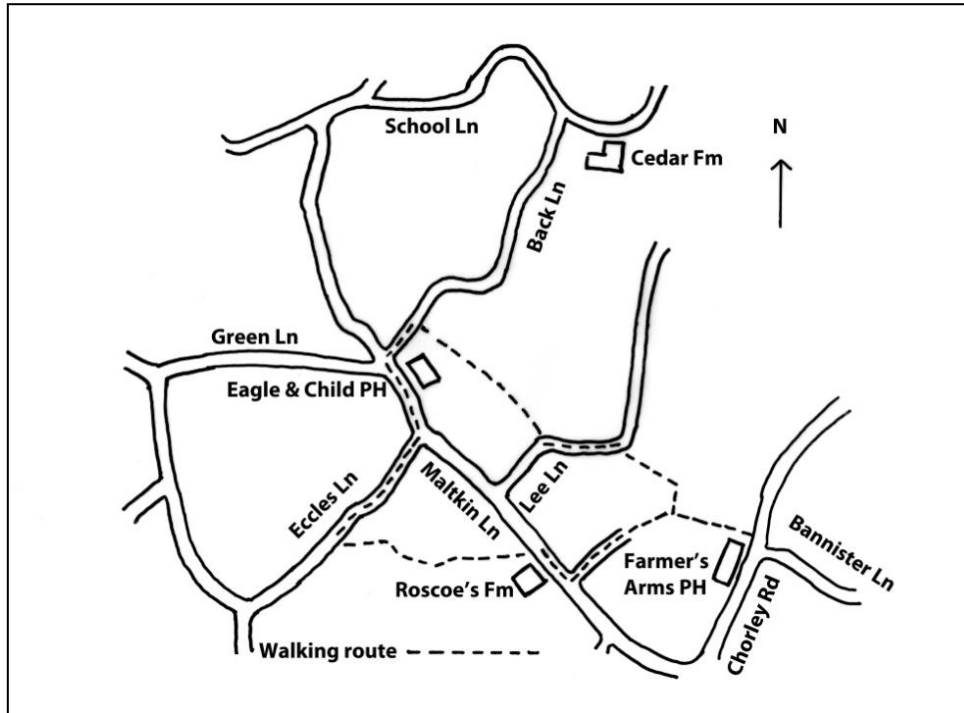
OS Maps: Explorer 285 Southport and Chorley (1:25,000),
Landranger 108 Liverpool (1:50,000)

Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear; keep to the paths and close gates. Please keep dogs under control and do not leave any litter.

Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy in preparing the walks. No liability can be accepted and people using the routes do so at their own risk.

The series of 6 walks are posted on <http://www.parboldonline.info> – Walks page.

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Wildlife Notes:

The walk crosses traditional pastures with a variety of hedgerows of Blackthorn, Hawthorn and Oak.

Sparrowhawks may be seen hunting along the hedgerows. In the summer Swallows and Housemartins skim across the fields – later gathering on the telephone wires before their journey back to Africa.



The walk commences from the Farmers Arms, a public house which originally had two tenants who were sisters, Helen and Rose Lee. They reared poultry and were renowned for their excellent cooking. It is still well worth a visit for refreshments.

The school was originally established as a free Grammar school for boys by Richard Durning's Charity in the late 17th century. However, girls could attend provided their fees were paid.

From the entrance of the car park at the **Farmers Arms** turn left towards the school. Just past the school take the footpath signposted left. Go over the stile and keeping to the right hand edge of the field walk to the next stile. Go over this, bear left and after climbing the next stile in the far hedgerow, follow the path over a footbridge. Bearing right follow the lane until it meets Malt Kiln Lane, turn right and after approximately 75 metres, just beyond Roscoe's Farm, take the footpath on the left.

Follow the track into the field and continue straight on, keeping to the right hand boundary of the field. When you reach the end of this field, turn left and walk along the edge of the field to a gap in the hedge and onto Eccles Lane. Turn right here and continue to the end of the lane where you re-join Malt Kiln Lane.

Turn left and walk through the village of Bispham Green passing 'The Eagle and Child' on your right, which is a listed building; the original had a thatched roof and wattle and daub walls.

At the Pub turn immediately right down Back Lane and after approximately 50 metres take the footpath on the right. Go up the steps and over the stile and follow the path along the edge of the field until you meet a hedge. Keep this hedge on your left and follow it until you meet another lane (Lee Lane). Turn left and follow it until you come to a stile on the right just before Blackleage Cottage.

Go over the stile and keep to the left side of the field for approximately 75 metres and then go diagonally right towards a stile in the fence. Go over this and follow the path back to the school. Turn right and walk back to the car park.