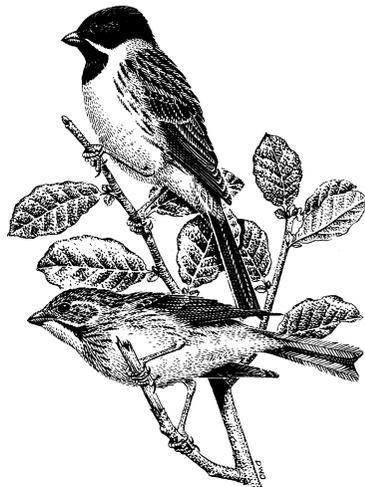




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PARBOLD WALK No 4

CIRCULAR WALK FROM THE CANAL BANK CAR PARK, STATION ROAD, PARBOLD WN8 7NU

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 level, circular walk mainly along the Leeds Liverpool canal, but also taking in the village of Newburgh. Refreshments can be obtained at the pubs and cafes in the villages. The Car Park is approximately five minutes walk from Parbold Railway Station and a bus stop. There are no stiles but one set of fairly steep steps.

The canal is the longest in Britain at 127 miles and is the only navigable trans-Pennine route, providing a route to the Yorkshire Dales. The first section was opened in 1774.

Distance: Approximately 2.4 Km (1.5 miles)

GRADE: Leisurely

Walk start point: Canal bank car park. NGR SD 491 105

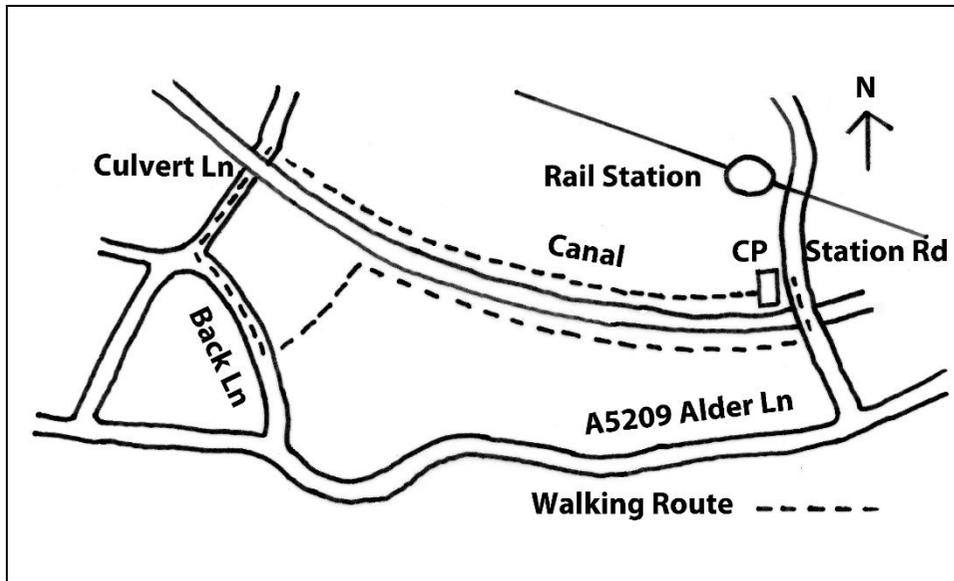
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Landranger 108 Liverpool (1:50,000)

Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear; keep to the paths and close gates. Please keep dogs under control and do not leave any litter. There may be livestock in the fields.

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: This is a particularly pleasant walk in early summer. Sedge Warblers (have an eye stripe) and Reed Warblers (which are a larger bird), can be seen or heard singing amongst reed beds along the canal. Other birds include Reed Bunting, Yellowhammer and Kingfisher.

Fish living in the canal include Rudd, Pike and Perch. Plants such as Water Dropwort and patches of Arum Lily can be found growing on the banks.

As one goes under the canal along Culvert Lane Foxgloves and Northern Marsh Orchids may be seen on a grass bank.

As you walk back along the canal from Newburgh you may be lucky enough to see a Barn Owl flying across the fields on the right.

From the car park, follow the towpath towards Hoscar in a westerly direction for approx. 0.75 kilometres.

The canal was originally used for transporting coal, stone, lime and corn, as well as passengers. An express service used to run leaving Liverpool at 8 am and arriving at Wigan at 5 pm. The Windmill was built in the 1790s

When you come to the first house go down the steps on the right and turn left at the bottom. Follow the lane under the canal until it meets Back Lane and turn left. Walk along this lane and just past the school you come to a footpath sign on the left. Follow this path and then turn right to walk along the edge of the field and follow it as it turns sharp left towards the canal.

At the bottom of the field turn right and continue along the path above the canal to The Windmill. The path crosses the River Douglas which is the parish boundary between Parbold and Newburgh.

Walk through the car park to the main road. Turn left and walk back over the bridge to the car park.

