

# Introducing Manchester's Countryside

## Broadbottom Circular

Broad Mills Heritage Site

- ⑪ Keep forward with the wide path and rightwards up the slope to reach Broadbottom Road via a kissing gate opposite 'The Waggon' public house.
- ⑫ Turn right for 80 metres then left on a footpath climbing steps through the wall between houses to a stile leading into a field. Go up the fenced path up the left side of the field, over three stiles, to reach a driveway near Home Farm.
- ⑬ Go forward for only 10 metres and over the stile on the left. Head slightly left across the field to a stile by a gate, near holly bushes. Go up the right edge of the next field, to a stile where the fence bears left and forward to a stile by a gate on to Littlemoor Road.
- ⑭ Turn left for 80 metres to a stile on the right. Across this, follow the fenced path between ponds to another stile. Then go along the right edge of the field beyond to a stile at the far end. (A wide view opens up across the Pennines). Over the stile turn left then right with the field edge, descending to the trees.

- ⑮ Steps and a further stile lead through a hollow into a field beyond, at the signpost bear half left towards the large ash tree to a stile on the far side, onto Pingot Lane.
- ⑯ Cross Pingot Lane and follow the path winding down alongside the hedge on the left, at the gap by the oak tree bear slightly left and drop down under the holly bushes, continue on the path to reach a stile on to Hague Road (a quiet farm lane). Turn right.
- ⑰ Follow Hague Road all the way to a road, Gorsey Brow and left down to the main road in Broadbottom. Turn left under the railway and in a further 200 metres, right into Lymefield.

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This walk forms part of a series of walks and trails developed by Manchester's Countryside.

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**Distance:**  
4 miles/6.5km. Moderate.

**Starting point:**  
Lymefield Visitor Centre, off Lower Market Street, Broadbottom. Grid ref. SJ 996935.

**How to get there:**  
**By car** – Two miles south of the A57 from Mottram in Longendale, between Hyde and Glossop. Overspill car parking at the adjoining Lymefield Mill on Saturday afternoons and Sundays.  
**By bus** – From Manchester via Hyde, or from Glossop.  
**By train** – Broadbottom Station on the Manchester via Newton for Hyde line. Turn right onto Mottram Road, under the viaduct, through the village and right down to Lymefield Visitor Centre.

**Greater Manchester Public Transport Information**  
0161 228 7811 www.gmpte.com

**Walk summary:**  
Quiet lanes, a little known wooded clough and farmland combine to make an attractive and varied walk. Good views from the higher ground.

## The Walk

① From the visitor centre turn left down to the bottom of the road then turn right in front of Lymefield Terrace and go ahead through the kissing gate to enter the Broad Mills area. (There are information boards at various locations explaining the history of this area, once the site of huge cotton mills).



Broad Mills

② Follow the main path through the area. Go past the old gas holder (circular wall) then the mill races and the wheel pit on your right to the river's edge.



③ Continue through the wood, up some steps to a kissing gate, do not cross the footbridge but climb up the steep tarmac path. Turn left past the end of a terrace of houses and follow the path to join a wider lane via a gate at the cottages of Summerbottom.



Looking across to the moors

④ Follow the lane (Hodge Lane) downhill. This lane can be muddy. Soon pass the dye vats (once used to bleach and dye cloth and dating from the time of the large Hodge Printworks that once stood in this area).

⑤ Keep forward when a tarmac lane comes in from the right to reach the cottages at Hodge Fold. As the lane curves left, just after a stream. Leave it to go forward in front of cottage and turn right on a path immediately beyond it, just as the track narrows.

⑥ Climb, with the path, alongside a garden fence, straight on past a chalet on your left, to a wicket gate leading into Great Wood. Follow the path winding through the wood, to a bridge over the railway, cross the bridge.

⑦ Immediately across the bridge go through the stile on the right, on a path parallel to the railway. Take the left fork and follow the path into the clough.

⑧ Where the path drops down to the stream cross the footbridge and swing to the right, re-cross the stream by a second footbridge.

⑨ Climb up then turn left where a path comes in from the right, then left again where a second path comes in, continuing up the clough fork right before the third footbridge (do not cross it) climb up and turn left following clough up stream.

⑩ Fork left and cross the fourth footbridge, then climb up the steps to the top, to emerge out of the wood onto open land, follow the path up beside the wooded valley on your right, go through the stile.