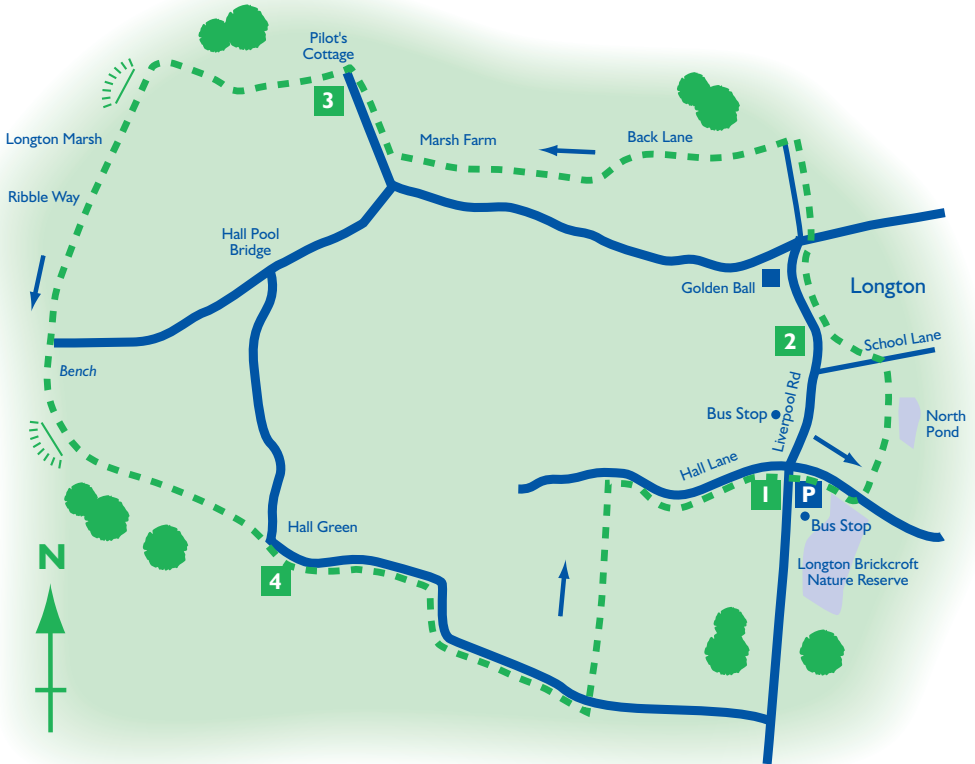


RAMBLE FROM LONGTON BRICKCROFT NATURE RESERVE

5.0 miles / 8km



Scale 1:25000
OS Explorer (286) Series

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Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear; keep to the paths and close gates.
Please keep dogs under control and clean up after them. Do not leave any litter.

Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy in preparing the walks - the council cannot accept any
liability and people using the routes do so at their own risk.

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- 1** On leaving visitor centre turn left and pass through lower car park. Go through kissing gate to follow path with lake on your right. When path splits, turn left, go through kissing gate then cross small road and find another kissing gate almost opposite. Follow this path, pass a lake on your right and exit through kissing gate onto tarmac track. At end of this track, cross a road and turn left with a garden wall on your right until you meet another road (School Lane). Cross this and turn left onto a track through small woodland. When track meets a tarmac path, turn right and follow path through park to a metal kissing gate leading to main road (Liverpool Road).
- 2** Cross the road, turn right and proceed to Golden Ball pub. Cross the end of Marsh Lane and turn left onto a bridleway. Continue to a T junction, turn left, and pass housing on your left. The path becomes a track with hedges on each side. Continue on this track until it becomes tarmac again and bends sharply to the left. At the end of a high garden wall, turn right onto an enclosed path. Cross a stile and cut diagonally across field to stile in corner, then go straight ahead to a stile and gate in hedge opposite. Turn right onto small road (Grange Lane).
- 3** Opposite first house on right, turn left over footbridge and continue ahead with hedge on your right to meet a stile in the very corner of the field. Cross this stile and then another which leads up onto open ground. Proceed straight ahead with a water filled gully on your right to meet the marsh bank. Turn left along the bank and continue with Longton Marsh on your right. This is part of the Ribble Way. Cross a stile and pass a large bench on your left, continue along bank to meet a stile facing you (ignoring a stile and gate on the left). Cross stile and continue over raised ground to a footbridge. Over this, continue straight ahead to meet the corner of a wire fence. Proceed, with fence on your left towards farm buildings. When fence meets a hedge running off to left, turn left behind hedge and cross a stile, now turn right and continue in previous direction heading for a gate and stile in hedge opposite.
- 4** Turn right onto road and continue for approx $\frac{3}{4}$ mile (1.2km), past the old stone railway bridge supports, then turn left onto a public footpath at the end of a short row of houses. Go through two stiles with concrete sides which mark the old Preston to Southport railway line. Continue ahead to cross a stile and footbridge, then a hedge on left proceed to meet a stile at a road (Hall Lane). Turn right onto road and follow to T junction at Liverpool Road. The entrance to the Brickcroft is opposite.