

Plough Walks



WALK NO: 1

KNIGHTS GRANGE & CATS CLOUGH CROSSING.

- **START/FINISH:** **THE PLOUGH**
 - **MAPS:** **OS EXPLORER 267**
 - **DISTANCE:** **7.8KM/5MILES**
 - **ALLOW:** **1HR 50MINS**
- ***FIRM LEVEL SURFACE, SOME SECTIONS CAN BE WET/MUDDY IN WINTER.***

About the Walk.

A shorter walk for those that simply want a gentle amble, taking in the fresh air & views of the country side. The walk is a 4mile loop along Whitegate way to Knights Grange in Winsford & returning to Whitegate via Grange lane & Catsclough.



1. Cassia to Whitegate Way

Turn right out of the Plough car park & walk to the main road & go straight across & past the football pitch on the left. At the end of the lane turn left and then half way down the road take the stile on the right between two trees. Head across the field, over the footbridge and up past the oak tree and across to the stile on the right. **Alternatively walk around the right hand perimeter of the field to the stile.**

Continue across the next field to towards the hedge on the left & cross the steps turning left onto Whitegate way **(1.05 km)**

2. Knights Grange – Grange Lane.

Continue along Whitegate way, crossing the road bridge and then on past the steps that are either side of the track. Continue on and then take the second kissing gate on the right, turn left and follow the fence line and then go over the stile before the first cottage **(3km)**. Go over the stile at the end of the field and then left down the access road, at the end of the road turn right onto Grange lane.

After a short distance bear left just before the golf course crosses the road and continue along the narrow lane. After less than a kilometre you will reach the intersection back on Whitegate way, known as Catsclough Crossing **(4.2km)**

3. Catsclough – Whitegate Way.

Continue across & past Catsclough Cottage and when you reach the T-Junction turn left. Walk on and then as the track bears to the right, cross over the stile in the hedge to your left **(before the gate)**. Walk along to the right and around the perimeter hedge to the corner of the field & then over the stile to the left, next to the gate and turn left **(Grange Lane)**. **(5.1km)**

Walk on past the black & yellow barrier and the dwellings on the right, then at the intersection with Whitegate way **(By the broken bridge)** turn right and continue upwards **(Whitegate way)**

4. Whitegate Way – Gale Green.

(Over to the left is the dwelling you went past at 3km)

Walk on passing the first kissing gate down to the right and shortly after you will reach another kissing gate on the right **(6.02km)**. Go through the kissing gate and as the gate marker indicates, head diagonally across the field, slightly to the left to reach a stile.

Cross the stile and then the next two over to the right & onto the stile in the corner by the dwelling **(Gale Green farm)** walk along the short track before bearing right down the track.

You now have two options to return back to the Plough.

5. Beauty Bank – Plough.

Option One.

Would be to continue down the track and just after it bears around to the left you will see a gap over to the right & a footbridge. Go over the footbridge and up the gully known locally as Gooseberry Hollow before reaching the road at Beauty bank and on to the Plough.

Option Two.

Instead of taking the gap & footbridge to the right, continue on for about 75 metres to reach the new build on the right just after the road gate. **(7.1km)**. Turn right and walk up by the side of the new build, crossing three stiles ahead before emerging onto Beauty bank with dwellings to your right. Walk up the road and back to your start & destination point, the Plough. **(7.8km)**.



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