

8. At the end of the cobbled road, take the tarmacked road to the right, heading down the hill. Continue down the hill to 'The Gatehouse' on the left, then turn left into the cobbled bridleway, called Holcombe Old Road heading uphill.



Look to your left to see this old stone drinking trough, carved out of a huge piece of stone.



Can you spot the crenelated top to the walls of 'The Gatehouse' ?



Look out for this old lamp post as you walk up Holcombe Old Road.



9. Continue along Holcombe Old Road for a couple of hundred metres, when you will see the path back to the car park on your right.



As you near the end of the walk, see if you can find this house with the stone slab porch.



Thank you for joining me on my trail. I hope you had lots of fun!

A walk suitable for children in the Holcombe Valley.

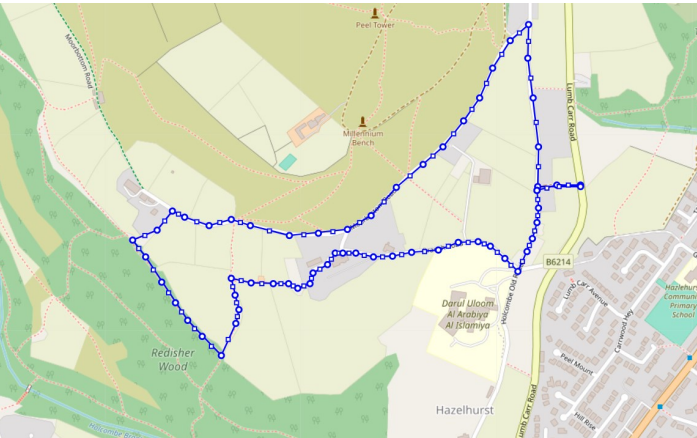
Distance : 1.6 miles 2.5km

Parking—Lumb Carr Road car park

Grid reference SD781161

Nearest postcode BL8 4NN

Stout footwear is recommended



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Please note that some paths may be muddy and slippery when wet.

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Children's Trail



Join Holly the Holcombe Hedgehog on a walk of discovery in the Holcombe Valley

1. Leave the car park on Lumb Carr Road, cross the road and head up the path opposite, going towards the hill. At the wooden gate at the top, go down the steps and then turn right and walk along the cobbled road.
2. At the end of the cobbled road, turn left onto Moorbottom Road, continuing for a few hundred metres until the third squeeze stile on the left, which has a high hedge on the right.



Can you spot this well, where people used to go to get water for themselves and their animals?



You might be able to see this stoop or gatepost. There are lots of these stoops in the Holcombe area.



Can you find this part of the wall on the right of the road? These large stones must have been too hard to move, so people in the past just included them in the wall.



Here is the first squeeze stile. These are narrow enough for humans to go through, but sheep and cattle are not able to fit through.



Watch out for a second squeeze stile on your left. We are going to squeeze through this one!



3. Go through the squeeze stile and head downhill on the path which leads to a stile. Go over the stile into a field.



Can you see this dry stone wall built on the very steep slope?



4. Go through the small field to another stile at the end of the dry stone wall, go over the stile and turn left along the small path which goes along the top of the wood.

The wood on your right, Saplin Wood, is one of the largest areas of Ancient Woodland in Bury. A wood has been recorded here for over 400 years. Maybe you will spot some birds or animals as you walk along the path next to the wood. There are some lovely places for a picnic along this path.



5. At the end of the path, turn left through the wooden gate and head uphill, staying close to the wall on the right.

Notice the hoghole in the wall on your right as you go up the hill. Hogholes are designed to let young sheep (or hogs) through walls from one pasture to another. The larger older sheep are not able to get through because they are too big.



6. At the wall which faces you at the top of the hill, with a Village Link sign on it, turn right through the large metal gate. Continue through the field staying close to the wall on the left.

Here you will find another stoop, there are holes in it where logs of wood were put in to keep the gate closed.



Look at this ruined farm building, complete with a well providing water for animals living in the building.



7. Go through the small wooden gate and follow the path down into the fold of Holcombe Hey. Walk across the courtyard and head up the cobbled road opposite past Hey House on the right.



As you cross the courtyard, look for this sandstone flag. This sandstone has beach wave ripples, just like the ripples you can see on beaches today when the tide goes out.

Hey House was built in 1616 by Robert Brown and it was probably used as a hunting lodge by the de Trafford family.

