

6. Foolow - Abney Moor - Bradwell - Little Hucklow - Foolow
7.5 miles



From the door of the Bulls Head turn right. In approx. 100m take the road on the right and follow the road towards Bretton.

A short distance beyond the woodland and before the houses there is a road junction; turn left here and walk along the road for 800m until you see a footpath fingerpost.

Cross the road and stile and follow the path steeply down to the valley bottom. This is Bretton Clough. A bridge which crossed the stream has been washed away, but a diversion is marked which involves stepping over the stream. The path now climbs up the hill turning left along the wall to a stile. Cross the stile and follow the path to another stile onto a farm track. Turn left along the track to a junction with the road. At the road turn right and there is a stile onto Bradwell Moor on the left in 10m.

Follow the well defined track over Bradwell Moor for about a mile. A stile leads onto a track. Turn left along the track. In just under 100m there is a gate across the road. Immediately after the gate is a stile on the left. Cross this and walk beside the wall on your left through two fields.

In the third field, the path runs initially through a gully and veers away from the wall. At a T junction with another path we turn left and keep descending. We now come to a gate, which leads into a lane that takes us down into the village of Bradwell. Ignore any side alleys and keep on the main track, which eventually leads down to the main road that runs through the village.

At this point we are opposite the last of the houses on the far side of the main road (100m south of the Shoulder of Mutton Pub). There is a sign on the wall beneath this house "Dale End." The House next door, to the right, is actually called Dale End. Immediately right of the house an alley way leads up between the houses. This is our route. Ignore any side paths. The alley leads up to a tarmac road, which we cross into the field opposite (footpath signs). We follow the path up through this field to another tarmac road. Here we turn left and follow the road past Bagshaw Cavern.

After about half a mile the road dips through double bends into a small valley. Keep on the road here until a second small valley is reached in a further 200m. Here we cross the stile on our right and follow the obvious footpath as it ascends diagonally up to the left. The second field is crossed to a stile just above the tree on the opposite side. The path continues on beside the wall into a fourth field. Here the path moves slightly right to cross the track and wall roughly in the middle of its length.

The path continues through a further couple of fields heading roughly towards the coppice on the near horizon. Eventually we pass to the right of the coppice and farm and emerge onto a tarmac road. Turn right along the road for about 20m and take the footpath (sign) on the left past a couple of houses. Just after the houses (and wrecked cars!) we enter

fields to the left and strike uphill bearing slightly left to a stile in the wall. The stile leads into a lane, which is followed to Little Hucklow.

In Little Hucklow we turn left on to tarmac road and proceed down through the village past the "Old Bulls Head" to a junction with the main road. Cross directly over and follow the green lane, which brings us to Great Hucklow.

When we reach the tarmac road in Great Hucklow, turn left and proceed past The Queen Ann Pub and through the village. Ignore the first road off to the right. 50m on is another opposite some old stone water troughs. Turn right here (signpost Grindlow).

Pass through Grindlow ignoring any turnings off. As we leave Grindlow, the road bends sharply right in front of an old stone barn. Here we take the green lane that runs beside the barn. (Footpath sign).

Follow the green lane to where it ends at a stile. A footpath continues on through three further fields to emerge onto a Tarmac road. Turn left here and Foolow is reached in about 200m.

