

Ringstones Round

Distance: **2.6 miles / 4.3 km (1 hr 3 minutes)**

Going: Firm paths and cross-field paths
Gentle walking.

Furness Vale to Bridgemont, Hockerley, Ringstones and Yeadsley Hall Walk

A canal side walk, with return along the lower hills above the valley with fine views. (Please put your dogs on a lead)

- 1** From Furness Vale Station, cross Station Road and go down the hill to cross the Peak Forest Canal. Immediately at the end of the bridge go down the steps to join the Canal Towpath. Proceed in a southerly direction (back under the bridge) for approximately half a mile. The canal runs parallel with the A6 and the railway line to Buxton. Across the valley runs the railway line to Sheffield.
- 2** After passing an iron footbridge and a road bridge you reach a second iron footbridge marked 34. (Put your dog on the lead!) Cross the bridge and go up the path to the busy A6. Cross the road via the traffic island into the small hamlet of Bridgemont. Proceed past the children's playground under the railway bridge.
- 3** Immediately at the end of the bridge parapet take the footpath on your left running beside the railway. After 200 yards proceed over a stile into an open field and follow the stone wall to the right uphill to another stile. Pass around the chicken pens and through the gate into the lane in front of Hockerley Farm.
- 4** At the top of the yard, between two oak trees and to the right of the farm gate take the stone stile and turn right along the track besides the stone wall running gently uphill with views across the valley and over to Eccles Pike, Bugsworth and Chinley Churn.
- 5** Drop down to the gate at the head of Ringstones Clough, below Ringstone Caravan Site, and carry straight on uphill along the road to Yeadsley Hall. Look to the east to admire the views towards Gowhole and Chinley Churn.
- 6** Walk down Yeadsley Lane past the interesting variety of houses and bungalows to the Furness Vale Community Centre (café open Tues and Thurs afternoons).
- 7** Cross the A6 by the pedestrian crossing and turn right to return to the station down Station Road to the left. Alternatively, turn left 100 yards and turn right down Old Road then at the bottom take the footpath under the railway which exits on Station Road, just below the station.

