

Crossing the Pennines

Here's a way to enjoy the route around the Colne Valley by car or by bike:

Start from the Old Bank car park in Slaithwaite. You might like to walk across the little bridge over the canal to see the canal milestone in front of the Bakery.

Have a look at the Roman milestone in the back garden of the Manor House, and then set off up Longlands Road, turning left down Clough House Lane to see the Roman ford and Merrydale.

Continue up North Lane (the original Roman road) and turn right up Holme Lane to have a drink at the Rose & Crown Cop Hill, passing our new Guide Stone.

Admire the views across the valley as you head down Marsden Lane and Crow Trees Road (very narrow!) then double back along Park Gate road. You'll be able to park on the roadside and walk up to see the Packhorse sculpture.

Continue along Marsden Lane; crossing the canal, head down Warehouse Hill turning left into Marsden – more refreshment opportunities as well as the stocks!

Go up to the Manchester Road (A62, the third Turnpike) and turn left, spotting the cast iron milestone on the right hand side by Marsden Park.

Turn right up Meltham Road to Chain Road (the first and second Turnpikes) and spot the 'Blind Jack' milestone as well as the guide stoop.

Return back to Slaithwaite via Lingards Road with splendid views.

If you use the Android App (the Apple one is coming soon) you can enjoy the information as you travel!

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