

# Cycling

## Pennine Cycleway Route 68 Burnley Section

Distance: 10 miles/16 kms

Time: 2 hours (approx)

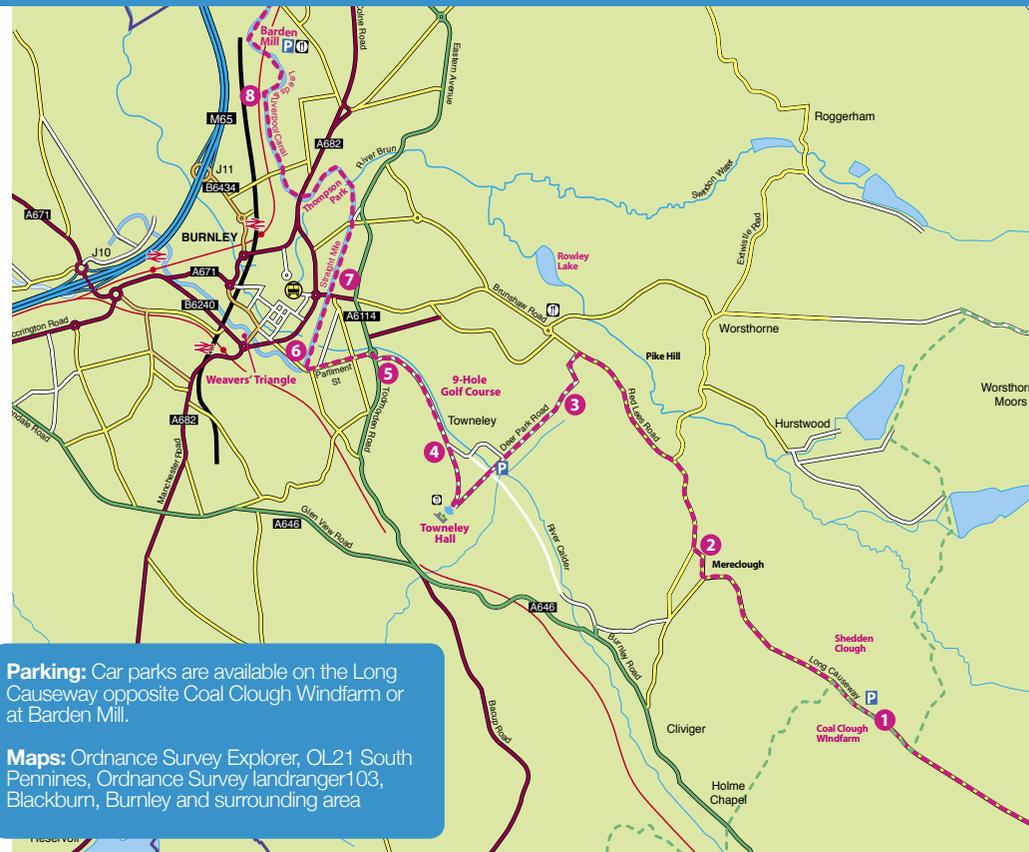
Type: Linear

Difficulty level: Moderate

In Burnley, the Pennine Cycleway takes you through varied landscapes; across moorland, along the old packhorse trails, through villages and down into parkland then onto the towpath of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal. Cycling by the side of the canal you can see a variety of waterfowl including swans, mallards and grebe, as you ride through an industrial landscape, past scenic parks and out into the countryside.

The ride starts on the Long Causeway at Coal Clough Windfarm.

1. The route enters Burnley via the Long Causeway with Coal Clough Windfarm on the left as you start your ride. This area has excellent views over the surrounding countryside across Worsthorne Moor to Sheddin Clough and Hurstwood Village, and to Pendle Hill in the distance.
2. The cycleway continues along the road as it drops steeply down past the village of Mereclough (take care on the descent). Turn right into Red Lees Road and follow the road towards the Pike Hill area of south-east Burnley.
3. As you come into the first section of the road with houses on both sides watch out for a sign on your left to Towneley Park. Turn left onto Springwood Road and then second left onto Deer Park Road. A steep descent past the 9-hole golf course will take you into the beautiful parkland.
4. Cross over the river to the crossroads, at this point carry straight up the avenue to visit the hall or turn right and continue to the main park entrance.
5. At the park gates turn right then immediately left into Parliament Street. This short road section goes up a gentle hill to the canal bridge at the mini-roundabout that takes you on to Finsley Gate.
6. Pass through the gate onto the towpath of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal and turn left. (You can make the choice here to turn right for an optional visit to the Weavers' Triangle and a link to the Padiham to Burnley cycle route via Grove Lane).
7. From here the cycleway continues by the side of the canal along one of the 'seven wonders' of the British waterways system. The 'Straight Mile' carries the canal high above the town on a 60ft high embankment with excellent view over Burnley.
8. Continue on the canal towpath for the next 4kms/2.5miles through parks and urban landscapes to Barden Mill where you can stop for cuppa and a rest in the tea rooms.



**Parking:** Car parks are available on the Long Causeway opposite Coal Clough Windfarm or at Barden Mill.

**Maps:** Ordnance Survey Explorer, OL21 South Pennines, Ordnance Survey landranger103, Blackburn, Burnley and surrounding area

## Along the way...



The cycleway continues from here into Pendle and then on towards Yorkshire.

### Please take care when cycling in Burnley.

- **Obey the highway code**
- **Wear a helmet and comfortable clothing appropriate to the weather**
- **Don't forget to take drinks and snacks**
- **A puncture repair kit, pump and tool-kit are essential to deal with mishaps.**
- **Carry a map and let people know where you are going**
- **Please remember that you are responsible for your own and others safety.**

**Coal Clough Windfarm** For details see the riding section

**Hurstwood** Sitting snugly in a hollow by the River Brun among woods, moorland and pasture, Hurstwood is a delightful village of great charm and character. It contains a number of very old attractive buildings, including Hurstwood Hall built by Barnard Towneley in 1579, Spenser's Cottage, reputed to have been the home from 1576 – 1579 of the Elizabethan poet Edmund Spenser and Tattersall's House, possibly the oldest building in the village.

**Towneley** This stunning historic house is set in parkland with woodland trails, two golf courses, a museum of local history, children's play area, garden centre and café, Towneley offers a great day out for everyone.

**Weavers' Triangle** Dating from the time when Burnley led the country in the production of cotton cloth, the Weavers' Triangle is one of the finest examples of a Victorian industrial landscape. The visitor centre, housed in the Wharfmaster's house and canal

toll office, will tell you all about the history of the area.

**Gawthorpe Hall** A National Trust property on the banks of the River Calder, the hall is home to the world famous Rachel Kay-Shuttleworth collections of lace embroidery and costumes.

**Thompson Park** For details see the walking section

**Barden Mill** With more than 30,000 square foot of bargains under one roof Barden Mill has something for everyone. A tea-room, canal side walks and picnic area welcome visitors to Burnley's largest mill shop.

## Places to eat

**Tesco Superstore**  
Centenary Way,  
Tel. 0845 677 9787

**The Old Stables Café**  
Towneley Park  
Tel. 01282 430111

**Jack Moore's Tea Room**  
Barden Mill, Barden Lane  
Tel. 01282 420333

## Other cycle routes in Burnley & Padiham

### Padiham, Ightenhill, Burnley Cycle Route (7kms/4miles)

An attractive cycle route along the scenic Calder Valley which avoids the busy main roads. Going past green fields and woodland, which are home to a variety of wildlife, it is mainly rural in nature. From Padiham the route follows Grove Lane past the 'Trail of Words' then crosses the River Calder to join a cycle path up to Ightenhill Park Lane. The route continues into the centre of Burnley via quiet roads and the canal. It is a good place to cycle with children.

### Leeds and Liverpool Canal (11kms /7miles)

The Leeds and Liverpool Canal is a good place for traffic free cycling. The route through Burnley from Hapton boatyard to Barden Mill meanders through countryside, industrial and urban landscapes and parkland. Cyclists need to obtain a free pass from British Waterways.

### Lancashire Cycleway

The Lancashire cycleway comprises two circular routes which meet in the historic village of Whalley. The southern loop which circles East Lancashire can be accessed in Burnley at Harle Syke, Worsthorne and Bacup Road.

## Useful contacts

**Burnley Council Cycling Officer**  
Tel. 01282 425011 ext. 2319

**LCC Cycling Officer**  
Tel. 01772 534609

**Sustrans**  
Tel. 01282 0845 113 0065

**British Waterways**  
Tel. 01282 456978

**CTC Burnley and Pendle**  
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