

Section 4 Hollingworth to Broadbottom

Distance 2.4 miles (3.8 km)

Time 1¼ hours

1. Cross the main road, Market Street, using the pedestrian crossing, and go down the quiet Water Lane opposite.
2. Where this bends on reaching the River Etherow, turn through the gate posts on the right and take the right hand path through the trees. In 100 metres, at the quiet residential road, The Boulevard, go left and forward to the busy A57 near Woolley Bridge.
3. Cross with care and go along the farm lane, over a stile at a gate and passing in front of the farm house, Tara Brook Farm, to a kissing gate at the end of a stone wall.
4. Go diagonally left across a field, over a stile and along the grassy track ahead and in two fields across the footbridge. Keep following waymarkers over stiles in the fences and hedges indicate the route to follow through the next few fields, level at first, then rising up the shoulder of a hill.
5. Go over a stile and follow the path enclosed by a fence on the left and trees and scrub on the right.
6. Beyond Pear Tree Farm, on the left, go through the gap to the right of the high iron gates. The path becomes a wide unmade lane. At the fork keep right and in a further 75 metres immediately before the farmyard of Little Hill Farm, turn left along the narrow path between fences, down steps to a stile and another unmade lane. Turn right.
7. Pass the buildings of Little Hill Farm, through a gate, then simply follow the farm lane, Hague Road all the way to another road, Gorsey Brow, at Broadbottom.
8. At the bottom turn left along the main road, Market Street, going under the railway bridge and in 200 metres turn right down to Lymefield Centre.

Toilets and refreshments are available at Lymefield Garden Centre