

Irwell Vale & Strongstry



Health and safety tips for walkers

- Walkers are advised to wear suitable clothing and footwear, sturdy shoes, sunscreen, in sunny weather, waterproofs and layers in cold weather
- Keep to paths, leave gates as you find them
- Carry a mobile phone with you or advise someone where you are walking
- Dog walkers keep their dogs on a lead
- Please take your litter home & keep the countryside tidy
- Obey and follow signs provided for your safety
- If walking in evening or dark periods, reflective or light clothing is advised to help make you more visible
- On roads where there is no pavement, it is advised to walk on the right hand side so on-coming traffic can see you.

Use the following website for further walks: www.visitrossendale.co.uk

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Map Details:

Explorer 287 SD 792/201

Grading: (C) Mild and medium gradients, possible steps

Length: 2 1/2 miles

Time: 60 minutes

Start Location:

Irwell Vale Halt Car Park

Time & distance are an estimate, use as a guide only

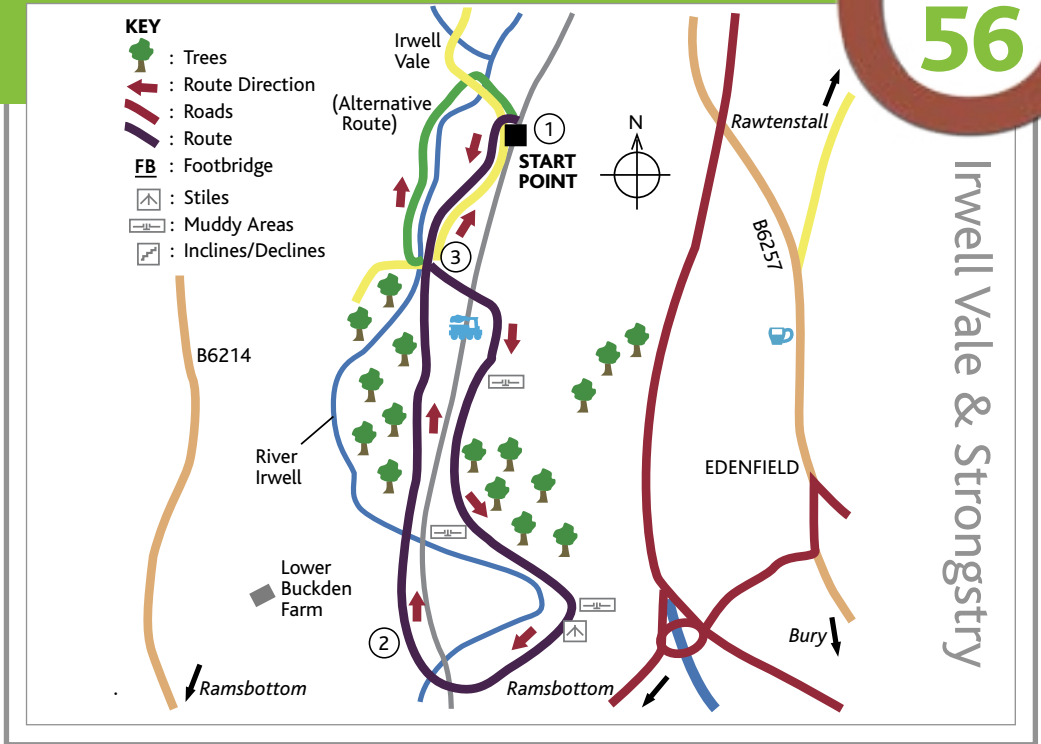
Start Location



Bus Service: Contact Rossendale Transport on 01706 212337 for more information.

Walks for Health Disclaimer

The route on this leaflet was assessed in December 2005; Groundwork Rossendale takes no responsibility for changes to the route. All routes are on public rights of way. The information contained in this leaflet was correct at the time of printing. Landowners, Groundwork Rossendale and partners accept no liability for accidents on these walks. Persons participating in the walk do so at their own risk.



Irwell Vale & Strongstry Route Description

- (1) Starting at Irwell Vale Halt. Turn left out of the car park and left again at the junction following the road as it runs parallel to the River Irwell. The road finally leads to a bridge. Here a small path lies just before the river on your left. Take this path running left of the river till you come to a slope where the path divides again. Turn left through a small tunnel and then right through a gate, following the path that now runs parallel to the railway line. The path then goes through another gate. Keep on this route past a house (on the left), through another gate, and then follow the path across a field to "In the Picture" (one of the sculptures on the Irwell Sculpture Trail). Follow the path over a stile and then across to another gate. Turn right here over the bridge and round into Strongstry. Keep ahead till you reach the railway bridges, go under both, turning right at the stone wall after the second bridge and right again at the cycleway post.
- (2) Follow this path up to Irwell Vale. Drop down the slope at the bottom (next to the bridge.)
- (3) At the bridge either return to the roundabout at the village by turning right back up the road to the car park and the end of the walk. Or else, turn left and then right through the gate to follow the path along the river to come out behind the church. Keep ahead along the road towards the bridge, turn right and over another bridge to the roundabout and then right and left back to the car park.