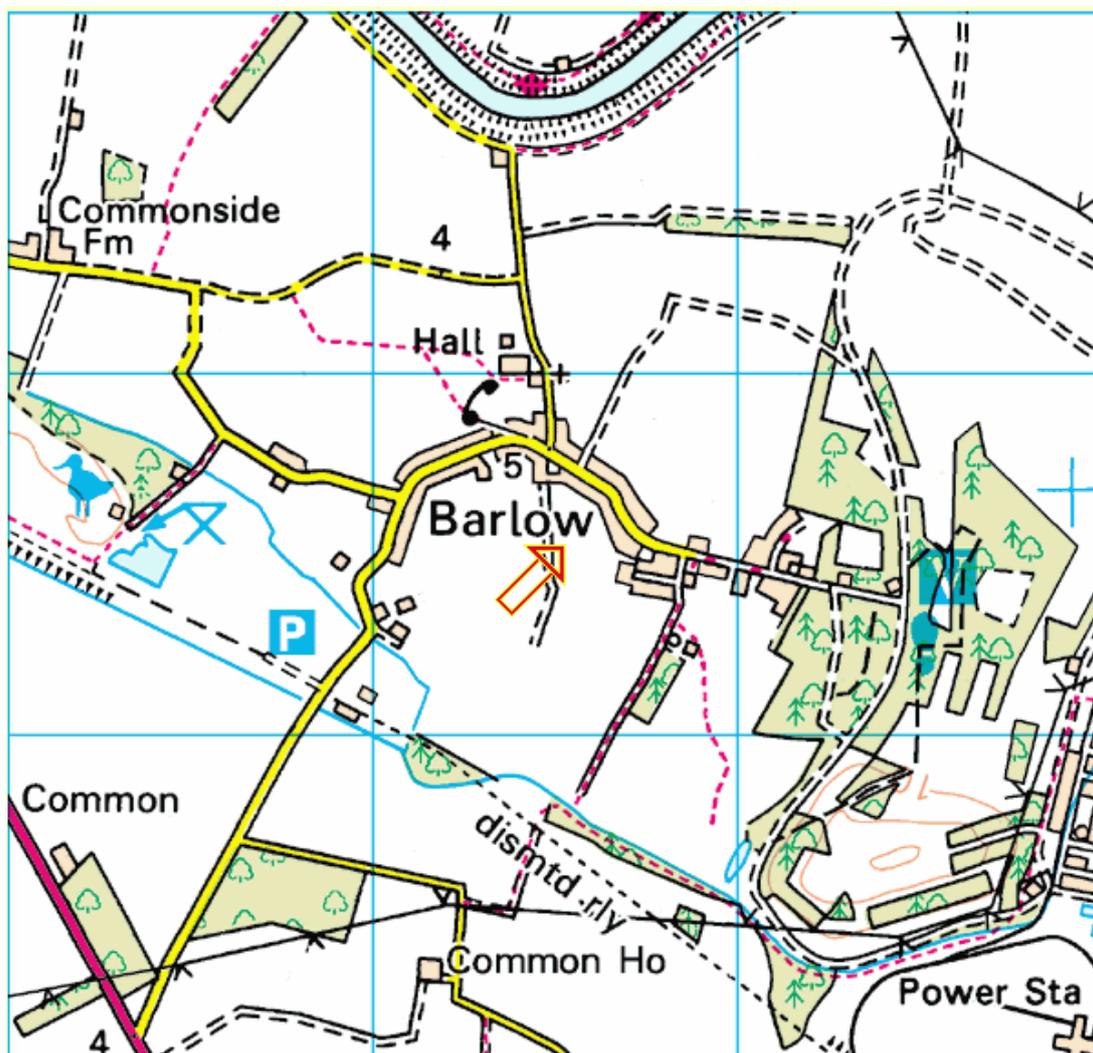


Some circular “dog friendly” walks in and around Barlow.



Walk No 1 – via the disused railway line. (about 35-40 minutes)

Starting from Park Lane, turn into Carr Lane. Past Park Avenue on the right hand side and go through the gate (or over the stile). You will pass the water treatment works on the left hand side. Carry on down the two lane track for about 5 minutes and you will come to a form of cross roads and a wooden direction sign which points straight ahead to Ash Tree Wood.

Turn right at the sign and follow the path of the dismantled railway.

After about a further 5 minutes you will come to a large metal gate, with a smaller gate to the right. Go through this gate, and into a shady wooded area keeping to the two lane path. Eventually you will come to the Camblesforth Road (Mill Lane) with the Barlow nature reserve opposite. Turn right and follow this road back into Barlow.

At the junction where Mill Lane meets Park Road, turn right and walk back into the village.

Walk No 2 – Through Ash Tree Wood, returning via the Camblesforth Road (about an hour)

Starting from Park Lane, turn into Carr Lane. Past Park Avenue on the right hand side and go through the gate (or over the stile). You will pass the water treatment works on the left hand side. Carry on down the two lane track for about 5 minutes and you will come to a form of cross roads and a wooden direction sign which points straight ahead to Ash Tree Wood.

Go straight ahead in the direction of the sign. You will go over a small bridge over a stream and enter Ash Tree Wood. Bear right on entering the wood and follow the path which heads off at about 2 o'clock. You will come out of the wood and into a field. Follow the path straight ahead. The path bears to the right and at this point you will be walking almost underneath the electricity pylon wires.

At the road turn right and follow the road for a good 15 minutes until you reach the T junction where you should turn right to head back towards Barlow. You will come to the nature reserve on your left hand side after about 10 minutes

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At the junction where Mill Lane meets Park Road, turn right and walk back into the village.

Walk No 3 – The fishponds walk (a good hour, perhaps a little longer)

Leave the village by Brown Cow Road. Go past the church on your right, past the farm on the left and past the road on the left. Proceed to the brewery where the road bends sharp left and then follow the road for perhaps half a mile where a wooden signpost will be seen pointing left signed Barlow Common. After about 200 yards you will see the Barlow Fishponds on your left and the path then goes into the woods. Follow the path through the woods and eventually you will come to a right turn where you cross a small wooden bridge to your right with a chair against it for the weary to use. Immediately after crossing the bridge, the path turns to the left and after a short time you will go through a gap in the hedge. Follow the path for about another 200 yards where it then joins Barlow Common Road.

When the footpath by Commonsides Farm meets Barlow Common Road turn left, and follow the road back towards the village. You then have the opportunity to either turn right and go through the nature reserve (the dog has to go on the lead for this part of the walk) and after leaving the reserve you can cross straight over the road and do the first part of walk No 1 in reverse which takes you back into the village by the disused railway line.

Alternatively you can stay on Barlow Common Road and enter the village at Park Road.