

BURY SELF - LED WALKS ROUTE MAP

UNSWORTH AND HOLLINS VALE - HOLLINS VALE NATURE RESERVE CIRCULAR



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WALK NAME: Hollins Vale Nature Reserve Circular

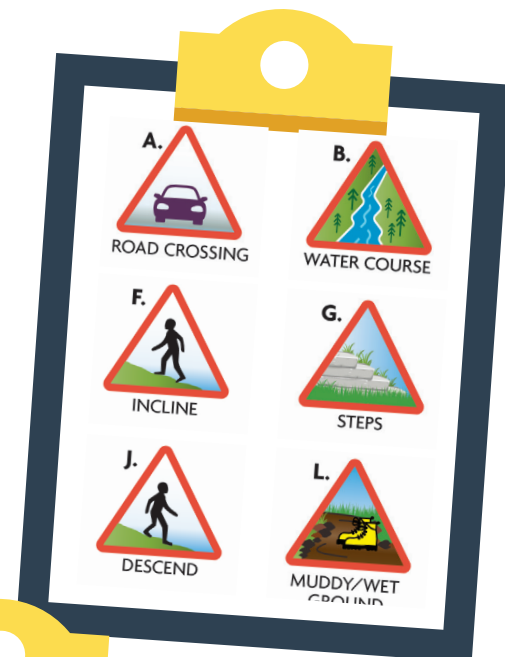
START POINT: Outside Unsworth Medical Centre, Parr Lane, Unsworth Bury BL9 8JR

BUS SERVICE: 92; 94; 97

DISTANCE: 4.5 km / 2.8 miles • **DURATION:** 60-90 minutes • **STEPS:** Approx 5,900

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

- 1 From Unsworth Medical Centre turn right and head north along Parr Lane, bearing slightly left at St George's Church where the road becomes Hollins Lane. Continue along Hollins Lane, crossing to avoid the narrow pavement and then returning back across the road when safe to do so.
- 2 On reaching Sykes Lane (across the road) take the next right turn past a small burial ground on the right. Follow the path crossing Church Meadow and entering Hollins Vale Nature Reserve.
- 3 Follow the main footpath by the edge of the reserve and follow the path down where it now runs parallel (but at a lower level) with the M66 motorway.
- 4 At the bottom of the footpath turn left onto Aviation Road and follow this past the water course on your left* and through to the junction with Pilsworth Road. (*N.B. There are several additional linking footpaths to explore within the nature reserve that can be accessed from this point, although these are better accessed in the summer months when the ground is drier under foot.)
- 5 Turn left onto Pilsworth Road and continue west, passing Blackford House Medical Centre on your right where the road then becomes Croft Lane.
- 6 At the junction with Borden Way, turn left and head east to the end of the lane, then turn right taking the foot bridge across Hollins Brook and onto another footpath. This footpath climbs slightly passing a lodge on the left before opening into a small carpark to the left of a lane called The Hags.
- 7 Follow the lane past open ground to your left and then past a primary school on your right before climbing up to meet the main road; Hollins Lane, with the Hollins Bush public house in front of you.
- 8 Turn left along Hollins Lane and follow this road south leading onto Parr Lane arriving back at Unsworth Medical Centre.



Fairly Easy: Suitable for most walkers, some woodland trails, and off road footpaths, mainly level terrain with some inclines and occasional steps.