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WALK NAME: Ainsworth Woods and Lodges Walk

STARTING POINT: Outside the Duke William Inn (PH), Well Street, Ainsworth BL2 5SQ

BUS SERVICE: 91; 510; 511

DISTANCE: 4.8 km / 3 miles • **DURATION:** 60-70 mins • **STEPS:** Approx 6,400

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

- 1 From outside the Duke William Public House (set back on the right hand side of the main road through Ainsworth from Bury) take the first and second left turning into Knowsley Road. Proceed along this narrow little used road without pavements. In fine weather the views on the right are quite awe inspiring.
- 2 On reaching a crossways, turn right in front of Knowsley Cottages, after which the way becomes single file through the trees and through a gate. Continue across the edge of the field and through a second gate onto a farm road to a junction to another farm road.
- 3 Turn right onto the farm road until reaching a gate on the left for the path to Cockey Moor Wood. The path ends with a stile after which the path skirts a fence on the right, before turning left down an incline through trees.
- 4 At the bottom of the incline cross a footbridge over a stream and continue the rise towards the middle water lodge.
- 5 Pursue the path upwards in a straight line, leaving the lodge more and more to the left. In the corner of the field, pass through the kissing gate and along the narrow path.
- 6 At the end, turn left onto a dirt farm track passing a stone farmhouse and duck pond on your right. Where there is a gate across the path, cross the stile and follow the path between hedges into a field. Follow the path downhill to the footbridge crossing the lodge you can see ahead of you.
- 7 Cross the footbridge, turn left then bear right to a hedge line and wire post fence. Keep a lookout across the field on your right for a stile, then follow the path to the next stile before reaching Barrack Fold Farm through a gate.
- 8 Go through the farmyard, turning left then quickly right to cross a stile by the stables. The views on the next stage can be superb with Winter Hill etc. in the distance.
- 9 Continue on this rough farm track for some distance until reaching the stile to Arthur Lane. Turn left onto the footpath (this can be a road with fast traffic.) Walk along the footpath until you reach the garden centre on the opposite side of the road, where refreshments and toilet for customers are available.
- 10 (If leaving the garden centre) Cross the road again to resume the walk. Turn first left onto what appears to be a house driveway, but quickly turn left up a large step onto an ancient single pathway. Follow this path until you reach the rear of the Duke William Inn. Turn right, then under an archway to the front of the pub back to the start point of the walk.



Moderate: Suitable for walkers who are happy to walk along countryside footpaths and Public Rights of Way with some steeper inclines and steps with possible stile crossings.

