

Nine STALYBRIDGE – HARTSHEAD PIKE.

This is a country walk with spectacular views. Those who like to pick out landmarks should choose a clear day and perhaps take binoculars.

Take the train from Eccles Station to Stalybridge Station.

Hartshead Pike can be seen ahead from the left of the train as it crosses Ashton Moss.

Leave the front entrance of the station and walk left up Rassbottom Street to where it joins Stamford Road. Cross Stamford Road and go right gently uphill.

Keep to this left side of Stamford Road and it becomes Wakefield Road.

Note the railway tunnel ventilation shaft above the houses.

Wakefield Road now curves to the left. At the end of the stone terrace fork left, (not complete left) and go straight ahead uphill on Luzley Road.

Luzley Road eventually becomes more of a path.

This goes along a ridge formed by the western side of the hill having been quarried away. On the right are the Pennine hills and on the left is a view west over Manchester and as far as North Wales.

Go right where you meet a tarmac road (Arlies Lane) and keep along this.

Just after Hopkins Farm take the right fork and stick with this lane straight on.

At the Hare and Hounds go right and keep straight on passing Luzley Hall. Eventually a main road gradually trails nearer and nearer from your left

There is a group of houses on your left (Cross Farm). Go left between them to the main road (Stamford Road).

Cross the main road and go right up Broadcarr Lane.

On the left across from a modernised stone house called Stansfield there is a footpath towards the Pike. Take this path following the field boundary.

At the farmyard bear right to the lane then go left in front of farm.

Immediately after the farm take the track to the right that leads up to the beacon. *Here there is a full circle panoramic view – just beyond the beacon is a marker giving details of the view.*

Retrace your steps to opposite Stansfield. Turn right and then just after it go left through a gate up to a field.

At field level head straight across, over a stile and descend steeply towards Mossley.

Go to your right to the main road and turn left into Mossley.

This is Stamford Road again. Follow this down through the town, over the crossroads and down the side of the George Hotel.

(The main part of Mossley is off to the right with shops, public houses etc. Notice the fine mill stone grit stone buildings of this Pennine Town)

The road descends steadily to Mossley Station.

Opposite the station on the left is the Britannia pub with real ale and to the right is a coffee shop

CLASSIFICATION: MEDIUM LENGTH, MODERATE WALK WITH
STEADY ASCENT,
PANORAMIC VIEWS,
SHOPS, MUSEUMS, ARCHITECTURE, PUBS,
RAIL FARE – category one

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