

# Walk 3 Mellor and Bottom's Hall

Friends of Marple Station is an award-winning voluntary community group set up to improve Marple Station and promote and lobby for improvements to trains and services. We want people to visit Marple by train to explore our wonderful countryside and wildlife.

This is the third of eight walks from our 'Walks from Marple Station' booklet that start and finish at Marple Station. Many can also start or finish at other stations including Romiley, Broadbottom, and Strines. All are on rights of way and suitable for anyone. Tell us at [friendsofmarplestation@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmarplestation@gmail.com) if you spot errors or improvements.

Marple has good train services from all over Greater Manchester and South Yorkshire. In 2025 Marple was served by two trains an hour between Manchester Piccadilly and New Mills Central with one per hour continuing along the scenic Hope Valley to Sheffield. Sunday trains are hourly. Buses 383/4 link Marple, Rose Hill and Romiley stations and Stockport every few minutes. Trains may be cheaper than you think – in 2025 an off-peak return from Manchester to Marple is £7. A 'Wayfarer' ticket allows off-peak travel anywhere by tram, train or bus in Greater Manchester, the Hope Valley and much of Cheshire/Lancashire for £16.90 a day, or £33.80 for a family.

Peter Black, Friends of Marple Station group – January 2025



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Distance 8.7 km (5.4 miles)

Ascent 230 metres

Time 2.5 to 3 hours

A moderate walk but steep in places and can be boggy.

Useful websites: [Roman Lakes](#), [Geology of Mellor Mill](#), and [Marple Lime Kilns](#)

1 From the station car park turn left down Brabyns Brow. Turn right at the traffic lights on to Town Street which has excellent shops, cafes and a fish and chip shop. Follow the main road towards Mellor which becomes Longhurst Lane. After about 300 metres uphill take the lane on the left, Clement Road and immediately turn right into Townscliffe Lane. At the top of the hill, you will pass the other end of Clement Road but continue to the end of this lane into a small hamlet. Turn left on a path to Heathy Bank Farm sign-posted Mill Brow. After about 100 metres, turn right into the farmyard and cross the cobbles. There is a green sign pointing to a path which starts just inside a drive and passes to the left of the main farm building. Take the path heading over the fields towards Mill Brow. After about 500 metres, including two gates and one stile, you reach a lane. Turn left, passing the factory entrance to Primrose Mill on your left then continue up the lane rising steadily to the Hare and Hounds on Ley Lane.

2 Turn right at Ley Lane by the Hare and Hounds and follow the road. Ignore lanes to the right (weak bridge) and left (access only). After about 300 m you will cross a stream and immediately turn right onto a footpath at a signpost. The path curves upwards to the left and eventually becomes indistinct. Walk towards a stile and footpath marker ahead across the stile. Keep the fence to the left which leads towards Mellor Hall high up on the hill. This section can be very muddy, and the path is not clear though the Hall is easily seen. Keep to the left as you climb (very steep) and approach the Hall by a narrow passage. (Note that about half-way up the climb a gradually rising path goes off to the right – this can be followed to Mellor Church if the Hall is to be missed



1 Mellor Church

out.) At the Hall turn right and continue down the metalled lane until you reach Mellor Church. If you have some spare time, go right to look over the interesting archaeological site and associated information boards. Enter the churchyard and approach the church. On the left across the graveyard is a gate/stile which leads on to a path steeply downhill towards the main road, Longhurst Lane. Pass over two stiles and angle left at the bottom to locate a footbridge over a stream, followed by steps up to the road.

Cross over Longhurst Lane (busy road) and take the path slightly to the left and opposite which passes a small pond and cuts across a boggy field, joining Gibb Lane. Take the road rising directly opposite which soon bends right. Continue along the road

passing Whetmorhurst Lane on your right. Immediately locate a stone stile on the right onto a footpath. Follow this footpath into a wood, over a small stone slab bridge and turn right when you reach a rough track.

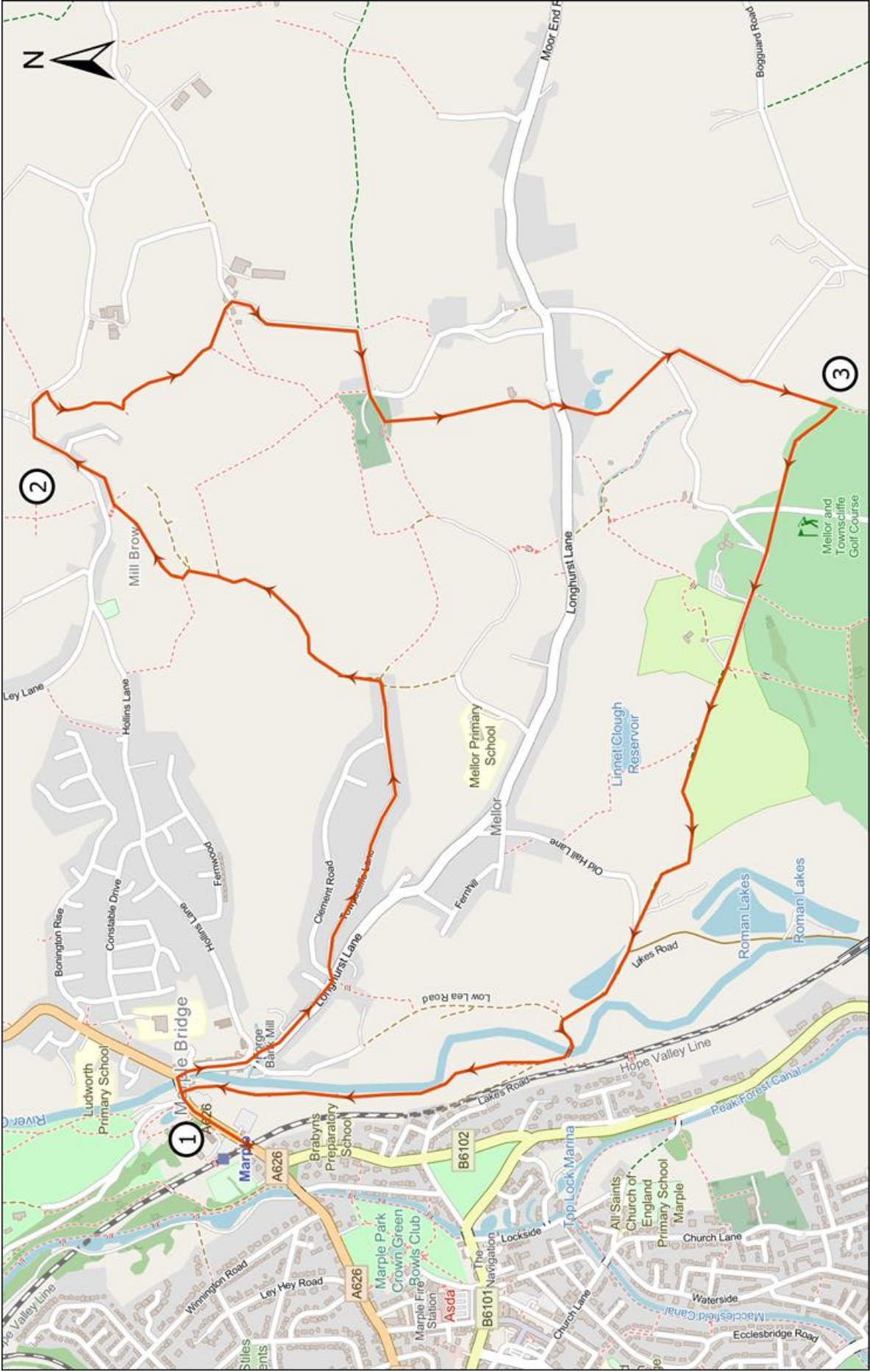
3 Pass through the golf course, keep straight ahead on the road towards the clubhouse but do not go to the clubhouse. Follow this road round to the left downhill and continue out of the grounds, past Linnet Clough Scout Camp. The path descends a rough track and reaches a rough road near Bottoms Hall Farm. Turn left at the junction near the site of Bottoms Mill (more information boards). Go over Bottom's bridge and a short way up the hill turn right through the entrance to the Garden House and along the riverside path (not a right of way but allowed by the Garden House) to the back of the Midland pub and Brabyns Brow, Turn left uphill back to the station.



*2 Roman Legionary*



Walk 3 - Map



 Main Route

Route 3: 8.7 km