

### Coldwell Inn

Coldwell Inn closed in 1939 after some 100 years as a hostelry. It was notorious for illegal gambling and cockfighting, well away from officialdom. The Inn has now been turned from a derelict shell into a residential holiday and educational centre for groups of disabled and disadvantaged people. There is a cafe for people coming to Coldwell for walking, fishing and birdwatching.

### Catlow Bottoms

This beauty spot has long been popular with the inhabitants of Nelson for walking or picnicking. Naturalists consider the area to be of particular interest for its birds, insects and plants.

### Catlow

Bronze Age pots found at Catlow in 1854 indicate the antiquity of the settlement here. In the Middle Ages, it was one of four main hamlets in Marsden and is the only one to remain outside the urban growth of Nelson. Catlow Hall still survives from the 17th century.

### Catlow Quarry

During the 19th century the quarries here provided huge amounts of good building stone for many towns in the area, in particular Nelson. More recently, they have been used as infill sites for domestic refuse.

### Southfield Methodist Chapel

The chapel is housed in a barn which was converted for local worshippers by William Sagar, the owner. John Wesley was a friend and frequent guest of the Sagers, who did much to further the Methodist movement in the area. The date on the chapel is 1797 but services were held at Southfield prior to that, and continue to be held to the present day.

### Nelson

Before the coming of the railway in 1849, Nelson was little more than a collection of hamlets and outlying farms, known as

Marsden. The railway brought the growing textile industry to the area and Nelson sprang up almost overnight. It took its name from the Lord Nelson Inn which stood at the junction of two turnpike roads in what is now the town centre.

### Walverden Reservoir

The reservoir was created in 1869 by damming the flow of Walverden Water. When Nelson began expanding in the mid 19th century, the stream was a main source of water both for the many mills along its course and for domestic use. The resulting pollution was a major factor in the setting up of a Local Board in 1864. The reservoir now provides water for Nelson and serves as a recreational facility and nature reserve.



Lane to Catlow Bottoms

### Birds to Look for

**Hedgerow** - Willow Warbler, Chaffinch, Great Tit  
**Meadow** - Curlew, Skylark, Lapwing  
**Waterside** - Great Crested Grebe, Coot, Pochard

### Plants to Look for

**Hedgerow** - Hedge Woundwort, Water Avens, Common Violet  
**Meadow** - Bitter Vetch, Devils Bit Scabious, Eyebright  
**Waterside** - Meadowsweet, Lesser Celandine, Marsh Woundwort



Walverden Reservoir

The Pendle Way covers a variety of terrain and you are likely to encounter some muddy stretches. Weather conditions can change suddenly so be prepared for all eventualities.

- Wear stout, waterproof boots
- Take waterproof clothing
- Carry a compass and map
- Inform someone of your route
- Allow plenty of time
- Keep dogs on a lead across farmland and under close control at all other times

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The Pendle Way is well signposted.



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# The Pendle Way

Coldwell Inn - Reedley

Section Five - 7.2km (4.5 miles)

# The Pendle Way

Coldwell Inn - Reedley

From the windswept reservoirs at Coldwell the Way leads down towards the traditional northern terraced streets of Nelson and Brierfield, once the heartland of Lancashire's cotton industry.



**1** From Coldwell Activity Centre (formerly **Coldwell Inn**) walk along the road away from the reservoirs. Turn left over a stile and follow a way-marked path downhill past a large water company storage tank. Bear right and follow the path running level with a stream.

**2** Just after a group of trees climb a stile. The path from this point is straight ahead along an undefined route through rough grassland and scrub.

**3** Follow the marker posts keeping the stream on your left. Go past the footbridge on your left to join a rough track. Continue along the track to the road at Catlow Bottoms.

**4** At the road turn right and cross the ford. Continue uphill past



Catlow Bridge

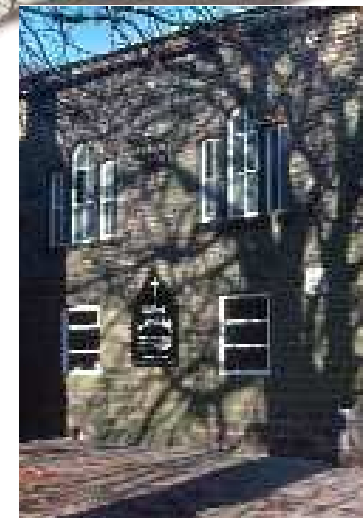
the farm at **Catlow**, and soon after a World War II pillbox on the right turn left into **Catlow Quarry**. Follow the track to the left, leaving it to reach a stile into a field. Skirt the perimeter to a stone squeeze stile in the right-hand corner. Go immediately right over another stile and bear right uphill, then left. Climb the stile at the end of the field and emerge onto the lane.

**5** Turn left through the farm, past **Southfield Methodist Chapel** on the right. Carry on along the avenue of lime trees in the valley below. Follow the track over two stiles to

**Walverden Reservoir**.

**6** Go down the lane past the dam then turn left in the car park over a footbridge. Carry on over the stream and up some steps to another gate, then along the side of the reservoir. Continue in the same direction through a gap, and on to the next one where you bear diagonally right up the field. Head for a marker post some 200 metres away then turn right uphill to a gate.

**7** Enter the lane and walk up it to the main road. Continue on the path opposite and follow the wall through two fields past Nelson Golf Course. By the houses at Harle Syke, turn right on to the track that crosses the golf course. Follow the path alongside the course over several stiles to enter a field. Fork left to emerge on to Moorside Avenue.



Southfield Methodist Chapel

**8** Turn left at the bottom of the Avenue then right to the end of the road. Turn right, then immediately left into Reedley Road. Carry straight on downhill to the main road at Reedley.

## PLACES OF INTEREST



Coldwell to Catlow



Ford at Catlow Bottoms



Plaque at Southfield Chapel



Walverden Reservoir