

If you would like more information contact
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How can you help?

Please take your litter home or use the bins provided.
Please do not pick or uproot plants.
Please remember to close gates and keep dogs under control.
Volunteer Rangers work on the Fell and in the Visitor Centre.
For young adults aged 14 to 18 there is the Beacon Fell Conservation Crew Rangers.
You can find out more about what a Ranger does and help with some practical tasks. Ideal if you are looking for community service work as part of your Duke of Edinburgh programme.

Events

The Countryside Service runs a programme of walks, events and activities at a range of locations across the County. Special events for youngsters are organised at Beacon Fell during school holidays. The Beacon Fell Junior Rangers, a wildlife club for children, meets on the first Saturday of every month for fun based exploration of the natural world. Booking is essential.

Car Parking

Barriers on most car parks are locked at 5pm. If your visit is likely to extend beyond that please use the car park near the Visitor Centre.

Beacon Fell Country Park

....Cracking views, moorland and woodland to explore – natural beauty that is accessible to everyone on stile free and tramper friendly routes.



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Welcome to Beacon Fell Country Park, 75 hectares of woodland, grassland and moorland for all to enjoy.

Beacon Fell has been a Country Park since 1969 and offers a place for people to relax and enjoy the natural world.

Since the time of the Vikings over 1000 years ago it has been used for summer grazing by farm animals, and this tradition continues at certain times of the year.

Fell House Farm once stood where the Visitor Centre is now.

The Farmhouse was demolished in the 1940s, as it is said to have been used as a navigation point for enemy planes.

Visitor Centre and Café.

Find out more about Beacon Fell and the Forest of Bowland and enjoy a drink, snack or ice cream from the café which uses locally produced ingredients where possible.

There is level access to interesting displays, and there is often a member of staff available to deal with questions and provide information.

The Information Centre and Café is open daily. The Environment Room is available for visiting groups and can be booked for training or conferences and the Café can offer catering. Staff can provide help or lead exciting environmental activities - from pond dipping to tree hugging!

Fellside Trail - Blue Route 1 hour 30 mins. (Approx) 'Tramper' - tortoise speed. 60 mins walking.

A substantial, undulating walk through wooded and open areas, looking out over breath-taking views, towards Fell Foot and Parlick.



Woodland Trail - Red Route 50 mins. (Approx) 'Tramper' - tortoise speed. 40 mins walking.

This is a circular route, starting from the Visitors Centre taking you to the summit. On a clear day there are panoramic views of Morecambe Bay, Parlick, Clitheroe and Preston.



Summit Trail - Yellow Route 30 mins. (Approx) 'Tramper' - tortoise speed. 20 mins walking.








This is the shortest route encompassing the 'Orme Sight', past the 'snake' and the 'bat' to the summit for panoramic views, returning to the Visitor Centre via the pond.

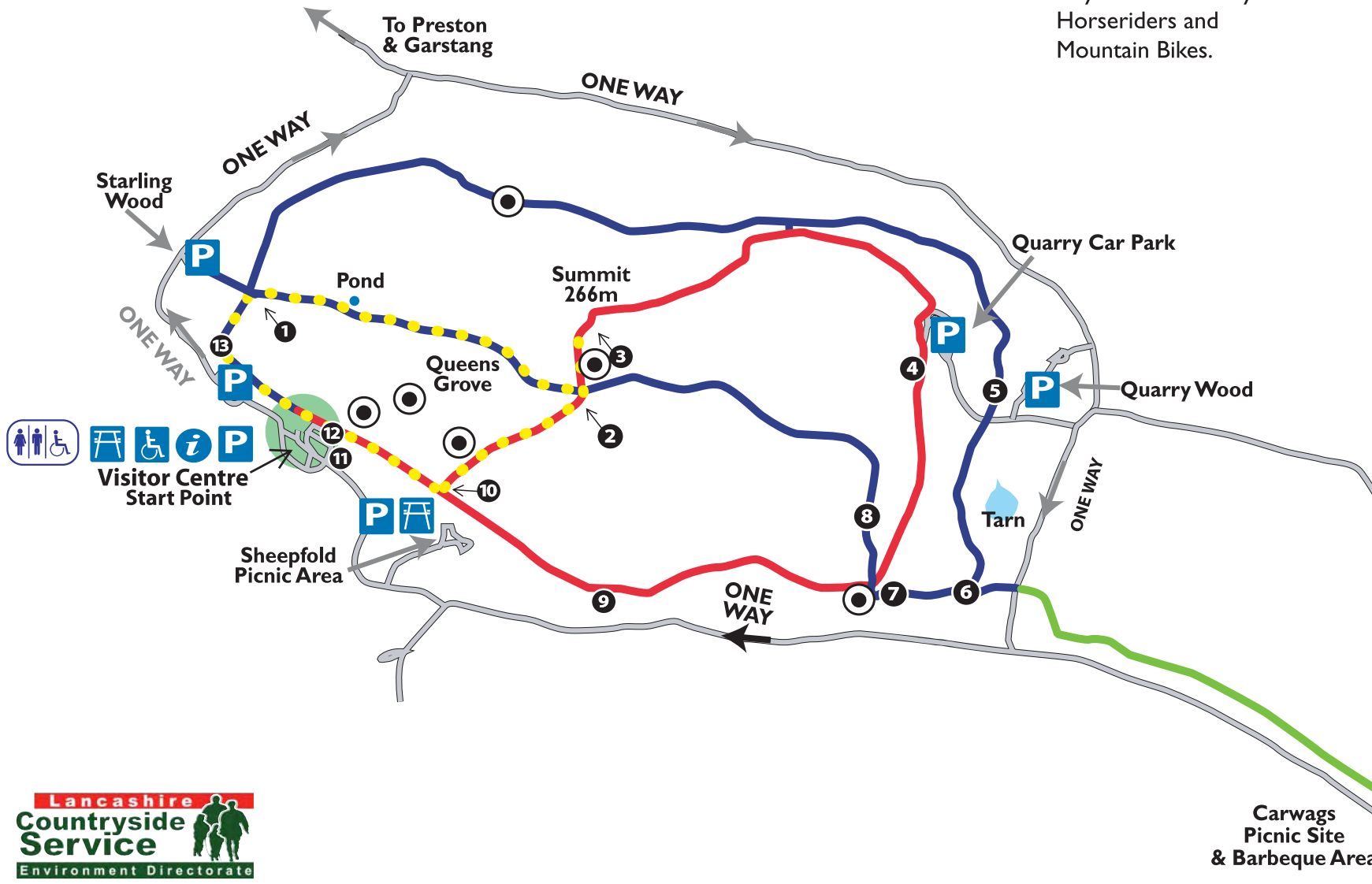


Beacon Fell Country Park Map

-  Fellside Trail (Blue)
-  Woodland Trail (Red)
-  Summit Trail (Yellow)
-  Link path
-  1 Numbered location posts
-  Sculptures

The Fellside Trail (Blue) may also be used by Horseriders and Mountain Bikes.

-  Bowland Visitor Centre & Café
-  Accessible Car Parking
-  Toilet Facilities
-  Parking
-  Toilets
-  Gradient Uphill is 1:12 or less
-  Suitable facilities for TrammerAccess
-  Not suitable for electric wheelchairs
-  Dogs must be kept on a lead
-  View point
-  Muddy after rain
-  Slightly uneven ground
-  Very uneven ground
-  Resting place
-  Circular route
-  Picnic area
-  Cattle grid
-  Gate



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Woodland

The conifer trees were planted between 1938 and 1959 when the Fell was used to gather water for the local reservoirs to serve Fulwood in Preston. There are Sitka and Norway Spruce, Larch and Scots Pine. Unlike other conifers the Larch shed their needles in the winter.

Every year some trees are cut down and are used by the Countryside Service to make stiles, fencing and bird boxes.

Moorland

The wet heath and blanket bog on the summit are internationally important habitats. In the drier areas you can see heather, bilberry and crowberry, in the wet areas bog asphodel and sphagnum moss.

Skylarks and meadow pipits are often seen near the summit.

Grassland

In the meadows on the lower slopes of the Fell snipe, curlew and lapwings nest in spring. In the summer the fields are filled with buttercups, sorrel, pignut and wild grasses that attract butterflies such as meadow browns, commas, red admirals and small coppers.

Dogs

Dogs are welcome provided they are kept under close control and out of the wildlife ponds. Be aware that there are sheep grazing at certain times of the year. All dog waste should be bagged and placed in the bins provided.

Barbeques

There is a barbeque area at Carwags, on Carwags Lane leaving the Fell towards Longridge. This site is the only place on the park where barbeques are allowed.

Orienteering Courses

Test your navigation skills whilst exploring the Fell. There is a range of courses suitable for all abilities including children.

Special packs are available from the Visitor Centre for a small charge.

Tramper

We currently have two trampers available for use by people with limited mobility, whether you use a wheel chair most of the time or just have problems getting around on hills and uneven ground. These buggies are available for use free of charge but it is essential that you book in advance.

