

Miles Without Stiles



Cumbria
County Council

Walkmill Community Woodland

Route Information

Distance 1.5 km/1 mile (return)

Time needed 1 hours (approx)

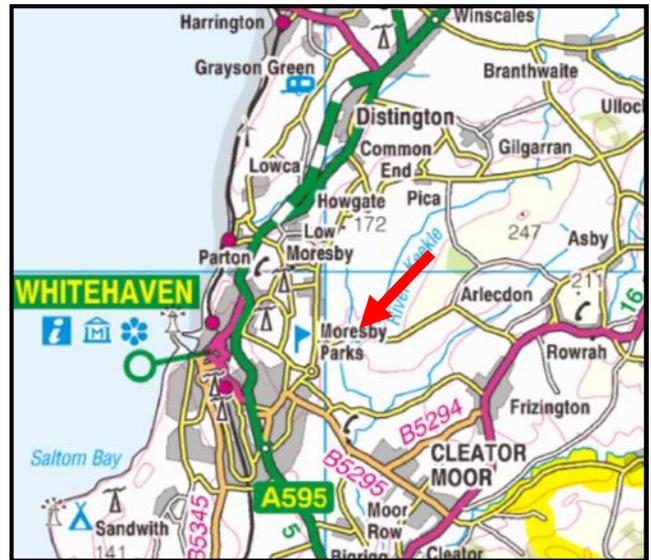
Terrain Crushed stone surface,
some steep gradients

Start point

Car park near Walkmill Bridge, 1 kilometre to the south west of Moresby Parks, Whitehaven. **OS Grid Ref:** NY 006 187

Public Transport

The site is not directly served by public transport. Route 22 stops in Moresby Parks (limited service). It is not a low floor vehicle.



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Walkmill Woodland is a former coal mining site now developed for recreation. The terrain is undulating, and bounded by mixed woodland and open areas of arable land.

This linear route follows a clear path on crushed stone surface with some crossfalls over short sections (up to 3°, 1:30 gradient) and some steep inclines (up to 5° 1:12 gradient). On this walk look out for orchids, buzzards and numerous species of smaller birds

The popular site has car parking for up to 8 vehicles. The walk starts by passing through the gap between two boulders and following the 1.1m wide path up the gradual 2° incline (gradient 1:25) for 60m, after which it eases to 1¾° (gradient 1:33) for 70m, then passes over a slightly raised wooden cross drain.

The path levels off for approximately 150m until you reach an upslope of 5° (gradient 1:12) for 20m. Levelling off again, the path soon arrives at a picnic bench and table with space for wheelchairs. From here there are extensive views over the surrounding area.

Continuing onwards, go up the slight slope of 1½° (gradient 1:40) for 200m after which the path levels off again. When you reach a path junction, take the left fork which descends the 1½° (gradient 1:40) slope for 30m, before levelling off.

After about 500m you will come to a path going off to the left. This leads to a boardwalk, which is not wheelchair accessible (76cm access width, and a 67cm wide boardwalk).

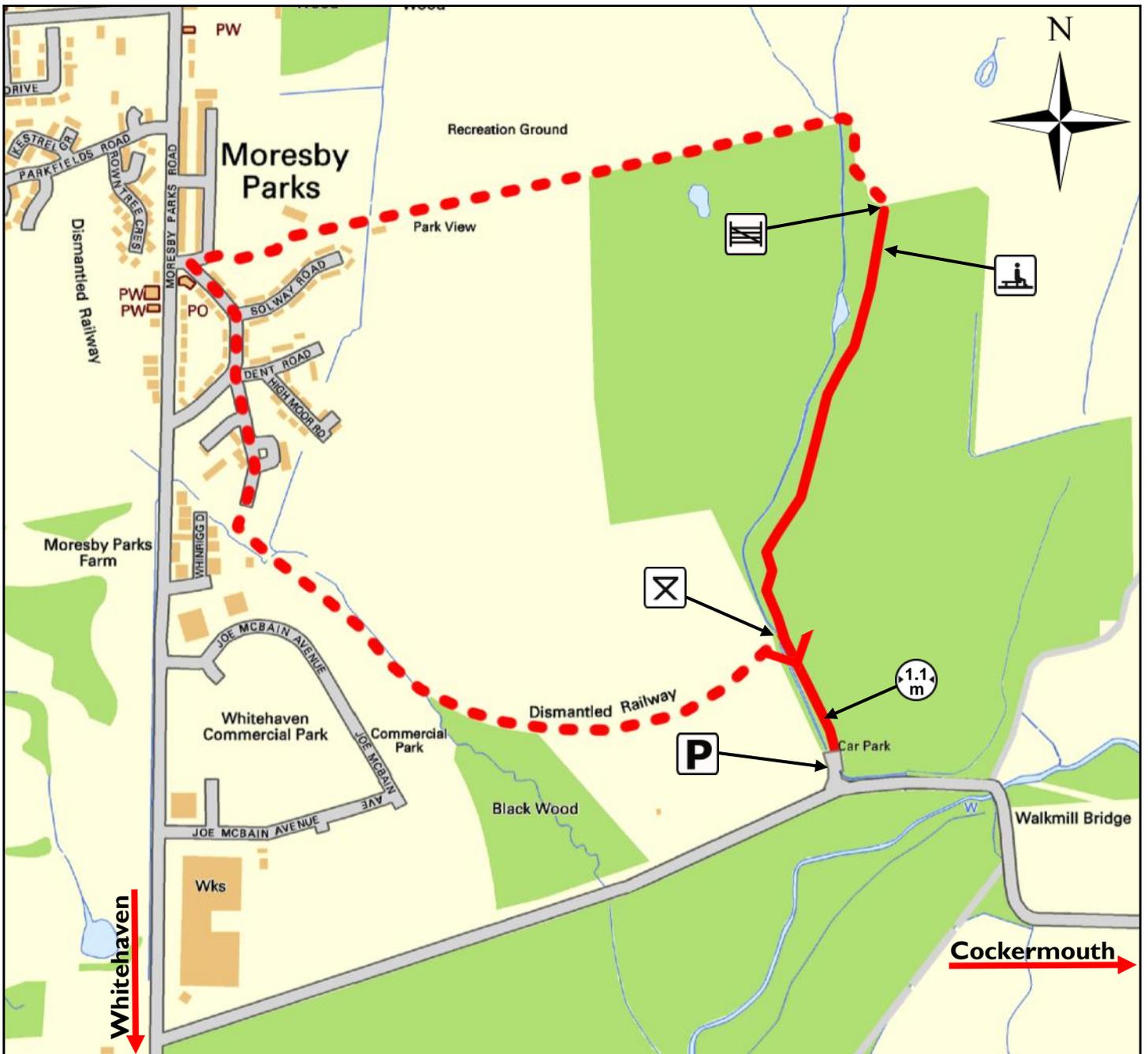


Picnic bench and viewpoint

Ignoring the side path, our route continues straight on, past a bench on the right and eventually arrives at a metal kissing gate.

Beyond the gate, the path continues over a broken tarmac surface. There are muddy patches and long undergrowth in places. This section is not recommended for users of wheelchair or pushchairs.

From the kissing gate, our route returns to the car park by retracing our steps and enjoying the views and downhill sections on the way back.



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Route Map Key

-  Car parking
-  Width restriction feature
-  Recommended Route
-  Optional Route Extensions
(Not Wheelchair accessible)
-  Gradient 1:12, 5°
-  Picnic Area
-  Rest points

Useful Number and Points of Information

- Traveline 0875 2002233
- Walkmill Community Woodland is on Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 303
- Whitehaven Tourist Information Centre: 01946 598914
tic@copelandbc.gov.uk
- There is a Post Office and Village Shop in Moresby Parks
- A wide choice of refreshments and disabled facilities is available in nearby Whitehaven.