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Wray is popular with cyclists and walkers exploring the Lune valley. It is on the Lancashire cycleway and there are many excellent cycle routes in and around Lancaster. Visit this website to plan your excursions and download cycle routes www.lancashire.gov.uk/environment/cycling. Whilst in Wray, check out events held at the Wray Institute. The Institute becomes the local cinema 'The Wray Flick' several times a year.



The Wray Flood of 1967 and the Scarecrow Festival

In 1967, a flash flood of incredible speed and ferocity in the river Roeburn left a trail of destruction that resulted in the loss of houses, bridges, livestock, vehicles, and personal possessions. Remarkably, despite the scale of the devastation caused by the flood, no serious harm was done to the people of the village and surrounding area. In the space where the houses once were is now a community garden with a stone mosaic commemorating the flood. Don't miss this!

Wray gained a fulling mill for treating woven wool cloth and later on some weaving industry. In the 17th century, the old houses with dry stone walls, thatched roofs and ladders leading to lofts were replaced by two storey stone built houses that you can see today with proper chimneys and staircases.

Also in the 17th century, the Quakers built a meeting house, now the Methodist Chapel. The Quakers refused to pay agricultural tithes to the established church and

The renowned Scarecrow Festival and Fair attracts tens of thousands of visitors each year and demonstrates the community spirit and resilience of the local villagers. Every year there is a different theme and scarecrows are often completed in secrecy and displayed at the last moment hoping to win the top prize from the judges. The whole event lasts a week and culminates in a fair on the May Day Bank Holiday. To see more about Wray and the festival then why not visit www.wrayvillage.co.uk!

this led them and the village towards manufacturing industry rather than farming. Despite the good influence of Quakers and Methodists, Wray was on the whole a poor and rough village at that time.

The great agricultural depression of the 1880s was the low point of Wray. The school was rehoused in a new building. A reading room and coffee house were set up and the railway was built. After the First World War, Wray gained a public institute. In the time following the 2nd world war, improvements to road transport led to Wray growing steadily and increasing in prosperity.

Wray, taking its name from the steep sided crook in the Roeburn river and meaning 'corner' in Norse, was a planned and planted settlement. When Hornby was 'upgraded' to a town by the Lord of Hornby in the 12th century, Wray was established as a farming community in contrast to the tradesmen and manufacturers who continued at Hornby.

FOREST OF BOWLAND

Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

The Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is a nationally protected landscape and internationally important for its heather moorland, blanket bog and rare birds. It is the first protected area in England to be awarded the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas. The Charter approach ensures that organisations, local people and businesses are working together to protect the area, whilst at the same time increasing opportunities for visitors to discover and enjoy its special qualities. Sustainable tourism aims to make a low impact on the environment and local culture, while encouraging better income, employment and conservation of the very landscape upon which our tourism is based.

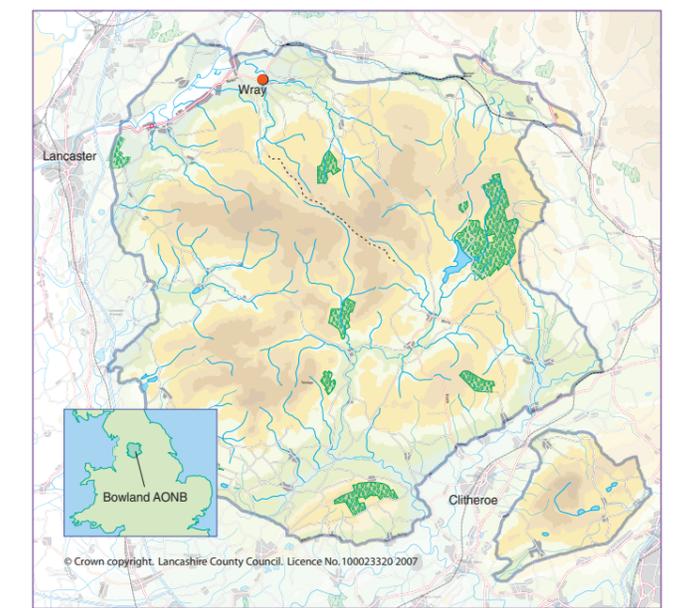
For more information regarding the Forest of Bowland AONB, visit the website at www.forestofbowland.com or ring **01772 531473** for an information leaflet. The businesses featured here are part of the local economy which supports this special landscape - please support them with your custom and enjoy your stay!



How to find us

Public Transport: Check **Traveline 0870 608 2 608** or www.transportforlancashire.com for travel information. The nearest station is at Wennington, 1.5 miles away, which is on the Leeds to Morecambe line. Travel Information for the FOB can be found on www.forestofbowland.com

By Road: Wray is approximately 10 miles from Lancaster taking the A683 towards Kirkby Lonsdale before branching off on the B6480 towards Bentham, Clapham and Settle.



WELCOME TO WRAY

Local Information, Attractions, Activities and Accommodation



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Walk centred on Wray River and Village Ramble

Follow the carved stone waymarkers with images depicting the local landscape and wildlife. The images were designed by local schoolchildren and used by the carvers who attended the carving workshops, under the guidance of local stone carver Boris Howarth.

WRAY POST OFFICE AND SHOP **1**



Address: Main Street, Wray, Lancaster, LA2 8QD
Tel: 015242 21253

Open: 7am – 7pm Mon to Fri, 7am to 5pm Sat,
9am – 12 noon Sun

Everything you would expect of a village shop and more! Fruit and vegetables, fresh bread and cakes, Lune valley milk, Bowland bacon and sausages, Off-licence, cards, newspapers, dry-cleaning.

BRIDGE HOUSE FARM TEAROOMS **2**



Address: Wray, Lancaster, LA2 8QP
Tel: 015242 22496

Web: www.bridgehousefarm.co.uk

On site home cooking using local produce wherever possible. An outlet for approx. 30 local artists and a good range of quality gifts. Free car park for walkers and lots of room for the children to play on the playground.

BALLOONS OVER LANCASHIRE **3**



Address: 195, Moor Road, Croston,
Preston, PR26 9HP
Tel: 01772 601525

Web: www.balloonsoverlancashire.co.uk

The launch site at Wray enables passengers to enjoy a truly breath taking experience flying over the Forest of Bowland and surrounding countryside. During the flight passengers can experience the beautiful views and enjoy the spectacular scenery from the air.

THE GEORGE AND DRAGON **4**



Address: LA2 8QG
Tel: 015242 21403

The George and Dragon welcomes you to Wray! Cozy village pub with a reputation for food and lovely enclosed garden - great for children. Good beer guide listed and on the Lancashire cycle way. Unusual pub games.

THE BRIDGE INN **5**



Address: Lower Tatham, Lancaster, LA2 8NL
Tel: 015242 21326

Step back in time as a warm welcome awaits you at the Bridge Inn, a charming 17th century coaching Inn. Family run, traditional home-cooked food and the finest cask ales and lagers. Caravan club site of the year in 2005.

THE PLANT KABIN **6**



Address: Bridge House Farm Tearooms, Wray,
Lancaster, LA2 8QP
Tel: 015242 21389

Open: Phone for seasonal opening times
Something different for the garden! Unusual garden gifts, including topiary wire art, quality plants suited to the area. Sound horticultural advice and a friendly, informal approach. Planted containers for the home, office and events.

THE NEW INN **7**



Address: Hornby Road, Wray, Lancaster, LA2 8QN
Tel: 015242 21722

Friendly local pub on the main road passing through Wray. Serves cask conditioned ales. Functions and parties catered for on request. A plaque above the door of this listed building is inscribed 'F.C. Smith 1775'. The New Inn has undergone major renovation and is due to reopen in 2007.

HILL FARM HOLIDAY HOME **8**



Address: Spens Brow, Tatham, Lancaster, LA2 8PP
Tel: 015242 62424

Holiday home sleeping 4 to 6, built and furnished to a high standard. Private garden, parking and outdoor dining area, with patio heater and barbecue, on decked patio in some of the best scenery around.

MIDDLEWOOD TRUST **9**



Address: Middle Wood, Roeburndale West,
Lancaster, LA2 9LL, UK
Tel: 015242 2221 4/015242 21880

Web: www.middlewood.org.uk

Environmental centre and community in the Roeburn valley ancient woodlands. Courses on sustainability, permaculture, crafts and spirituality. Rustic furniture, yurts and solar kiln dried local hardwoods for sale. Organic lamb, apples, plums and chutneys in season. Accommodation in camping barn, or study centre.

DAVID HARTNUP - ARTIST **10**



Address: Hope Cottage, Wray, Lancaster, LA2 8QD
Tel: 015242 21465

Web: www.lunesdalearts.co.uk

Paintings in oils and pastels, charcoal drawings depicting local scenes, farming animals and 1st World War battlefields. Check the website for details of the Lunesdale artists trail - paintings, textiles, prints, sculptures, mosaics, ceramics, watercolours, drawings and photography.

SWALLOW COTTAGE **11**



Address: Russells Lane, High Tatham, Lancaster,
LA2 8PQ
Tel: 015242 22599

Email: swallowcottage05@yahoo.co.uk

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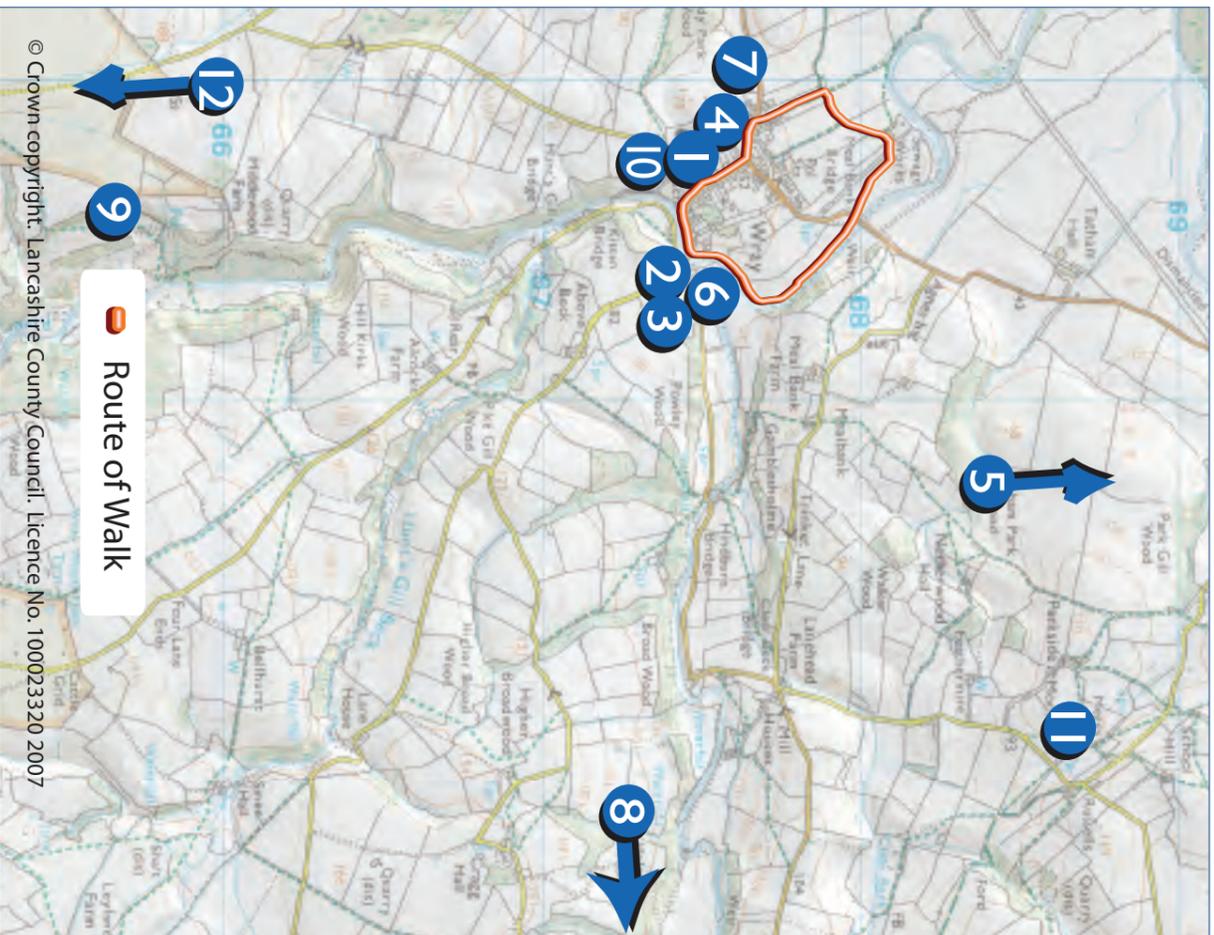
Swallow Cottage is part of a recently converted 17th century barn with outstanding views towards Morecambe Bay and the Lake District Hills. It is surrounded by farmland and is a peaceful location.

ROEBURNDALE METHODIST CHAPEL **12**



Address: 5 km from Hornby up the single track road to Roeburndale West just after a narrow bridge, LA2 9LN

This tiny chapel has regular Sunday services and is always open for visitors. Inside there are a number of interesting items and dedications. Outside there is a toilet flushed by rainwater - installed recently with the help of local volunteers. This is also available for tourists!



 Route of Walk

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