

# PWW2 Towneley Park Sculpture Trail, Burnley

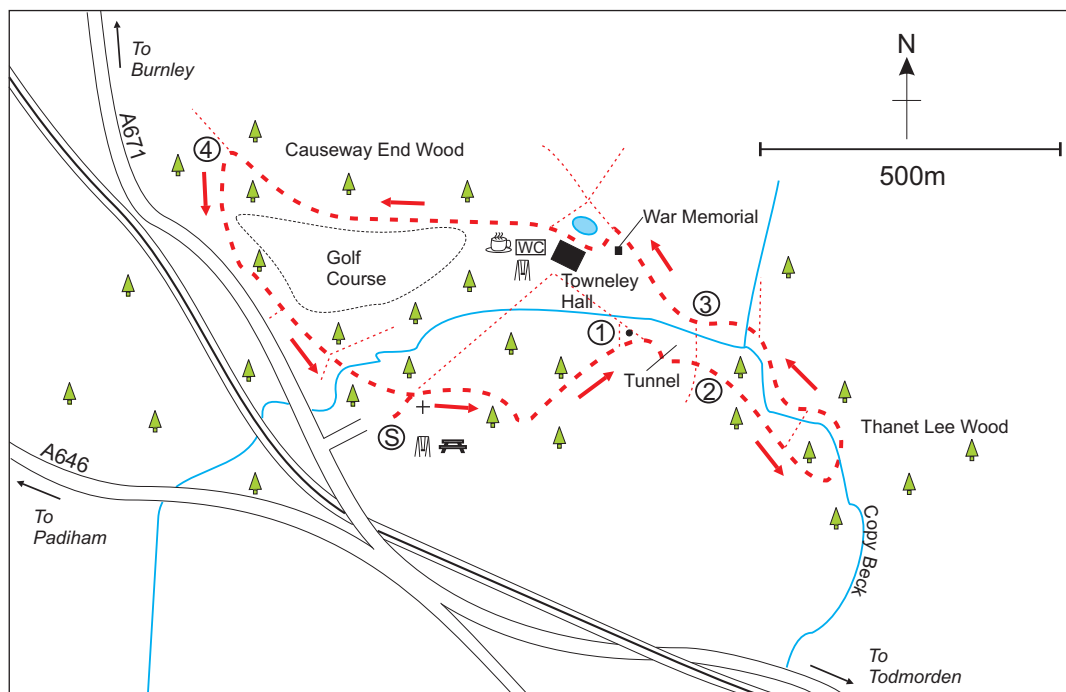


## Outline Information

Distance: 1.75 miles (2.8 km)  
Time: 1 hour  
Grade: Easy  
Map: OS Explorer OL21  
Grid Ref: 851306

This is an easy walk through the woodland of a country estate. The route takes you through a sculpture trail, past the front of the large hall and finishes at a picnic site and playground.

This large country hall and estate was the home of the Towneley family for over 500 years. The woodland and gardens were landscaped by Charles Towneley in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century and little has been altered since that time. The house and estate were sold to Burnley in 1902 when the male Towneley line came to an end. Towneley Park is now the largest and most popular park in Burnley.



## Getting there

Park in the Towneley picnic area car park just off the A671 between Burnley and Weir. There is a playground next to the car park.

S. Walk to the bottom of the car park and go through the gate to the left of the swings. Turn right and then right again at the crossroads next to the stone cross. The path takes you down through woodland and Rhododendron bushes.

*Foldy's Cross was made by the Chaplin John Foldys in 1520.*

1. Take the right hand path at a fork and the first of the sculptures can be seen to your left. *If you turn left at this fork the path takes you to the rear of Towneley Hall where there is a large lawn perfect for picnics and a slide.*

Turn right again and follow the path down through an arched passageway to a junction with a lane.

2. Turn right and immediately left with a stream down to your left. *You are now on the Sculpture Trail so keep your eyes open for an assortment of carved animals!*

Simply follow the path as it winds its way through the woods. Ignore a path down to the left which goes to a footbridge unless you want to take a shortcut. The path bends to the left and returns in the direction of the hall.

3. Pass an information board, go over a small bridge and continue through the woodland until you reach a lane. Turn right onto the lane and then bear left after the bowling club. Take the right hand path at the fork (war memorial to the left) and follow this up to the front of Towneley Hall with the pond and fountain on your right.

*The hall now contains an art gallery and museum. Children and Burnley residents get free entry and there is a mouse trail through the museum to keep the kids entertained.*

Turn right to pass directly in front of the hall. You will pass the café, shop and toilets on the left after the hall. Continue straight ahead towards the pitch and putt and golf course.

4. Follow the woodland road and just after you pass a shelter on the right turn left in the direction of Foldys Cross and picnic site. Follow this path straight ahead ignoring turnings off and it takes you all the way back to the cross. Turn right, go through the gateway and into the car park.

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