



# OAKMAN INNS

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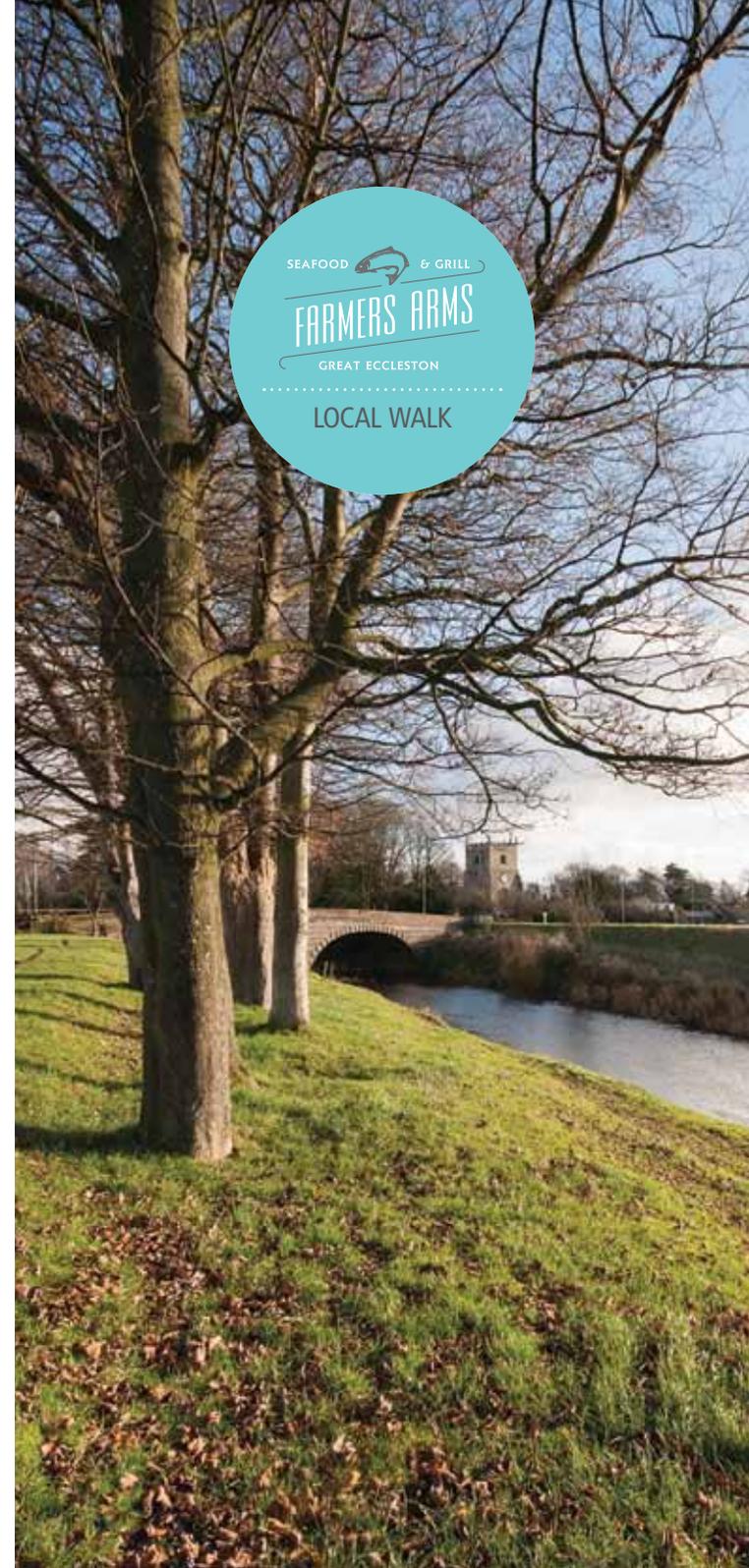


Join us before or after your walk to enjoy log fires or courtyard sunshine, whatever the weather we're the perfect place to relax and kick off your boots.

The Farmers Arms is a great place to drink and work off an appetite. With something for everyone on the menu, from sandwiches to fish and chips and pot pies, and our famous seafood specials, it's the perfect place to round off your day.

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## Your walk, step-by-step

From the Farmers Arms, make your way down Chapel Street and turn left down High Street, past the various shops before turning right down Butts Lane. Onto the main road, cross and follow the public footpath sign along the track on the opposite side of the road

Make your way over the stile and across the next field to the footbridge. Along the path, over the stile, emerge on the banks of the River Wyre. Turn right along the raised embankment with the river on your left.

Pass over a stile and through a gate, continue to the bridge on the left and head across the river and onto the road. **A** Turn right along the road to meet Hagg Lane on the left. Carry on down Hagg Lane and upon reaching Crabtree Farm, turn right along the track to join the Wyre Way footpath.

Continue along the track until it bends sharply to the left. Follow it to the left slightly before making your way over a stile in the fence, cross the small paddock and go over a second stile. Cross over the next field, heading towards the farm buildings on the opposite side. Go over the stile and continue alongside the buildings to another stile and an access road. Turn left along the track before immediately turning right over a stile and into the field on the other side.

After crossing the field, pass over a stile before taking another stile a bit further ahead on the left. Keep to the field boundary and continue east to pass over a stile and emerge beside a large pond. Keep to the left of the pond before leaving it via the signed path along the edge of the field on the other side. Continue along the field edge into a second field and on to Turnover Hall Farm.

After arriving at the farm, turn left beside the footpath sign and walk between the parked caravans. Follow the track around to the right and continue on to reach a road. Turn right along the road and follow it through the farm as it bends to the left and then to the right.

At the end of the driveway, turn right along Rawcliffe Road and continue for a short distance, before crossing the stile on your left and joining the River Wyre once more. **B** After emerging onto the river, turn left and follow the raised embankment of the river all the way along to St Michael's on Wyre.

Carefully cross the road and make your way over the footbridge on the other side. Pass the church and war memorial on your left and cross over a road junction. Continue along the pavement until you reach a public footpath sign on the left. Turn left at this point and continue along the path passing houses on your right and eventually passing beside a newly built house on the left. Continue over the stile and carry on to the footbridge. **C**

After crossing the footbridge, turn right and follow the stream on the right. Make your way over the stile and continue along the road beside the stream. Upon reaching a house, bear right over the small footbridge and out into the fields on the opposite side. Continue in the same direction, making your way towards the farmhouses on the opposite side of the field.

Pass through Carter's Farm and carry on along the track all the way back to the A586. Turn left along the grass verge beside the road. **D** At this point there are two possible routes back, depending on the status of the public footpath, which was closed at the time of going to press to due to work being carried out beside the River Wyre.

**If footpath is open** – indicated on the map by solid red line

After reaching a stone sided bridge, carefully cross over the road and follow the public footpath along the raised embankment of the River Wyre once more. Pass beside a drainage channel on the left of the embankment, before continuing on for a short distance and then branching off to the left, following the public footpath over the fields and back towards Great Eccleston. Pass beside the buildings to emerge again on the A586. Carefully cross over and continue to Raikes Road, which runs parallel to the main road. Turn right up Raikes Road to arrive back in the centre of Great Eccleston and the beginning of the walk.

**If footpath is closed** – indicated on the map by dashed red line

Continue along the A586 to the stone sided bridge then follow the pavement alongside the road back to the turning for Raikes Road. Turn left down Raikes Road and follow it back into the centre of Great Eccleston and the beginning of the walk.



**Start:** The Farmers Arms, Great Eccleston (GPS waypoint SD 428 401)

**Distance:** 7.5 miles (12km)

**Approx. time:** 2 hours 45 minutes

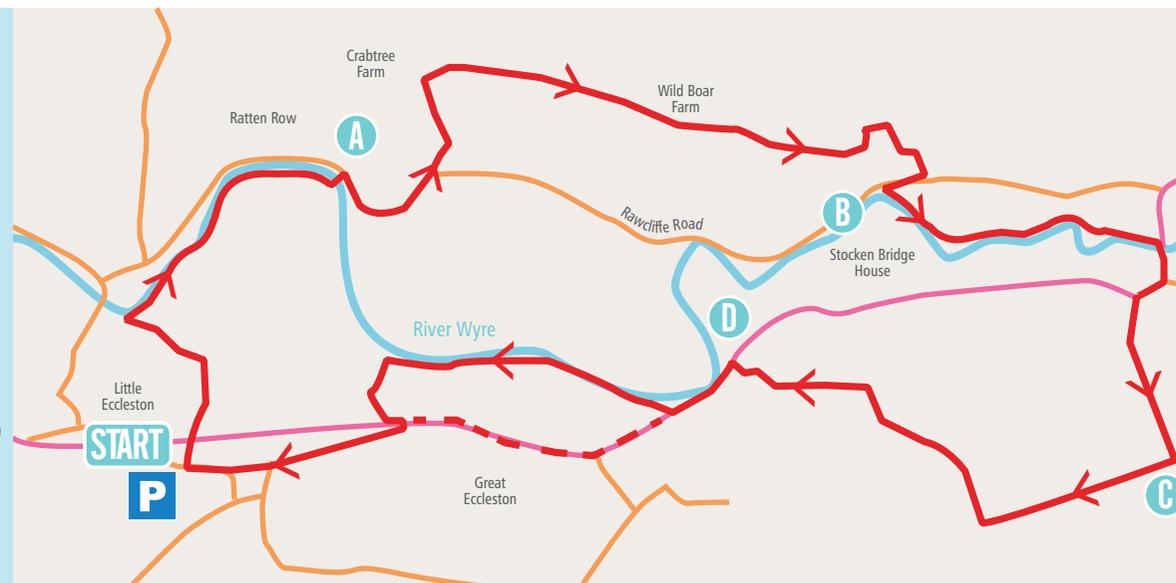
**Parking:** The Farmers Arms, Great Eccleston

**Route terrain:** Field paths, roads, river banks

**Facilities:** Shops available in Great Eccleston village

**Suitability:** Not suitable for wheelchairs or prams, dogs permitted but must be kept on a lead during farmland sections

**OS maps:** Explorer 296 (Lancaster, Morecambe and Fleetwood)  
Explorer 286 (Blackpool and Preston)  
Landranger 102 (Preston and Blackpool)



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