

Visit a landscape shaped by iron.

- A **25-mile long-distance** waymarked circular walking route designed to celebrate and educate about the historic iron ore sites in Furness
- **6 shorter (7 – 11 miles)**, circular loop routes based on all sections of the main trail.
- All route instructions and historical information available to download onto a device, or to print. Go to furnesspathfix.org.uk/haematite-trail or Facebook: "Furness Haematite Trail - Maps & Guides" (QR codes on reverse)
- maps, and gpx tracks available too.
- Using public rights of way.
- Access to public transport wherever possible at points along the route

The start and finish of the six trail sections have been chosen for access to public transport/car parking.

Some of the way marked trail and loop routes lead through urban areas: Barrow, Dalton, Lindal, Ireleth/Askam. The route for the rest of the trail is through fields and contains gates and stiles, which could be a challenge for some dogs.



Furness PathFix is a voluntary organisation set up to repair stiles/gates and clear footpaths on the Furness Peninsula and have repaired and reinstated many stiles on the trail.

Please report any problems to:

haematitetrail@furnesspathfix.org.uk

The near explosive growth of the Furness iron ore mining and processing industries was later followed by its subsequent decline, which caused huge hardship in the local economy.

We should remember that whole era so that future generations are aware of their heritage.

Please use the Trail responsibly

- **Protecting the natural environment** - do not damage, destroy or remove rocks, plants or trees.
- **Fires** – can be devastating to wildlife and habitats so please do not light fires.
- **Dogs** – make sure they are not a nuisance or danger to farm animals, wildlife or other people. Keep your dog on a lead around farm animals. If cattle or horses chase you, let your dog off the lead – it's safer for you and your dog. Always keep your dog under effective control. Clean up after your dog and dispose of the mess responsibly.
- **Gates and property** – leave gates as you find them and do not damage any property.
- **Litter and leftover food** – can be dangerous to wildlife and farm animals. Take it home or to a litter bin. Dropping litter and dumping rubbish are criminal offences.
- **Public Right of Ways** – you are legally entitled to cross private land if you stay on the public right of way (indicated on all Ordinance Survey maps). Should you encounter a problem that prevents you from sticking to the PROW you are entitled to navigate an alternative way around it. Landowners have a legal duty to maintain access on public rights of way across their land. This includes creating a path through a crop after it has been sown. Navigate your way across the field causing as little damage to the crop as possible. If you need to report a PROW problem, contact the Countryside Access Team: www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk



From our walks....



The Dock Museum, Barrow, LA14 2PW



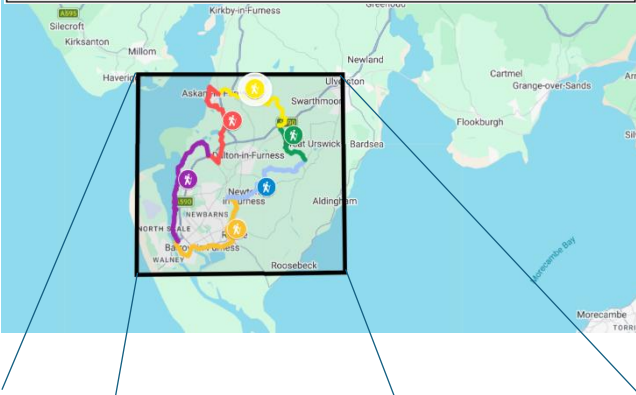
Furness Abbey, LA13 0PJ



Mining display
St Peter's Church, Lindal, LA 12 0LX

The Furness Haematite Trail walks are here.

1 – Barrow / Furness Abbey 5 Miles	2 – Furness Abbey / Little Urswick 4 mile	3 – Little Urswick / Lindal 2 miles
4 – Lindal / Askam 4.1 miles	5 – Askam / Thwaite Flat 4.5 Miles	6 – Thwaite Flat / Barrow 4.9 miles
The full Haematite Trail is 25 miles.		



1 – Barrow / Furness Abbey 9 Miles	2 – Furness Abbey / Little Urswick 8 mile	3 – Little Urswick / Lindal 8 miles
4 – Lindal / Ireleth 7 miles	5 – Askam / Thwaite Flat 7.4 Miles	6 – Thwaite Flat / Barrow 10.5 miles
These are the 6 Loop Routes associated with the Furness Haematite Trail The full 25 mile Haematite Trail runs around the outer edge of the loops.		

Our supporters

“I walked the Haematite Trail decades ago when it was first established. I'm delighted it's been revived to recall the iron-mining heritage of Furness.”

Paddy Dillon

Paddy, a walking guide writer with over 40 years' experience, lives in Ulverston and has been an immense asset to the Furness Haematite Trail, walking the early route and advising on the route instructions.

“The Furness Haematite Trail takes you on a journey through iron ore mining. Whether you are a local historian, walker or just interested in Furness heritage this trail is for you.”

Lindsay Harrison, mining enthusiast



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For the latest information, and the most up to date instructions for all Furness Haematite Trail walks please follow this link or scan the QR code.

<https://tinyurl.com/FHT-General-1-0>





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FURNESS HAEMATITE TRAIL

Heritage walks in the South Lakes



The wealth and growth of Barrow was not due to shipbuilding but to the steelmaking industry that developed from the discovery of superior grade haematite ore in the area. The Furness Peninsula was internationally renowned for its iron ore industry in the 19th and 20th centuries.

In the early 2000's Barrow Borough Council devised a 19-mile walking trail, which had since faded with neglect. To preserve the history of the haematite industry, the trail has been revived and extended, staying true to the original route while visiting more mining sites and telling more of the story. The route of the Furness Haematite Trail includes historic sites of over 20 iron ore mines, Hindpool and Askam Steelworks, and other historic industrial sites. Much of this significant industry is now hidden in plain sight, **if you know where to look.**

The new 25-mile circular route (and 6 shorter circular walks) is anchored at the Barrow in Furness Dock Museum and passes through Barrow, Roose, Furness Abbey, Newton, Little Urswick, Lindal, Marton, Askam, Thwaite Flat and back to the Dock Museum.