

Lytham Easy Walk 1 (2.2miles) - Lytham Hall and Witch Wood

Starting from the Station Pub and Grill in Lytham, go up the steps and over the railway bridge and down to the entrance to Lytham Hall. Lytham Hall is an 18th-century Georgian country house in Lytham, Lancashire, 1 mile from the centre of the town, in 78 acres of wooded parkland. It is recorded in the National Heritage List for England as a designated Grade I listed building, the only one in the Borough of Fylde. Walk to Lytham Hall, exploring the grounds as you see fit, then follow the path around the hall to emerge out of the back gate, turn right onto Forest Drive. 1st left, then next left, then next right takes you onto Ringwood close, where you gain access to Witch Wood. Witch Wood is what's left of The Big Wood, once the west and south boundary of Lytham Hall Home Park. In 1963 Guardian Royal Exchange took over the Clifton Estate, and the council gifted the remaining derelict wood to Lytham St Annes Civic Society. It was to be a woodland walk for the local community. The Society has done huge amounts of work over the years. Undergrowth has been cleared, paths created and they've worked with Network Rail to make a continuous walk from Ansdell to Lytham. The woodland was opened by Prince Phillip in 1974. Take the left hand path through the gate and walk back to Lytham with the Railway line on your right. On emerging from Witch wood, turn right over the railway bridge then down the steps on your right back to the Station Pub and Grill. Enjoy a well-earned drink and perhaps lunch. You've earned it.

If you do this walk in February, you can enjoy the snowdrops in Lytham Hall grounds.

