



St Peter and St Paul Parish Church

Ormskirk

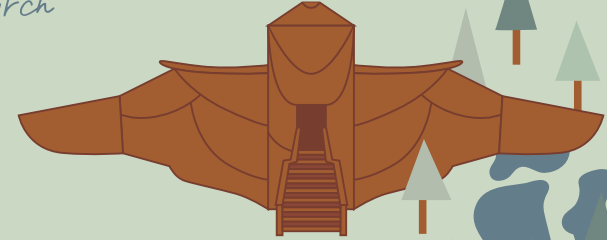
The name derives from the Old Norse Ormres meaning serpent and kirkja meaning church. Ormskirk is today a market town and the administrative centre of West Lancashire. The oldest building is the parish church of St Peter and St Paul with parts dating back to Norman times. The church is also unusual in having both a tower and a spire.

Burscough

The name derives from the old English 'Burg' meaning fortified place or settlement and the old Norse 'skogr' meaning wood.

Burscough is on the attractive Leeds and Liverpool canal, the longest canal in Britain. The site of the former canal company's offices is today **BURSCOUGH WHARF** where refreshments are available. From Burscough Wharf there are easy walks along the towpath and one of these is featured in a film that can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/8CkGdwUC7KE>

There is also a signposted permissive footpath from Burscough Bridge station to the **MARTIN MERE WETLAND CENTRE**.



Martin Mere Wetland Centre

Burscough Junction

Rufford

The name derives from the Old English 'Rough Ford' which was the crossing point over the River Douglas.

RUFFORD OLD HALL, built in 1485, has a remarkable hammerbeam roof. Today it is owned by the National Trust and is open to the public. Set in lovely grounds there is plenty to see and do both indoors and outside.

MERE SANDS WOOD nature reserve is just over a mile from Rufford station. This attractive area has a Visitor Centre, which includes a café, and there are many easy walks around the lakes with a wide variety of flora and fauna to look out for. Allow about 30 minutes to walk to the reserve.



Mere Sands Wood

Rufford

RUFFORD STATION is adjacent to the Rufford Branch of the Leeds and Liverpool canal. Easy towpath walks take you all the way to Top Locks, where it joins the Leeds Liverpool canal and onto Burscough.



Rufford Old Hall

Croston

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CROSS-TUN OR TOWN OF THE CROSS

The original cross, from which the village takes its name, may have been lost during the English Civil War, 1642 to 1646. A new stone cross was placed on the Saxon steps in 1953.

Croston is a picturesque village with an attractive conservation area around the parish church of St Michael & All Angels and Town Bridge with some buildings dating back to the 17th century. A town trail is being developed and many easy circular walks can be enjoyed from the parish church. The town has plenty of good eating places with most of the pubs offering food.



Stone Cross



TO LONDON

TO EAST LANCASHIRE

Preston

is a major railway, shopping, administrative and banking centre. Attractions include Miller and Avenham Parks (pictured above); Winckley Square, the Harris Museum and Art Gallery and the market. For cyclists Avenham Park is the start and end of the 21 mile Guild Wheel.

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Harris Museum & Art Gallery

TO GLASGOW

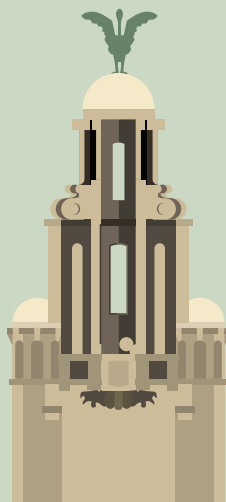
TO BLACKPOOL



The West Lancashire Line



LIVERPOOL CENTRAL



Royal Liver Building

Liverpool

Situated on the Mersey the city has a rich maritime history which can be explored by visiting the **ROYAL ALBERT DOCKS** or the **MUSEUM OF LIVERPOOL**. There is plenty to see and do in the city from visiting the magnificent **ANGLICAN AND ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRALS** to the **TATE LIVERPOOL**, finding out about the **BEATLES** story and of course it is the start or end of the Leeds and Liverpool canal.



Moorfields

Alight here for the **MUSEUM OF LIVERPOOL**. This showcases the history and culture of the city. Children can follow Winnie the spider's or the Liver bird trails around the museum as well as visiting the Little Liverpool hands-on gallery for visitors under the age of 6.

Walton

RICE LANE CITY FARM is a friendly place for local people to work together, while learning about animal husbandry, farm skills and crafts. The City Farm also has a children's animal petting area. The farm is open every day check the website for opening times and details of special events ricelanecityfarm.co.uk

Aintree

Famous for its racecourse and the **GRAND NATIONAL**. The racecourse not only hosts famous horse races but also has dining facilities and hosts a range of other events. Full details of what's available can be found here: thejockeyclub.co.uk/aintree



Aintree Racecourse



MAKE A BEE LINE FOR

The West Lancashire Line

This is your invitation to explore the West Lancashire Line and to seek out the many fascinating villages, towns and cities along the route. Running from Preston to Liverpool via Ormskirk this is a line of many contrasts, starting in urban Preston and passing through rural West Lancashire it ends up in the centre of bustling Liverpool. This leaflet sets out some ideas for things you can do along the line; from easy walks, to visiting historic halls, to wildlife centres, to busy city centres and much more. Along the line you may spot some original and creative artwork produced by local schools. We hope this leaflet inspires you to make a bee line for the train and explore the West Lancashire Line.



For train times and fare information:

www.nationalrail.co.uk
www.northernrailway.co.uk
www.merseyrail.org

For local information the following may be useful in planning your day out:
communityrailancashire.co.uk/lines/west-of-lancashire

About Croston:

www.communityrailancashire.co.uk/destination-croston

About Rufford:

www.communityrailancashire.co.uk/destination-rufford

About Rufford Old Hall:

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/rufford-old-hall

About Mere Sands Wood nature reserve

www.lancswt.org.uk/nature-reserves/mere-sands-wood-nature-reserve

About Martin Mere (near Burscough)

www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/martin-mere

About Ormskirk:

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ormskirk

About the Leeds and Liverpool Canal

www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/canal-and-river-network/rufford-branch-leeds-and-liverpool-canal

About Liverpool

www.visitliverpool.com

TRAIN INFORMATION

Northern

Northern operates an hourly train service between Preston and Ormskirk Mondays to Saturdays. There is no Sunday service.

Change trains at Ormskirk if you are going on to Liverpool.

Northern offers Duo fares for two adults travelling together – details available on the Northern website and remember to click more options if you purchase from the website and add in that there are 2 people travelling.

Merseyrail

Operates frequent train services from Liverpool to Ormskirk.

For more information about The West Lancashire Line, visit **communityrailancashire.co.uk**

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The West Lancashire Line

This attractive hidden gem offers many opportunities for long or short days out

Take the train from Preston to Liverpool

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