



What you can see

This walk from Cowling, in the south of the county, has stunning views of Stone Gappe, the large house in the photo below, where Charlotte Bronte worked as a governess.

Stone Gappe may have been the inspiration for Gateshead Hall in her novel, Jane Eyre.

This walk takes you through the undulating countryside around Cowling, with many long distance views.

Photos: NYCC/Liz Brown/Nicky Bunting



At a glance

How far?	5 miles (8km)
How hard?	Moderate
Which map?	OS Explorer OL21
Starting at?	Cowling (SD 967 430)
Buses?	traveline 0871 2002233
Parking?	Roadside in Cowling
Any facilities?	None

A walk through the undulating countryside where Charlotte Bronte worked. (with hills, stiles & some muddy paths)

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In Jane Eyre's footsteps,
Cowling



1. Start at the church on Gill Lane in Cowling. Go through the small gate at the side of the churchyard, and follow a track to a farm building.
2. Turn left and follow the wall to a stile in the field corner. Bear half-right towards the beck, then right to follow the beck. Turn left to cross a footbridge, then turn right and continue along the other side of the beck.
3. At a junction of paths by a large bridge, turn left and follow a track uphill. As the track becomes a metalled road, continue along it until you reach a T-junction. Turn left and walk up the hill.
4. Go past a farm access track on your left, then turn right down an unsigned track running between a wall and a hedge. Follow this track downhill, across a lane and then a footbridge, and then uphill to the next property (Leys House).
5. Turn left at the cattle grid, go between the buildings, then through a pair of short stone gateposts and a gap in a beech hedge to a stile. Turn right and head to the top of the field, then turn left and follow the wall to a narrow strip of woodland.
6. At the end of the wood, turn left at the stone gateposts and follow a track between the field and the wood.
7. At the second ditch, bear half-right and

head towards a white house a couple of fields away. Go downhill to a clump of holly bushes and cross a footbridge. Head half-right to a stile on top of the bank, then go straight ahead and across another stile. There are stunning views of Stone Gappe from here. Bear half-right to the field corner, then cross over two stiles to meet a track. Turn left and follow the track to a lane.

8. Turn right and follow the quiet lane all the way to the T-junction near Cowling Hill.
9. Turn right at the T-junction, then immediately left onto the Pennine Way footpath. Walk downhill, keeping to the edge of the field, then cross over a stile. Carry straight on, then to the right-hand side of an old farmhouse. Cross over the stile next to a Pennine Way signpost, go round to the front of the farmhouse, then downhill towards a field gate.
10. Cross the stile next to the field gate, turn left, go through a gate, then turn right. Walk down the side of the field and over another stile. Continue downhill, over three more stiles to a Pennine Way signpost. Turn left and follow a track to the road.
11. Turn right over a stone bridge and up the hill to a T-junction. Turn left here and follow the lane back to the church at the start of the walk.

