

Feniscliffe circuit

Distance: 8km **Height:** 90m

Suitable for: Families, Beginners, Improvers

Start / Finish Point: Witton Country Park, car-park (GR:661270)

Parking: A large free car park is available at the main entrance into Witton Park off Preston Old Road (A674)

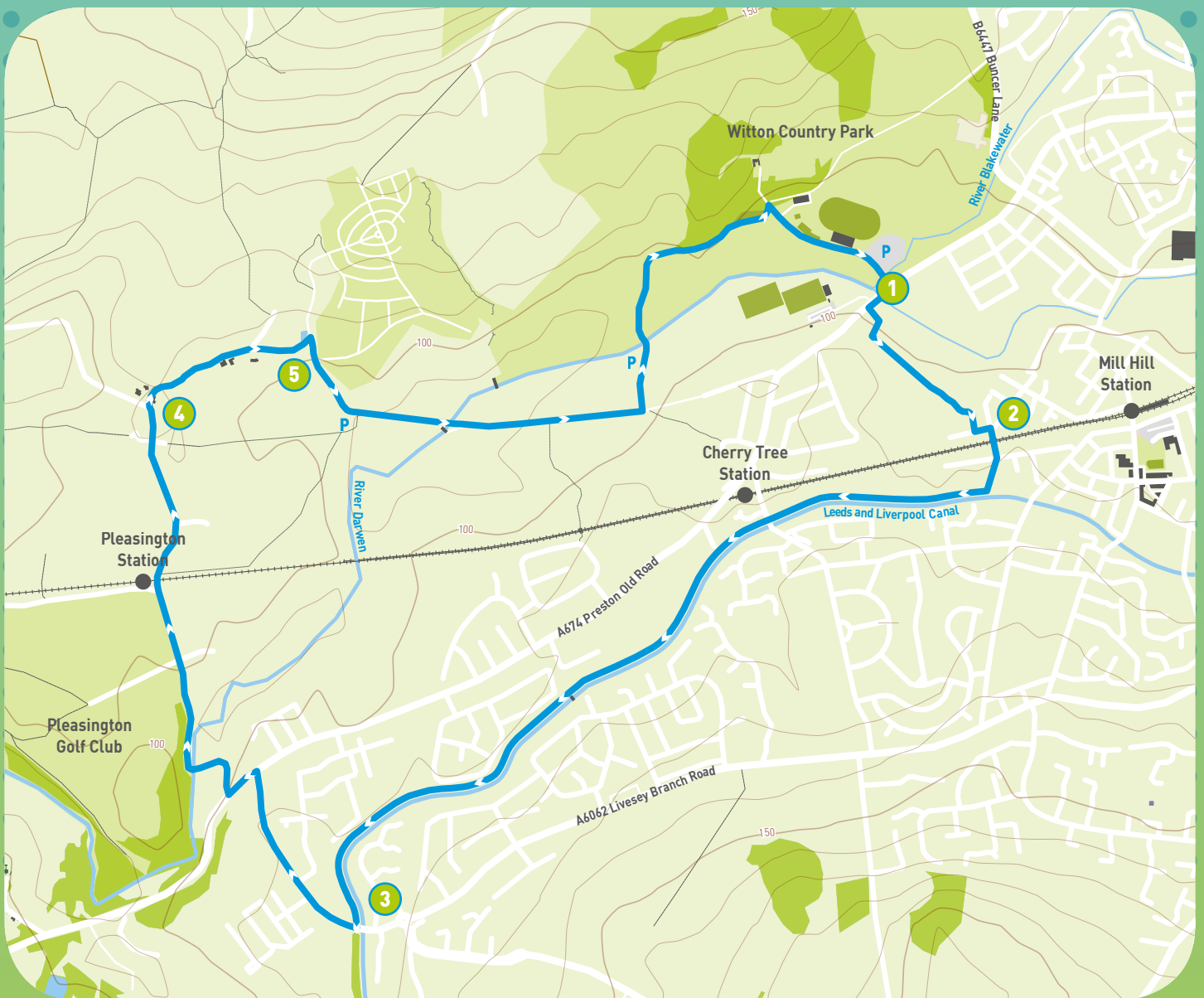
General description:

A nice gentle loop around the outer south-west of Blackburn. A generally flat route, on traffic free paths, canal towpath and a pleasant quiet road through the attractive village of Pleasington.

Arrival by train: Distance to Witton Park Cycle Centre: Cherry Tree 1.2km, Mill Hill 1.5km, Pleasington 2.5km

Refreshments: Pavilion in the Park Cafe is located next to the Witton Park Cycle Centre. For further information please contact **01254 697307**

Toilets: Located next to the Pavilion in the Park Cafe



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Route Description:

- 1** Exit Witton Park from the main entrance, turning right onto the A674. Almost immediately after passing the former paper mill take the off road shared pedestrian and cycle path (signposted to Ewood & Lower Darwen). Pass between the factory to the left and playing fields to the right.
- 2** In front of a row of terraced houses turn left following the signs to the Leeds & Liverpool canal. When you reach the canal, turn right onto the towpath and follow in a westerly direction for approx 4km.
- 3** At bridge 93b, leave the towpath and turn right onto the road. Descend to a junction with the A674. Turn left, then immediately right, signed to Pleasington. This is a very attractive section through countryside crossing a stream before a climb up into the village of Pleasington. Continue through the village past the railway station and two pubs. You may want to stop and have a look at the Gothic façade of the Priory, built nearly 200 years ago by the same architect responsible for Blackburn Cathedral (John Palmer).
- 4** Just past the Priory, before the road starts to dip down to the left, bear right onto Sandy Lane keeping an eye out for the National Cycle Network (NCN) 6 signs.
- 5** At the T junction just past the duck pond, turn right and follow the NCN (signed to the town centre). After approx 800m, after passing the football pitches, turn left through a small car-park, over a bridge and along a path skirting open parkland on the right and woods to the left. This brings you back to the visitor centre and car-park.

Witton Park Cycle Centre:

Whether you want to learn to ride a bike, gain more confidence on two wheels or simply benefit from joining one of our friendly led rides why not find out more about the cycling opportunities at Witton Country Park.

For further information contact the Wellbeing Service:
01254 682037

wellbeing@blackburn.gov.uk

Witton Park Community Cycling Club:

Wednesday and Thursday evenings between **May and September** at **Witton Park Cycle Centre** are now the home of the **Community Cycling Club**. Come down anytime between **4pm - 8pm** to learn to ride, improve your skills or just enjoy a ride around the park. Bikes and helmets are available and are free to all beez card holders.

