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**Starting Point:** Peel Tower car park.

**Finishing Point:** Peel Tower car park.

**Walk Profile:** 6.52 miles / Ascent 966ft / Descent 966ft.

**Required Time:** 3.00 - 3.5 Hours (2.5mph).

**Difficulty:**



**Transport:** Limited bus services from Rawtenstall.  
Ample parking at Peel Tower car park.

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**Warning:** As this walk involves passing through Holcombe Firing Range, it is advisable to check that the firing range is not in use prior to starting this walk. This information can be found [here](#).

1....From the Peel Tower Car park cross the main road and pass through the small wooden gate (point 1). Proceed up the fenced in footpath to the second wooden gate, a short distance away.

2....Here, turn right and head up the cobbled road towards the old fashioned lamppost a short distance ahead. To the left, you will arrive at a junction with Moorbottom Road leading off to the left (point 2). Follow Moorbottom Road for approx. 150 feet where and on the right, you will see a farm track heading off to the right with a flight of steps just to the left of it.

3....Either follow this farm track as it first heads off to the right before turning left as it climbs up the hill, or, use the steps (these are a minor short cut). Whichever you choose, head up the hill on this farm track.

4....Once at the top of the hill (point 3) the track bears sharply off to the right. Ignore the turn off to the left and proceed on to the historic Peel Tower ([see here](#)). From the front of Peel Tower (point 4), follow the narrow un- marked footpath around the right hand side of the large hollow, which is just to the right of the tower.

5....This footpath heads up to the wooden gate that you can see on top of the ridge ahead of you. Pass through the two small wooden gates (point 5) and continue directly ahead. From here you can see Harcles Hill and a un- marked footpath heading up it. This is the footpath that you will be using.

6....Once at the top of Harcles Hill, you will arrive at a large pile of stones (point 6). From here, you can see the course of this un- marked footpath heading towards a white flagpole and the grey Pilgrims Cross stone in the distance.

7....Once that you have arrived at the Pilgrims Cross (point 7), you will notice the white flag pole and a footpath heading off uphill behind it (do not take the right hand footpath). Head up this footpath, it will take you directly to Bull Hill trig point (point 8).

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8...From the trig point on Bull Hill, continue directly ahead towards another white flag pole. Once there, you will see two footpaths heading off over the open moorland. The footpath that you will be using is clearly visible as it bears off ahead and to the left.

9...Walk down the short descent to the firing range warning sign (point 9) and follow the footpath which bears off to the left. This footpath can be very wet and boggy underfoot. After approx.0.5 miles, you will come across a broken sign post on the top of the hill (point 10).

10... A short distance away you will arrive a dry stone wall and another very boggy area of ground. Once you have safely crossed the boggy ground, proceed straight ahead and follow the barely visible footpath which follows the course of the wall and to the right.

11...You will arrive at a point where the wall turns sharp left (point 11). Here, turn left and follow the wall for approx. 200 feet where, you will come across a small cattle feeder surrounded by a small square wooden fence. at this point, turn right and follow the vague footpath as it drops down to the farm track below.

12...The drop down to the farm track can be steep and slippery in places. Once on the farm track, head down to the junction which is off to the right (point 12).

13...At the junction turn left and follow the track towards the farmhouse that you can see in the distance. Also, you will notice a track heading up hill just to the left (point 13).

14...Once you reach the track which heads off up hill (just to the left of the farm house) you have two choices. Follow the route up this track or, continue along the farm track as it passes by the farm house. The views are a lot better if you climb the hill.

15...After a short climb, the track soon starts to descend down hill and re-joins the farm track that you were originally on (point 14). Follow the farm track off to the left as it starts to descend down towards the firing range.

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16...Soon, you will once again come across some warning signs for the firing range (point 15) warning you that once again, you are entering the firing range.

17...Follow the track as it descends downhill and to the left. Eventually, and at the most Northerly end of the firing range you will arrive at the first of two small stream crossings (point 16 and 17). from here, the track starts to head South on the opposite side of the valley.

18...Eventually, you will arrive at a sign post (point 18). Ignore this and proceed straight on towards a pair of stiles (point 19 and 20). Shortly after, you will arrive at a metal farm gate (point 21). This metal gate can be quite stiff to open.

19...The walking from here soon changes to a tarmac track as you pass the two farm houses and shortly you will arrive back at the junction where you originally turn off to climb up to Peel Tower. Continue on to the bottom of Moorbottom Road and the old fashioned lamppost (point 2).

20...Here turn right, and head back down the cobbled road until you arrive at the small wooden gate on the left (point 1). Head back down the fenced in footpath towards the main road and the finishing point at the car park opposite.

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# Bull Hill Trig Point Map.

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