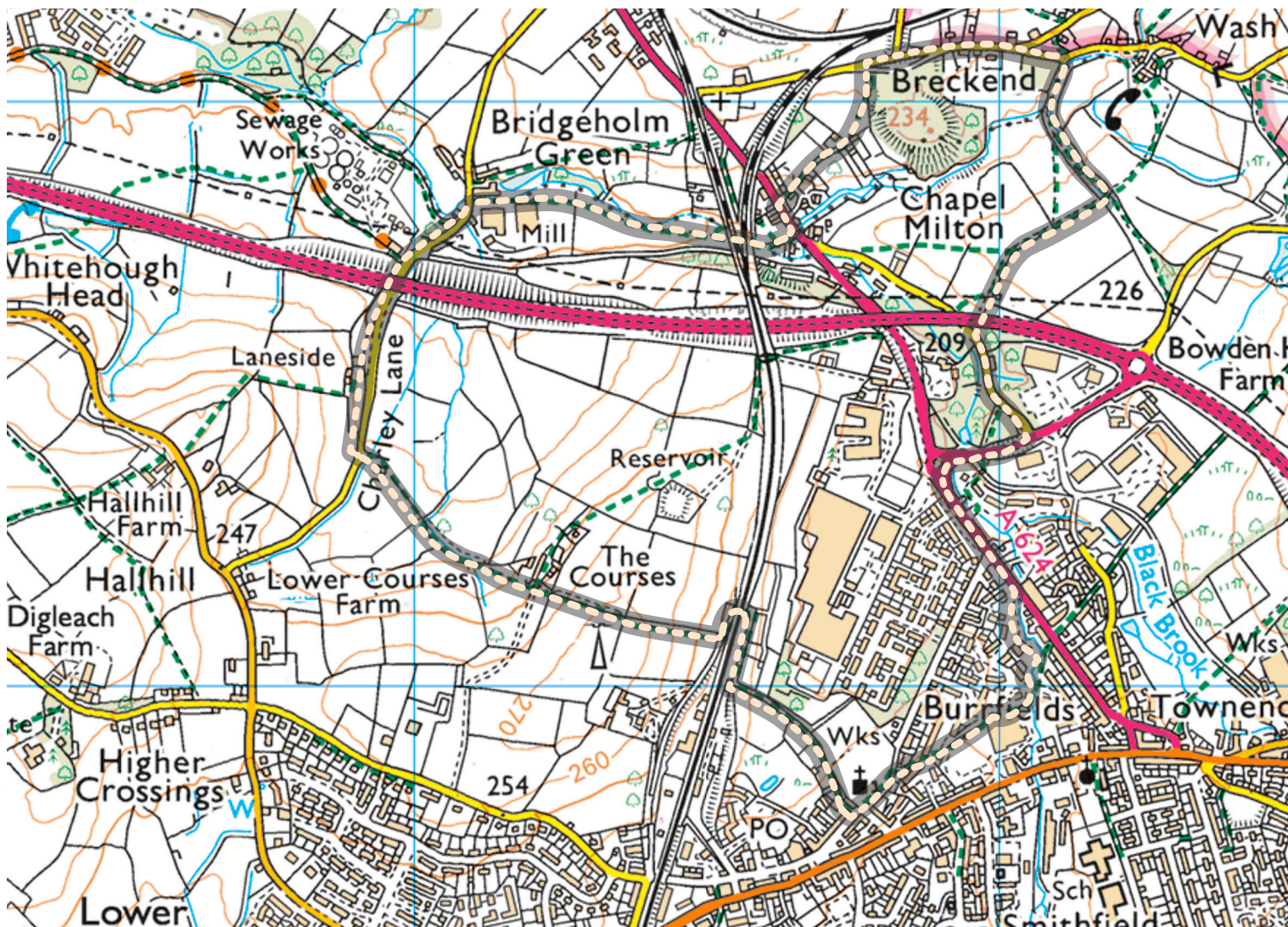


W Wash Walk

Distance: **3 miles. 1½ hours.**

Terrain: Paths, roads and bridleways.
475 ft ascent.

Parking: Town centre and Thornbrook Road.



Beautiful views of the Hamlet of Wash with views of St Thomas Becket Church.

From **Market Place** head alongside **St Thomas Becket Church**. At end of railings turn right on downhill path to houses. Turn left then right to continue downhill, straight across quiet road, following stream to main road. Turn left along road, right at roundabout, then left into Bowden Lane. Follow past cottages, passing Stoddart House on left. Just before bypass bridge turn right through wall stile. Walk straight up two fields and turn left on path beyond gate to follow path along brook, cross wooden bridge over stream into the hamlet of **Wash**. Wash can be explored by turning right and walk continues left uphill on the road.

Keep left on road at first junction and before second junction turn left through wall stile onto public footpath, through gate and across old recreation ground to Chapel

Milton. Turn right at track and left at main road. Cross road to lane under viaducts to stream. Follow path under viaduct, through gate and across field to **Bridgeholm Green**. At road turn left, past **Peak Forest Tramway** * on right to continue on road under road bridge past Laneside House. After 150m take footpath on left at bend into fields. Pass through two gates keeping hedge on right, and cross stile on right before third gate. Follow hedge, now on left, then fence up hill and cross over drive by entrance to The Courses. Continue uphill, over stile, straight ahead past lone ash tree, up field and over wall stile (note holes in stones). Walk straight down hill with wall on left and over stile into lane. Turn left and follow path under railway bridge, then right to keep allotments on your left, and along down hill to **Church Lane** and back up to **Market Place**.

* From Bridgeholm Green the tramway is now a footpath which can be followed past the water works and on into Chinley (1½ miles).