



WALK REPORT

EVENING WALK AT SIMONSTONE

RIBBLE VALLEY, LANCASHIRE

DATE: 7 May 2026

TIME: Approximately 8:00 PM

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Overcast at dusk

HABITAT TYPES: Ancient woodland, open meadow, wetland, riverbank

ROUTE SUMMARY

The walk began along a disused railway line, continuing through areas of ancient woodland before opening into meadow and wetland habitat. The route then followed the side of the River Calder before returning.

WALK DURATION: Approximately 30 minutes

DIFFICULTY: Flat and easy to complete

BIRDS IDENTIFIED (9 SPECIES)

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| 1 |  | Mallard <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i> | Observed near wetland and river habitat. |
| 2 |  | Eurasian Curlew <i>Numenius arquata</i> | Heard and observed over open meadow. |
| 3 |  | Willow Warbler <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i> | Active within woodland edge habitat. |
| 4 |  | Common Redstart <i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i> | Noted during woodland section of route. |
| 5 |  | Song Thrush <i>Turdus philomelos</i> | Singing from sheltered woodland cover. |
| 6 |  | Common Chiffchaff <i>Phylloscopus collybita</i> | Frequently heard throughout the walk. |
| 7 |  | European Robin <i>Erithacus rubecula</i> | Seen along hedgerow and woodland paths. |
| 8 |  | Eurasian Wren <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i> | Observed within dense undergrowth. |
| 9 |  | Great Spotted Woodpecker <i>Dendrocopos major</i> | Heard and briefly observed in ancient woodland. |



The River Calder, Simonstone



UPLOADED PHOTOS

Yes



MERLIN BIRD ID SCREENSHOTS INCLUDED

Yes



NOTABLE SIGHTINGS

No notable sightings recorded during this walk.



GENERAL WALK NOTES

The walk was short, flat, and easy to complete, making it ideal for an evening wildlife walk. Despite the overcast conditions at dusk, the varied habitats along the route provided excellent opportunities for bird activity and observation.

Spring migrants including the Willow Warbler and Common Redstart added particular interest to the woodland sections of the route, while wetland and meadow habitat supported species such as Mallard and Eurasian Curlew.



CHECKLIST SUMMARY

Total Species Identified: 9

Most Notable Species:

Common Redstart and Willow Warbler

Merlin Bird ID Records:

Included in report documentation.

