

Rail Walks in Cheshire West

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The Mid Cheshire Community Rail Partnership and the Mid Cheshire Rail Users Association (MCRUA) welcome you to a collection of walks within the beautiful countryside of Cheshire West, which can be accessed by train. The circular walks start and finish at the stations of Mouldsworth, Delamere, Cuddington, Greenbank, Northwich and Lostock Gralam.

The walks vary in length and landscape from rural to semi-urban walks. All offer options for rest and refreshments. There are no toilet facilities on these walks, but each route features at least one public house or café offering a range of snacks and meals as well as toilets.

All walks relate to OS Explorer Map, sheet 267, scale 1:25,000.

Not all walks are suitable for those with pushchairs, wheelchairs or mobility scooters as they often feature several stiles and kissing gates as well as uneven ground in places.

For details of further walks within Cheshire, of which some are suitable for all abilities, search "Walking in Cheshire" at visitcheshire.com

Train services on the Mid Cheshire Line run hourly Monday through to Saturday and two hourly on Sundays. Northern Timetable 17 features all the train times for the Mid Cheshire Line and can be downloaded from

www.midcheshirerail.org.uk

For bus services phone Traveline on **0871 200 22 33** or visit www.traveline.info

You can also contact Cheshire West and Chester Council on **0300 123 8 123** or visit www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

The Mid Cheshire Community Rail Partnership can be contacted at www.midcheshirerail.org.uk or email contact@midcheshirerail.org.uk



Information on the maps is shown as follows:

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| Major roads | | Railway line | | Suggested route | |
| Other roads | | Railway station | | | |

Whilst every effort has been made to make the walk details as comprehensive as possible, no responsibility can be taken for any changes to the routes or facilities which occur after the publication of this booklet. (March 2020)

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Walking in the countryside

Use a map and follow walk directions and path markers. Do not cross fields of crops unless following the designated footpath.

Litter and leftover food doesn't just spoil the beauty of the countryside, it can be dangerous to wildlife and farm animals and can spread disease - so take your litter home with you. Dropping litter and dumping rubbish are criminal offences.

Leave gates as you find them or follow instructions on signs. If walking in a group, make sure the last person knows how to leave the gates.

Wild animals and farm animals can behave unpredictably if you get too close, especially if they're with their young – so give them plenty of space and do not attempt to approach them or stroke them.

Keep dogs under close control but, if a farm animal chases you and your dog, it is safer to let your dog off the lead – don't risk getting hurt by trying to protect it.

Keep out of the way when farm animals are being gathered or moved and follow directions from the farmer.

Support the rural economy - for example, buy your supplies from local shops.

Mid Cheshire Rail Users Association (MCRUA)

The Mid Cheshire Rail Users Association with over 300 members is the rail user group for the Mid Cheshire Line. MCRUA is active in representing the interests of passengers on the Mid Cheshire Line from Chester to Manchester and those travelling between Crewe and Liverpool on the West Coast Main Line. They work to improve the service and its usage, and provide information on timetable changes and news on future developments.

For more information on MCRUA activities or joining the group, please look at www.mcrua.org.uk.

If you can't find what you are looking for then email enquiries@mcrua.org.uk for more information.

The Mid Cheshire Line

The line links the cities of Manchester and Chester running through the scenic Mid Cheshire countryside. There are 16 stations along the line including Delamere, Northwich, Plumley, Knutsford, Mobberley, Ashley, Altrincham and Stockport.

The line has a Community Rail Partnership founded in 2003 to promote increased usage and to develop and improve facilities along the route. Enthusiastic volunteers are always welcome to get involved at stations and events along the line.

To find out more about the Mid Cheshire Community Rail Partnership and the opportunities for travelling on the Mid Cheshire Line, go to www.midcheshirerail.org.uk.

Mouldsworth Rail Trail Route

This walk takes you through the green pastures of Mouldsworth and past the former Mouldsworth Motor Museum. The museum, which is now closed, was housed in the former water softening plant of the West Cheshire Water Board, built in 1937 but eventually rendered unnecessary by the alternative source of Welsh water from Lake Vyrnwy.

DISTANCE: 2.2 miles/200ft ascent, allow 1 to 1½ hours

MAP: OS Explorer Map, sheet 267, scale 1: 25,000

GROUND CONDITIONS: The walk is across gently undulating Cheshire pastures with some surfaced lanes and a hill to climb at the end.

STILES: Three

KISSING GATES: One

ACCESS: This particular route is not accessible by wheelchair.

REFRESHMENTS: The Goshawk pub opposite the station offers food and drink.

The route

1. Starting from:

**Mouldsworth Station
alighting from trains from
Delamere or other stations
towards Manchester:**

Leave the platform and walk into the car park and take the steps that lead up from the corner next to the Old Station House onto Station Road opposite the Goshawk Public House.

Or:

**Mouldsworth Station
alighting from trains from
Chester:**

Leave the platform and follow the path up to Station Road.

Then:

2. Turn right up the hill on Station Road. After passing several detached houses on the left ending with 'Fir Bank', turn left onto the signposted Public Footpath that crosses the paddock and fields.





3. After a short while the path joins the track that passes in front of 'Rose Bank Farm'. Don't enter. Walk down the track away from Rose Bank and continue down the track until you meet Smithy Lane. Turn left here on to Smithy Lane.



4. Eventually Smithy Lane crosses a bridge over the route of the now disused Mouldsworth to Manley and Helsby Junction line of the Cheshire Lines Committee. The lane now moves out into more open country and eventually slopes gently down past the entrance to Mouldsworth Hall. Soon the entrance to the now closed Mouldsworth Motor Museum will be passed on the left.



Having passed the ex-museum, Smithy Lane continues down the hill and curving to the left at the junction with Norton's Lane becomes Gongar Lane. Gongar Lane then turns to pass back under the Mid Cheshire Line which crosses by a tall stone and brick arch bridge with black iron reinforcing plates.



5. Continue along Gongar Lane past 'Brook House' until at the bottom of the hill, just after crossing a small stream called "Ashton Brook", turn left over the stile onto the signposted public footpath which forms part of the Baker Way, the 13 mile path that runs between the railway stations of Delamere and Chester.
6. Cross another stile and keep the hedge on your left. Up and to the right can be seen the spire of the grade II listed St. John the Evangelist Church, Ashton Hayes.



7. Carry on to and through a tight kissing gate then follow the path as it bears right on a hedge line to a kissing gate that exits onto Church Road. Care!! Fast traffic. Cross the road and turn left onto Church Road.
8. Ahead can be glimpsed the newly planted wood that is being created on the side of the slope. Don't take Grange Road.

- 9. Continue on Church Road climbing gradually to a road junction where proceed left.
- 10. Continue up the steep hill, on the left the small but distinctive shape of Saint Cuthbert-By-The-Forest Catholic Church opened in 1957 can be seen.



- 11. Soon after in the near distance can be seen the sign for Mouldsworth railway station, the end of the walk, but for those with an appetite or thirst then The Goshawk provides an ideal wayside halt. Opposite the pub is the station car park with the Station House now being the home to Whistles Hair and Beauty Salon.



VISITOR INFORMATION

The Goshawk

Check website for details
www.thegoshawkpub.co.uk

Whistles Hair and Beauty Salon

Old-Ticket Office
Mouldsworth
Station

Open Monday
to Saturday

Delamere Rail Trail Walk Route

This walk skirts the edge of Delamere Forest and takes walkers up “Old Pale” – a steep hill with fine views across the Cheshire plain. The route takes in woodlands, fields, hills and steep lanes back down to the forest edge – it is manageable with a cross country pushchair and not suitable for wheelchairs due to steep slopes. There are two recommended refreshment stops on this walk!

DISTANCE: 4.3 miles/460ft ascent.
Allow two hours

MAP: OS Explorer Map, sheet 267,
scale 1: 25,000

GROUND CONDITIONS: Steep ascents
and descents, muddy and icy in Winter,
some tarmac lanes

STILES: None

KISSING GATES: None

ACCESS: This particular route is suitable
for families using a robust pushchair but
is very hilly both up and down.
Footpaths and tracks are loosely
surfaced.

REFRESHMENTS: Delamere Station Cafe,
details Page 11.

Delamere Forest Visitor Centre, details
Page 11.

Both offer a full range of hot drinks,
snacks and meals.

The route

1. From the car park by Delamere Station Café (on the Chester bound side) follow the track in front of the café that leads to a car park. Coming from Chester cross the road bridge (narrow pavement!!) and descend via steps to the Café. Proceeding, you pass a toilet block (closed) on your left. At the end of the car park join the footpath on the right of exit that leads in to a small area of trees alongside the railway line.
2. The path rises in a while to join the access road. Don't go over the railway bridge but carry on with the Delamere Forest Visitor Centre on your left. There are several paths to it. After visiting or not continue on this road.
3. On a bend leave the road on the left by a sturdy marker with “Old Pale Trail” on it. This soon rises and you follow this main surfaced track all



the, sometimes steepish and curving, way up to Old Pale Heights.

4. A Pale was an enclosure by way of chestnut palings fencing. There is plenty of seating at and around the summit area. The summit itself is marked by a sizeable plaque detailing the history of the site. Below it are monoliths each inscribed with the name of the county it faces, its construction stone being from the particular county.

- The summit panoramic views on a clear day are spectacular with the Welsh hills, the Mersey Estuary, the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, Stanlow Refinery etc.



- Time now to make progress. At the Denbighshire monolith move off towards the various communications towers and the enclosed United Utilities Header Reservoir.



- After a seat dedicated to "MisterSol" take the downward track right i.e. don't stay high (to access the towers area) and as the slope levels then go left and shortly onto a delightful level terrace stretch with great views. The level ends with a short steep downward drop and continue on this main track until lower down

meeting a more substantial track i.e. the Sandstone Trail.

- Cross over the Sandstone Trail onto a path that soon exits the forest. Keep straight on this lane past various houses and commence the upslope to Yeld Lane, a house on the right,



Orchard Cottage displaying a topiary box hedge depiction of a very large caterpillar.



9. Take a right turn at Yeld Lane and make the long descent until a sharp left bend is reached just after the now closed Eddisbury Fruit Farm with its considerable orchards.

10. At the road bend take a right turn onto a track with orchard remnants on your right. Soon you reach the forest on your left which you walk alongside.

11. Continue along and pass on your left the incoming Sandstone Trail and then the entrance to Eddisbury Lodge. In the fields around you will likely see the magnificent black Aberdeen Angus beef cattle being raised here.



12. The Sandstone Trail is now parted from as it rises to the right. You continue a while on this hard track which in due course gives access again to the Visitor Centre or



continue straight on, don't cross the railway bridge but retrace your earlier steps to Delamere Station. Job done, well done.



VISITOR INFORMATION

Delamere Station House

Check website for details

www.delamerestationhouse.co.uk

Delamere Forest Visitor Centre and Café

Check website for details

www.forestryengland.uk/delamere-forest

Cuddington Rail Trail Route

The twin villages of Cuddington and Sandiway were united as one parish in 1935 and are a major residential centre, served by good rail and road links. Cuddington is also at one end of Whitegate Way Country Park, accessible from Waste Lane.

The Whitegate Way is slightly over 6 miles in length and follows the course of the railway branch line from Cuddington to Winsford which was closed in the 1960s. It has an excellent wide path, established woodland and varied views over the Cheshire countryside. However, only the start of Whitegate Way is seen from this walk.

DISTANCE: 3 miles/200ft ascent

MAP: OS Explorer Map, sheet 267
scale 1: 25,000

GROUND CONDITIONS: This route is not accessible by wheelchair. As much of the walk is along narrow paths and minor roads without footpaths or verges requiring single file walking, this walk is not recommended for large groups.

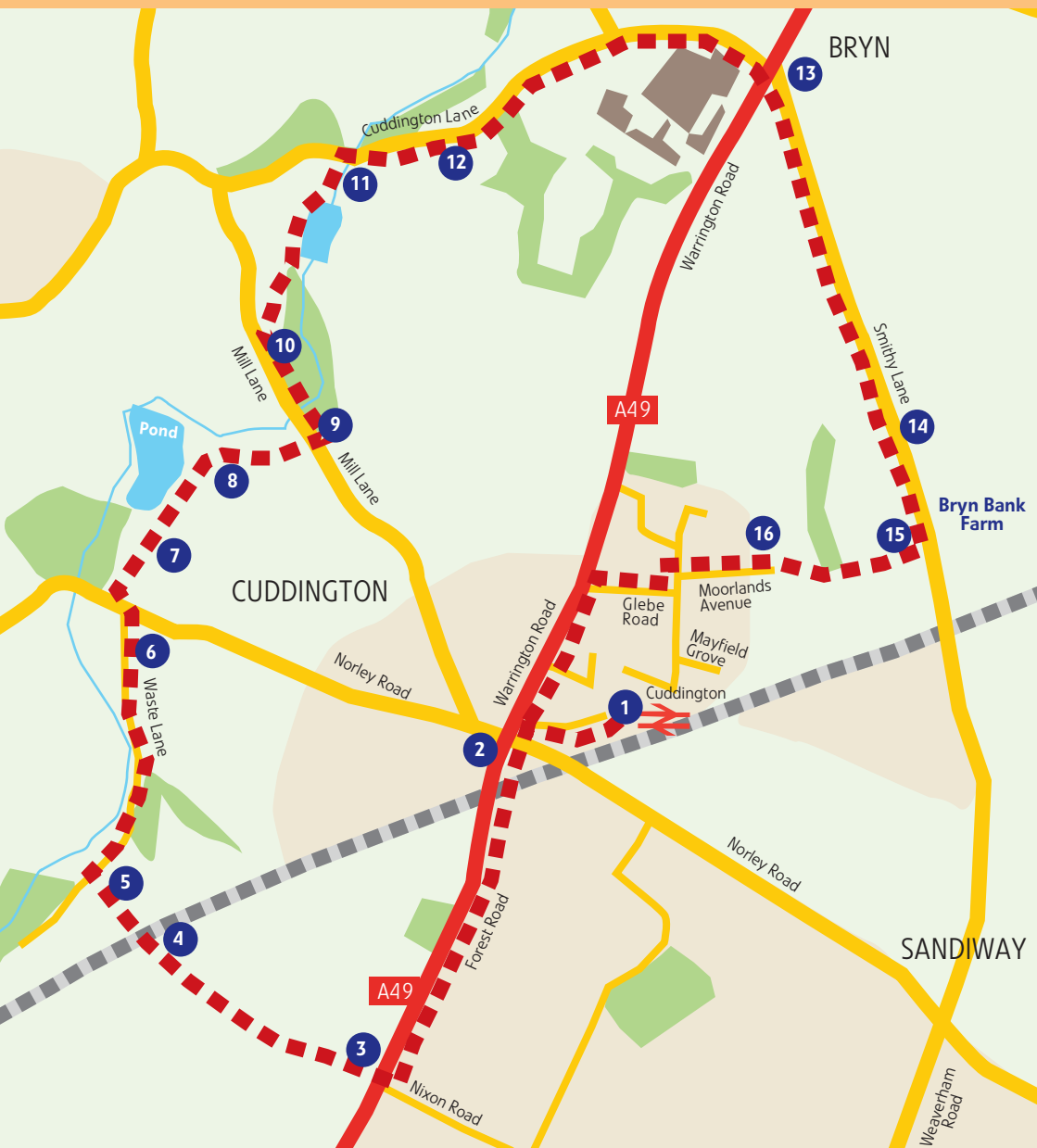
STILES: Three

KISSING GATES: Four

REFRESHMENTS: 'The White Barn' public house, a 'Hungry Horse', is very close to the station entrance.

The route

1. From Cuddington Station (Manchester platform), walk up the station approach, turn left, crossing the traffic lights onto Forest Road (A49). Keep on the left hand side of the road and use the pedestrian bridge to cross the railway line.
2. Continue to walk down the A49. Carefully cross the very busy road to a marked footpath which will be seen on the opposite side of the road.



VISITOR INFORMATION

The White Barn

Forest Road,
Cuddington.

Check website for details
Search White Barn at
www.hungryhorse.co.uk

3. Go through a kissing gate onto a narrow fenced path which can be muddy. Then, after about half a mile, go over a metal stile, up a short steep climb to the railway line.
4. Cross the line with care when the crossing light is green and walk down steps with a stout metal rail and across another metal stile.



5. Shortly you reach Waste Lane. Turn right. There is attractive woodland on the right and a stream on the left.
6. At the end of Waste Lane, cross the busy Norley Road. There is a very short path (unmarked) immediately opposite, just to the left of the telegraph pole. Keep left after passing through this gap and soon turn right onto the established footpath through a kissing gate.

7. Soon you will reach on the left and below the path a large pond and high on the right a huge mansion.
8. At the end of the fence, turn right through a kissing gate and across a stream.



9. Proceed to the T junction and turn left going downhill into what is Mill Lane.



10. After about 200 yards, now walking uphill, there is a green footpath sign on the right. Go through the gate, down the steps and into a field. The path takes you to the left. There are reed beds on the right of the field.

11. At the bottom (right bend) of the field cross a stile and turn right up Cuddington Lane. Mill House is on the right.
12. There is now no path or verge. You probably need to use both sides of the road at various points to be visible to traffic.
13. Turn right at the T junction and, passing the sign for Bryn Smithy on the left, walk up to the A49, the busy road which links Warrington with Whitchurch. Cross with care and walk into Smithy Lane opposite. To best cross A49 keep right to traffic lights then cross and retrace.
14. The lane is slightly uphill and may be muddy; you pass a metal gate across the road which ensure it is an 'access only' road. Go through the footpath gate on the right of these metal gates.
15. Continue ahead for some distance to Brynn Bank Farm, pass it, and take footpath on the right. Continue on the undulating field path towards a housing estate.
16. Turn right at a T Junction and proceed to a wooden gate. You are now in Moorlands Avenue. Follow the road left and take the first right into Glebe Road not signed. Shortly, turn left onto A49. The station is about 100 yards away on the left.

Greenbank Rail Trail Route

This walk takes you on a circular clockwise route around the outside of Hartford Campus into Clough Wood, following the banks of the River Weaver to the Boat Yard and then on through Marshall's Arm Nature Reserve, following a footpath that includes a series of constructed wooden steps and bridges then returning past Hartford Parish Church.

DISTANCE: 4km/2.5 miles. Some ups and downs in the nature reserve

MAP: OS Explorer Map, sheet 267 scale 1:25,000

GROUND CONDITIONS: The walk begins and ends with surfaced footpaths, but the main part of the walk is through a wooded copse on a footpath that is quite uneven and requires steps to be climbed. Walking boots or wellingtons are recommended as the path can be a bit muddy in places!

STILES: None

KISSING GATES: None

ACCESS: This route is not accessible by wheelchair.

REFRESHMENTS: The Hart of Hartford, School Lane, Hartford
www.facebook.com/TheHartOfHartford/

The route

1. Starting from:

Greenbank Station from the Manchester bound platform

Leave the platform through the station building gate into the car park. The station building has been converted for use as 'Christ Church Greenbank', daughter church to St John's Church at Hartford. Take the steps up to Chester Road and turn left so that you walk back across the railway bridge.



Or Greenbank Station from the Chester bound platform

Leave the platform and walk up the ramp towards the housing estate.



- Take the first left into Greenbank Lane, ignore the next left (Milner Road) and take further left into Marshall Lane opposite the shops. Keep to the left past houses and at the green take the left fork.



3. Follow the sign for Kingsmead and this will take you past Saxons Lane Play Area - keeping the football playing field on your right. At the junction (where you see houses on the left) turn sharp right and head down the tarmac path into Clough Wood.



4. Continue walking with Clough Wood on either side until you see ahead the Boat Yard gates and then take the signposted footpath to "Marshall's Arm" through the black entrance gates. This takes you into the popular Marshall's Arm Nature Reserve.



5. Continue along this path for some way, following the sign in the direction of Hartford Blue Bridge. The Kingsmead Estate can be seen on the left, beyond the caravan graveyard!

6. The path then meets the banks of the River Weaver (the steps on the right lead up to the High School). A little further on there is a boat mooring platform and a bench; this is a nice place to stop and rest for a picnic or do a spot of birdwatching.



7. Walking on a little further you will pass a Notice Board with information for "Marshall's Arm Local Nature Reserve" and the planned programme of events.
8. Continue until you come to the next signpost and then go right taking the path to Hartford Campus where you will see a flight of steps. Count the first 14 steps and then take the



left-hand path, keeping the stream on your left. Continue, walking under the pipeline and then up more sets of steps after which the path becomes a little more irregular.

9. Go forward and cross a wooden bridge duly leading to the crossing of a small ravine via another bridge, then through a copse and over a few more gullies.
10. After a longish stretch you will pass Hartford Manor Primary School on the right and housing on the left starts to come into view as you near the end of the trail. This is marked by a decorative entrance/exit iron gateway which was designed by students of Hartford High School.
11. The path ends at the junction with Stones Manor Lane, so turn left here and start walking up towards the houses and the play area just within sight.
12. At the end of Stones Manor Lane turn right into School Lane (unsigned). Where the road forks, turn right (this is a one way road with traffic coming towards you). Very soon you will see

on your right the very welcome sight of the “The Hart of Hartford” coffee shop, bar and restaurant which has some tables and chairs outside too if you prefer to stay outdoors. It is open 5 days a week (see below) and has an excellent menu.

13. Continuing along School Lane you will pass the new Hartford Parish Church Hall completed in 2010 which is of interesting architectural design. In the background is the contrasting more traditional design of the Victorian Parish Church called St John's Church, Hartford.
14. School Lane then joins with Chester Road, turn right here and continue to walk for some distance along the footpath, past the Vets Surgery and the Sainsbury's Local on the left until you reach Greenbank Station which will be on your right. If you've timed it perfectly, the train will be just pulling into the station for you to board for your return journey!

VISITOR INFORMATION

The Hart of Hartford

Check website for details
www.thehartofhartford.co.uk

Closed Mondays and Tuesdays

Northwich Rail Trail Route

This is a short urban walk through parts of Northwich, whose history is dominated by the salt and chemical industries. The town has many distinctive black and white buildings. The Rivers Weaver and Dane converge in the town, the Weaver having been a busy commercial waterway. Within a short distance are the iconic Anderton Boat Lift and the Northwich Woodlands: more than 20 miles of paths serve a wide variety of habitats, including ancient woodland as well as park land, making it a suitable venue for families.

Visit www.gonorthwich.co.uk for Your Complete Guide to Northwich.

DISTANCE: 3km/2 miles

MAP: OS Explorer Map, sheet 267 scale 1: 25,000

GROUND CONDITIONS: This walk is all on pavements and footpaths and there are no stiles or other obstructions. Also the terrain is basically flat, with only a very minor climb over the railway bridge.

STILES: None

KISSING GATES: None

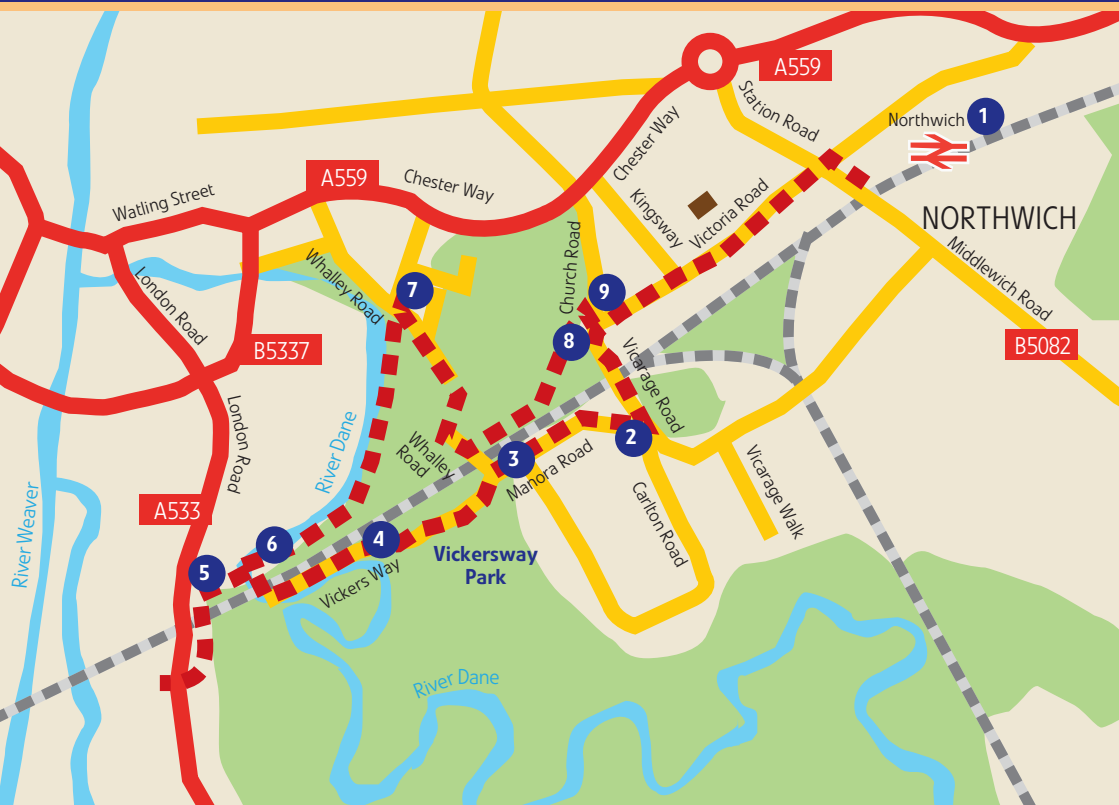
ACCESS: This route is suitable for all members of the family and also wheelchair use. The shorter version of the walk is about 1 ¾ miles (3 km) and the longer one adds about a further ½ mile (½ km). Allow ¾ hour for the basic walk without any stops at the points of interest and a further ¼ hour for the extension.

REFRESHMENTS: Available from Costa Coffee café in Tesco next to the station and between April and October in Vickersway Park (also known as Roker Park).

The route

1. Leave Northwich Station from the Manchester bound platform. Keep left of the petrol station and leave the car park through the black bollards. On your left is a set of traffic lights.

At these lights cross Middlewich Road and enter Victoria Road (the road sign can only be seen after you enter the road). Walk along Victoria Road until the end (approx ¼ mile).



You will pass Victoria Road Primary and Nursery School on the right, built in 1906.



2. At the end of the road, turn left into Vicarage Road and cross the railway bridge using the pavement on the right-hand side. Turn into the first road on the right, Manora Road. The railway line is on your right-hand side.

3. At the junction with Carlton Road on the left, walk straight ahead until Vickersway Park is seen also on the left. Enter by the first gate and the route keeps to the right, running parallel to the railway.

There are various attractions in the park including an aviary and these may be visited with a very small deviation.

It has a good range of facilities including a children's play area, crazy golf, putting green, bowls, tennis courts, skatepark, a new aviary and an outdoor gym.

Various objects of historical interest are on display including part of a

pillar from the local Vale Royal Abbey. The Abbey was founded in 1270 and closed in 1538 by Henry VIII, as part of the dissolution of the monasteries.



4. At the end of the park leave by the left hand pedestrian gate and continue in the same direction, with a skate park on your left and railway arches on your right, until you meet the River Dane. The distance from the start of Manora Road to this bridge is approximately $\frac{2}{3}$ mile. At this point you have the option of taking a small extension to visit the Weaver Hall Museum.
5. To do the extension cross the footbridge in front of you and turn left under the viaduct into London Road and the museum is on your right in an imposing Victorian workhouse building. Its displays

reflect the history of Mid Cheshire and the salt industry. The museum is open daily except Monday and offers light refreshments. When you have finished at the museum retrace the route until you have re-crossed the footbridge.

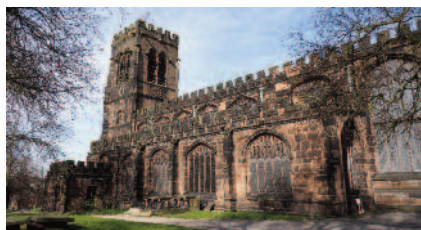
6. To continue the walk now retrace and follow the line of the river with the footbridge behind you (the narrow path down to the river soon merges with the main route). Follow this path away from the arches until you pass three metal figures behind a bench. These represent a salt worker, Paula Radcliffe and Gary Barlow.



7. Shortly after these figures take the narrow right fork that leads away from the river until you meet Whalley Road. Turn right and follow this until the road ends. Continue in the same



direction with a school playground on your left. Continue along the path, when it turns sharp left and shortly before the tunnel under the railway, turn left through the gate. But first you may like on your right to stroll round the free and friendly Grozone, a community venture where volunteers grow fresh produce. Retracing take the gate into the cemetery of St Helens, Witton, also known as Northwich Parish Church (approx ½ mile).



This is the most historical building in the town, founded in the 14th century. A Grade 1 listed building, it is included in Clifton-Taylor's list of best English parish churches. Among its outstanding features are a Tudor roof and splendid Victorian stained glass windows.

8. Follow the tarmac path and exit onto Church Road, where there is a large war memorial on your left. On the opposite side of Church Road are two Victorian buildings. The left one opened in 1869 and was the third building to house



Witton Grammar School for boys. The building to its right was the large master's house built in 1878.

The original school was founded in 1557 by Sir John Deane and the first and second buildings to house the school were in the churchyard near the gate you have just come through. Sir John Deane's College is now on a nearby site off London Road, having recently benefitted from a £28 million redevelopment programme.

9. Cross over the road and into Victoria Road and follow this back to Middlewich Road and Northwich Station (approx ⅓ mile).

VISITOR INFORMATION

Weaver Hall Museum and Workhouse

The Museum has a well-stocked gift shop and hot drinks machine.

Refer to website for opening times

www.weaverhallmuseum.org.uk

Grozone Community Garden

Check website for details

www.grozone.org.uk

There are many eating places in Northwich Town Centre which is off Chester Way on the map.

At the station nearby Tesco's has a Costa Café and toilets.

Lostock Gralam Rail Trail Route

If you have passed through Lostock Gralam station you will have noticed the large running-in boards that say *Take the Train. Walk the Canal. Visit the Lion Salt Works.*

This walk takes you down the Trent and Mersey Canal. Completed in 1777, under the direction of James Brindley, the canal in those days was the commercial lifeline for Josiah Wedgwood's business in the Potteries.

You will know when you have arrived at the Lion Salt Works. In front of you will be the black 30,000-gallon brine tank which used to feed the evaporating pans in the Works.



DISTANCE: 6km/3.5 miles round trip

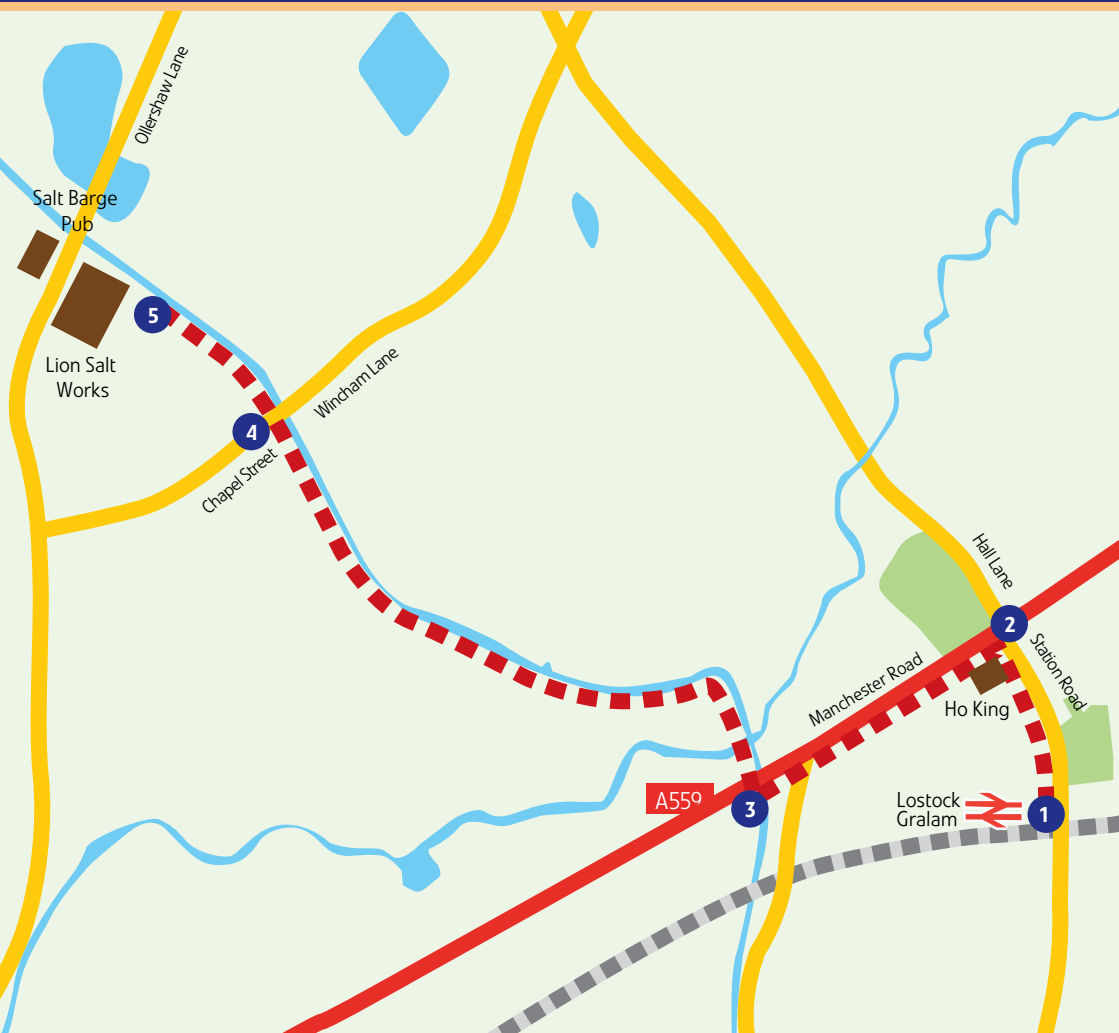
MAP: OS Explorer Map, sheet 267
scale 1: 25,000

GROUND CONDITIONS: A generally flat walk involving a mix of pavements and towpath, which can be muddy at times.

STILES: None

KISSING GATES: None

REFRESHMENTS: The Lion Salt Works has a café that serves hot drinks and snacks with the Salt Barge pub serving full meals. There is also a Chinese take-away/chip shop near the station.



The route

1. From the Chester-bound platform, walk up the ramp; from the Manchester-bound platform, walk up the ramp and a short flight of steps. Turn left along the road soon passing the local Parish church of St John the Evangelist on your right.



2. Proceed then to traffic lights near to the Ho King (Chinese food/fish and chips takeaway) and turn left on the pavement alongside a major road and in a little while cross with care the busy road from/to your left.
3. Soon after, go over the bridge crossing the Trent and Mersey canal and immediately descend to the towpath via a quite narrow track. Turn left and the canal soon crosses the Wincham Brook aqueduct.



4. Continue on the towpath which is not hard surfaced and suitable for pushchairs/buggies in dry weather conditions, but other times prone to being mildly muddy. After some distance pass under bridge number 192.



5. Just before the next bridge number 193 leave the canal via a substantial metal gate and enter the grounds of the Lion Salt Works with access to their café and the Salt museum.



6. Over the road and opposite the Museum is the Salt Barge pub.
7. In due course retrace your steps to return to Lostock Gralam station.

VISITOR INFORMATION

Lion Salt Works

Check wesbite for opening hours
lionsaltworks.westcheshiremuseums.co.uk

The Salt Barge (Pub)

Search The Salt Barge,
 Marston for more
 details.

Ho King

Tel: 01606 43579
 Chinese take away &
 fish and chips.
 Opens 4pm.

Find out more about the Lion Salt Works and other visitor attractions on the Mid Cheshire Line, connecting Chester to Manchester via Northwich, Knutsford, Altrincham and Stockport in our...

Marvellous Days Out on the Mid Cheshire Line publication

Inspired by Nicky Thompson's successful railway poster artwork, this 36 page full colour booklet is your ideal companion guide to this rail walks booklet.



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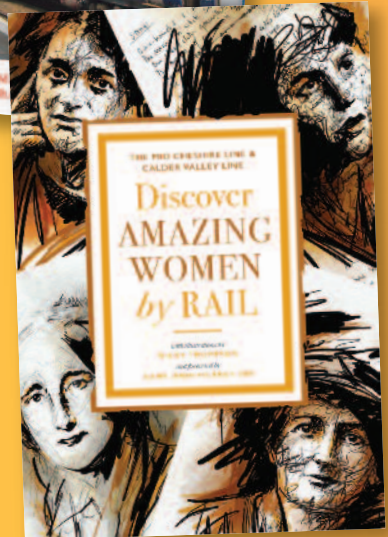
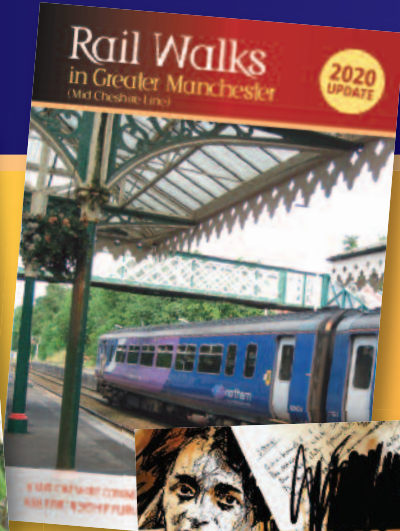
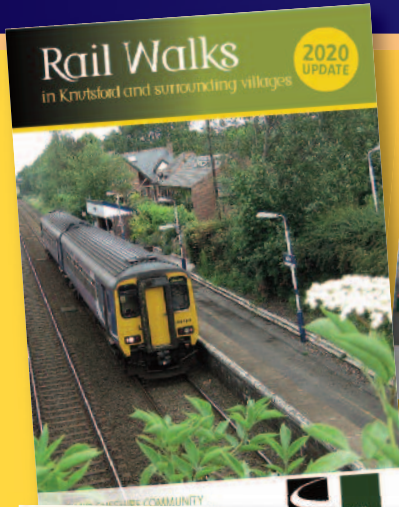
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