

## **MID CHESHIRE LINE—STATION-TO-STATION WALKS**

The **Mid Cheshire Community Rail Partnership** would like to share a whole host of different walks with you to experience along the **Mid Cheshire Line!**

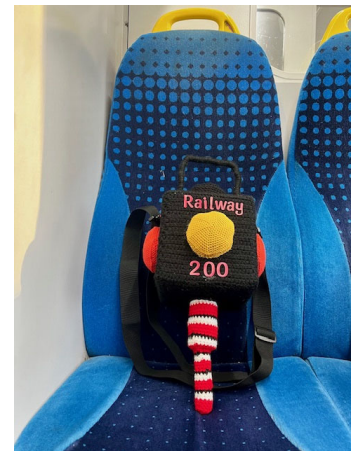
These are linear walks from station to station, so you can do as much or as little as you want.... From one of about a mile to all of them at around 60 miles in total....The choice is yours! They go through Cheshire towns, villages and countryside linking together the cities of Manchester and Chester.

These walks were kindly put together, plotted and shared by our volunteers to celebrate **Rail 200**, so a huge thank you to them. In September 2025, a baton was carried along all these routes by around 100 people over 6 days to commemorate the very first passenger train in the UK.

We have used the **OS Map App** which will guide you along the way. Download it on your phone, and you're away. We have also produced some additional notes and instructions to keep you on track. You'll be pleased to know that they include some places to stop, rest and refresh yourselves before starting, as a pitstop along the way or to even celebrate at the end of it. You can then use the Mid Cheshire Line for your return journey—a perfect day out!

You will be walking through different landscapes so....

- Take care when crossing roads
- Use footpaths where available
- Stay to the right on roads with no footpaths
- Be cautious of livestock in fields, close all gates
- Be aware of the country code
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These are recommended walks and we've done our very best to be as accurate as possible. If you find any corrections that are needed, please let us know at [ann.pickup@midcheshirerail.org.uk](mailto:ann.pickup@midcheshirerail.org.uk) so we can update the instructions and maps accordingly. Many thanks in advance for your help.

Finally, just enjoy! Have fun. Stay safe.... And feel free to share your experiences with others via social media. You can find us on

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# Mid Cheshire Line—Station-to Station walks

## A Legacy of Rail 200 in 2025

You will find additional instructions to support the OS Maps for the first 11 walks on the following pages

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*If we've not got it quite right, feel free to let us know so we can alter the OS Map, the instructions or both before we go to print in the new year.*

*Many thanks for your patience and help with this.*

Very soon we will add the remaining walks so keep an eye out for them!



## **Woodley to Stockport via Tiviot Dale— 5.1 miles**

At WOODLEY STATION go through station onto HYDE ROAD and bear LEFT  
Take first RIGHT onto GRAVEL BANK ROAD  
Immediate left onto MANOR ROAD  
At end bear LEFT onto Manor View  
Immediate RIGHT onto WOODLANDS DRIVE  
Cross CANAL then take the MIDDLE track, still WOODLANDS DRIVE  
90 degree bend to LEFT  
Take next RIGHT and go CROSS OVER BRADDON ROAD  
At junction with MILL LANE, turn LEFT  
Take next RIGHT onto gated pathway (between industrial units)  
Follow path to the RIGHT, then LEFT keeping to edge of field  
Follow this pathway until you emerge onto BREDBURY PARK WAY and head LEFT  
At the end turn RIGHT onto ASHTON ROAD  
At the traffic lights, CROSS onto LINGARD ROAD, going under railway and motorway bridges  
Take next road on the LEFT, ESSEX ROAD  
Bear left onto BRINDALE ROAD  
As houses start, bear LEFT onto pathway  
Follow this along (Tiviot Dale disused railway line)  
Go through tunnel into REDDISH VALE PARK  
When you reach TIVIOT DALE small car park, turn RIGHT and cross river  
CROSS TIVIOT WAY at pedestrian crossing and take footpath in front  
Follow path with RIVER on your LEFT

*You can take a slight detour to see the only remnants of STOCKPORT TIVIOT DALE STATION as well as the confluence of the RIVERS GOYT AND TAME... the start of the RIVER MERSEY. To do this*  
*Go AHEAD at T junction to cross river,*  
*Look RIGHT and UPWARDS to see brick abutments of old station*  
*CONTINUE under motorway to see the start of the River Mersey*  
*Retrace your steps to the T-junction.*

At T Junction go LEFT if you've been on the detour or head RIGHT if you haven't  
Follow the path until the end when it reaches PENNY LANE  
At T-junction lead LEFT onto LANCASHIRE HILL  
Just before the motorway bridge, turn RIGHT up steps  
Arrive at DODGE HILL  
Turn LEFT onto GREENAHLGH STREET  
Turn RIGHT into FLORENCE STREET  
At WILKINSON ROAD, turn LEFT which leads to a pathway  
Follow this onto CHURCH ROAD, Crossing PARSONAGE STREET  
At the end, turn LEFT onto WELLINGTON ROAD NORTH (A6)  
Cross and head LEFT  
**MAGNET INN** is on right for a real ale.  
CONTINUE along A6 and cross the motorway  
Turn RIGHT into STATION ROAD to enter Stockport Station.



## **Manchester Central to Navigation Road - 8.75 miles**

With Manchester Conference Centre on your RIGHT head towards tram lines  
CROSS tram lines and LOWER MOSLEY STREET

Head diagonally to the RIGHT across BARBAROLLI SQUARE

**SOCIETY** food hall is on your LEFT down the steps

Beside BRIDGEWATER HALL take path with water and then canal on Your LEFT

Go under GREAT BRIDGEWATER STREET

**RAIN BAR** is located here, over the canal and on your LEFT

Turn RIGHT onto canal path and cross canal on metal footbridge

Turn RIGHT with the canal now on your right.

Pass Cornbrook and Pamona Met Stations above on the RIGHT

Cross canal on stone footbridge – canal now on your LEFT

Pass Manchester United FC on the LEFT

Follow footpath over the CANAL and turn LEFT

Water in now on your RIGHT

Go under A56 and A5145 at Stretford

Go under M60 Under DANE ROAD (**BRIDGE INN** is here on your RIGHT)

Pass the WATERSIDE theatre on your right (**SLUG AND LETTUCE** in your RIGHT)

There's a **COFFEE BARGE** moored between Brooklands and Timperley

Pass Brooklands Met Station

With TIMPERLEY Met Station over canal on your LEFT, go under PARK ROAD

Go up steps on the RIGHT up to PARK ROAD and turn RIGHT

Cross the canal, take next right – CANAL ROAD (footpaths narrow or non-existent)

Turn left onto DEANSGATE LANE

With level crossing in front of you, turn RIGHT into TANNERY WAY

Turn right into HOULDSWORTH AVENUE

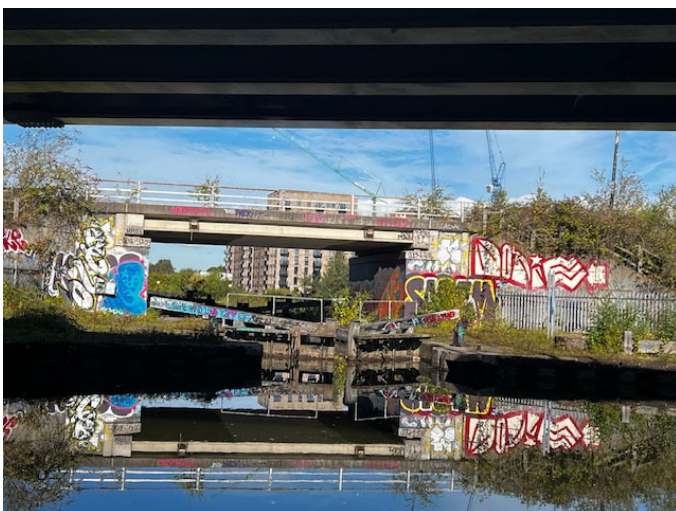
After approximately 30m, take footpath on your LEFT

Cross a brook, continue on path to the LEFT with parkland on your RIGHT

After 225m take path on LEFT which leads to a car park

Keep BOWLING GREEN on your LEFT and cross car park with care

You have now arrived at NAVIGATION ROAD STATION



### **Navigation Road to Altrincham— 0.6 miles**

Leave with rail track on your LEFT  
Cross NAVIGATION ROAD  
Head down GROSVENOR ROAD (use footpath on RIGHT)  
Go straight at the end of GROSVENOR ROAD  
Up to STAMFORD NEW ROAD  
You have now arrived at ALTRINCHAM INTERCHANGE on your LEFT

### **Altrincham to Hale— 0.75 miles**

From inside the interchange looking at the clock, turn LEFT  
Go through door in lower level and go STRAIGHT  
Turn LEFT through gate before the slight hill  
Turn immediately RIGHT along a path  
Continue straight and follow round to the RIGHT  
Pass GOOSE GREEN on your RIGHT  
Cross LLOYD STREET at crossing  
Head STRAIGHT down POWNALL ROAD  
Cross HALE ROAD at the crossing



### **Hale to Ashley— 2.3 miles**

Cross road and head LEFT over RAILWAY CROSSING  
Turn RIGHT into CECIL ROAD and go to the end  
Turn RIGHT onto ASHLEY ROAD  
Go over railway bridge  
Come to SOUTH DOWNS DRIVE on RIGHT  
Head slightly LEFT down ASHLEY MILL LANE NORTH  
Downhill over bridge of RIVER BOLLIN  
Up a hill and then STRAIGHT to meet ASHLEY ROAD  
Turn RIGHT (take care, narrow pathway)  
At first bend in road, go STRAIGHT AHEAD on a private road to ASHLEY HALL  
Pass Hall on your RIGHT  
Go over M56 via bridge  
At ASHLEY ROAD, turn LEFT  
Ashley station is on your LEFT after 400m



### **Ashley to Mobberley – 2.5 miles**

For refreshments, continue along Ashley Road to crossroads to reach **GREYHOUND INN**  
on your LEFT

With Ashley station behind you, turn RIGHT

Follow Ashley Road until just after left-hand bend

Turn LEFT down drive to Ashley Cricket Club

Pass club house and go through kissing gate STRAIGHT ON

Go STRAIGHT AHEAD with hedge on your LEFT

Turn RIGHT at field corner then go through gap on LEFT

Continue RIGHT with hedge now on your RIGHT

Reach drive at end of field and turn LEFT down it

On reaching sign 'PRIVATE, NO ACCESS' enter field ahead

Turn immediate RIGHT. Hedge is on your RIGHT

Descend a small hill, go over stile back onto tarmacked driveway.

Turn LEFT

After 30 m, turn RIGHT and cross stile

Go over a small hill

Continue STRAIGHT ahead following worn path through a field

At the fence, branch LEFT to reach a stile on your RIGHT

Cross FOOTBRIDGE ahead

Go uphill towards BIRTLES FARM

Use gate to go through farmyard branching LEFT and then RIGHT

At Kissing gate enter field (usually with horses in)

Head towards FAR-RIGHT corner

Go through gate, continue STRAIGHT with hedge on right

At field corner, go through 2 kissing gates

Go STRAIGHT, hedge on now on your left

Pass through KELL HOUSE FARM and onto tarmacked drive

Continue along here to a junction

Go STRAIGHT onto Smith Lane

Railway Station signposted to LEFT after 600 m

**RAILWAY PUB** is just before the railway station on the RIGHT



### Mobberley to Knutsford – 3.3 miles



From Manchester bound side, proceed down Station Road

Pass **RAILWAY PUB** which serves refreshments on LEFT

At end of Station Road turn LEFT onto Smith Lane

Walk along road with care passing under railway bridge

Pass junction with Slade Lane

At next junction with a farm track on your left, go RIGHT into fields

Cross railway track with care

Cross over Broadoak Lane

Continue to follow public footpath signs

Pass Witchcote Woods on your RIGHT

Continue skirting new housing estate on your LEFT

At junction with Parkgate Road, turn LEFT

On reaching Mobberley Road, turn RIGHT (Fire Station on left)

After about 500m, turn RIGHT down Middle Walk

Go under railway bridge and follow footpath bearing LEFT onto The Moor

Follow footpath with The Moor on your RIGHT and railway track on your LEFT

At Church Walk bear LEFT

Cross King Street and go STRAIGHT ahead

This is the approach road to Knutsford Station

Many **PUBS, CAFES and RESTAURANTS** in Knutsford town centre



### **Knutsford to Plumley – 3.7 miles**

From top of the steps at Knutsford Station, Turn RIGHT onto TOFT ROAD

**LOST AND FOUND** is on your RIGHT for refreshments

**Many other CAFES, PUBS and EATERIES** in the town centre

Cross LEFT across pedestrian crossing going straight ahead onto BEXTON ROAD

Turn RIGHT onto STANLEY ROAD

Turn LEFT onto CRANFORD AVENUE

Turn immediate RIGHT onto RACEFIELD ROAD

This becomes WESTFIELD DRIVE

At end of WESTFIELD DRIVE, head across to the school entrance

Just before the gates, take footpath to the LEFT

Turn RIGHT following the perimeter of the school fence

Follow the footpath around bends until you read SUDLOW LANE

Turn LEFT follow lane over motorway and continue along for about 2 km

Look out for PARKSIDE COTTAGE

At the next bend, look out for **T & S Riley Plants** on the LEFT

Take the next footpath on your RIGHT into a field—head towards railway line

Head across fields and at a junction in the path, take RIGHT turn

Follow this path with RAILWAY LINE to your LEFT

At next footpath junction, bear RIGHT (not over the railway line)

Follow this path to the end onto PLUMLEY MOOR ROAD

Turn LEFT on this road

Arrive at PLUMLEY STATION on your LEFT

**GOLDEN PHEASANT PUB** is just over the railway bridge on the RIGHT

(Take care on road as narrow/no footpath in places)



### Plumley to Lostock Gralam – 2.3 miles

**GOLDEN PHEASANT** is just across the road from the station  
With station bridge to your back turn **RIGHT** (narrow footpaths)  
Cross station approach road. Cross PLUMLEY MOOR ROAD  
Head **STRAIGHT** down SOUTH DRIVE  
Take pathway to **RIGHT** of Mevagh  
At end, **TURN RIGHT** onto HAWTHORN CLOSE  
At end, turn **RIGHT** onto HOLLY TREE CLOSE  
At end, turn **LEFT** onto TROUTHALL LANE  
At left bend on road, go **STRAIGHT ON** down tarmacked road  
Cross Peover Eye, and take footpath signed to your **RIGHT**  
As it opens out, turn **LEFT** with hedgerow on your **LEFT**  
At next gap in hedge, take footpath **LEFT** over field  
Follow footpath bearing **RIGHT** through an outcrop of trees  
Go over RAILWAY BRIDGE  
Take footpath down steps immediately on your **RIGHT**  
Walk down side of field with railway line on your **RIGHT**  
Carry on **STRAIGHT** onto a tarmac service road for about 1 km  
Passing a signal box and going under the A556  
Follow this tarmac service road to the junction with LOSTOCK HOLLOW  
Turn **RIGHT**  
Turn left into LOSTOCK STATION  
The **SLOW AND EASY** pub is at the end of STATION ROAD



### Lostock Gralam to Northwich—1.8 miles

Come out of Lostock Gralam station to STATION ROAD  
Turn **LEFT**  
The **SLOW AND EASY** pub is across the road  
At the traffic lights, turn **LEFT**  
Walk for about 2 km along MANCHESTER ROAD – this is a busy road  
There is a **COSTA COFFEE** in NORTHWICH RETAIL PARK  
At **McDONALDS**, cross the road with care  
Here **TURN LEFT** to continue on MANCHESTER ROAD  
Pass Tesco on your **LEFT**  
Turn **LEFT** at the entrance to the petrol station – take care of cars  
**COSTA COFFEE** in Tesco store  
Go **STRAIGHT** and this is the car park of NORTHWICH STATION

### **Northwich to Greenbank—3 miles**

**COSTA COFFEE** in Tesco store

Leave NORTHWICH STATION and head to the LEFT

Aim for the traffic lights on a crossroads

Cross at these lights on MIDDLEWICH ROAD

Go AHEAD onto VICTORIA ROAD

At end of Victoria Road go straight ahead cross GREENALL ROAD

Turn LEFT onto VICARAGE ROAD

Turn RIGHT onto MANORA ROAD

At junction with Carlton Road on LEFT , go STRAIGHT onto VICKERS WAY

This becomes a footpath

Follow this footpath RIGHT under railway line

Then LEFT over RIVER DANE

Go under LONDON ROAD then turn RIGHT onto footpath

Turn LEFT onto WEIR STREET and follow this round

As the road hooks round to the left, go STRAIGHT on onto a footpath

With the RIVER WEAVER on your RIGHT follow the footpath round

At footpath junction take the RIGHT path over the river

Go ahead and cross over LOCK BRIDGE

Once over, turn LEFT with the river now on your LEFT



Follow this footpath until you reach SAXONS LANE, now turn RIGHT

At corner with ALFRED STREET take footpath to the LEFT

Turn LEFT then immediate RIGHT and follow footpath to reach the end of GREENBANK LANE

Passing 2 junctions with CLOUGH LANE on your LEFT

Go round RH bend and turn at next LEFT

Follow this until in reaches junction with CHESTER ROAD

Turn RIGHT onto CHESTER ROAD

GREENBANK STATION is on your RIGHT



### **Greenbank to Cuddington – 4 miles**

On leaving Greenbank Station, turn LEFT onto CHESTER ROAD

You pass several **PUBS and CAFES** for refreshments as you go

Continue past SCHOOL LANE on your LEFT

Take next RIGHT into THE GRANGE

Take first LEFT which is a continuation of THE GRANGE

Bear LEFT at the end and head back onto CHESTER ROAD

Turn RIGHT and pass FULLERTON ROAD on your RIGHT

Pass HARTFORD STATION on your LEFT

Pass MOURNANT AVENUE on the LEFT too

Take next RIGHT into EATON PLACE

Bear RIGHT and head into a field

Following the footpath bear RIGHT, LEFT and then LEFT

Continue to follow this footpath, passing a pond on your RIGHT

Take footpath to RIGHT after pond and cross railway line

Come to HODGE LANE and turn LEFT

Take next LEFT onto LITTLEDALES LANE. Cross railway line again.

Take next road/track on RIGHT passing Moss Farm on the LEFT

At the end take footpath STRAIGHT ON and follow it bearing LEFT

It bends RIGHT and joins a track

Follow this LEFT and then RIGHT

The becomes HUNTS LANE

Follow to junction with WEAVERHAM ROAD

Turn LEFT

At junction with NORLEY ROAD, turn RIGHT

CUDDINGTON STATION is on the RIGHT just after the village hall

**WHITE BARN** pub is next to the station for a rest and refreshments