

The Pond Walk

Distance: 4 kms / 2½ miles

Time: allow 1hr 15 minutes

Description: flat, several stiles, some walking along quiet roads, field paths can be muddy

As for *The Village Walk* to Bunce Lane but then turn **left** along the lane. After about 280m take the path (Fp 4) to the right over a stile and into the field. Follow the fence then hedge on your right to a stile. Go across 50m or so to a stile in the centre of the fence under a tree. The next stile is diagonally across in the centre of a wire fence. Continue diagonally to a stile in the far corner of the field; the path passes near overhead electric cables. Over a stile, with a pond on your right, bear left at Sandpit Farm buildings and go down the drive to Messuage Lane. Turn right down the lane to. Keepers Cottage at the junction with Hodgehill Lane.

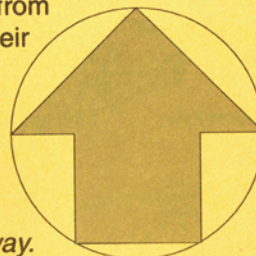
Turn right again, *admiring Marton village pond on your left. It has recently been restored by villagers, and will, it is hoped, become a haven for wildlife.*

Walk up the lane, passing Fern Farm, as far as the entrance to Daisybank Farm. Take the path opposite (Fp 9) through a metal gate. Bear right at a copse and over a stile. Follow the path almost diagonally to the field corner, cross the stile and, keeping a fence and hedge on your right, pass a pond on the left before reaching Davenport Lane. Turn right and follow the lane to the A34. Turn right along Congleton Road and continue back to the start of the walk.

- ☐ If coming by car, please park considerately. Avoid blocking field entrances or narrow country lanes.
- ☐ You may take your dog along a right of way but it should be kept on a lead or otherwise under close control, especially in the presence of stock.
- ☐ Remember that most rights of way cross private land. Please respect this by keeping to the path and not allowing your dog to foul the path or fields.
- ☐ Paths may be muddy so wear appropriate footwear.
- ☐ Please follow the Country Code.

About Public Rights of Way

Public paths are normally signed from the road and waymarked along their length to help you find your way.



Look out for waymark discs - yellow for footpaths, blue for bridleways and red for byways.

- ☐ You may walk on any right of way.
- ☐ You may cycle or ride a horse on bridleways, byways and usually on 'RUPPs' ('roads used as public paths').
- ☐ There are public vehicular rights along byways and along some RUPPs - seek local guidance about RUPPs in the area.

The Countryside Management Service is responsible for maintaining Cheshire's public rights of way network. Please report any problems to the Service at:

Whitegate Station
Clay Lane
Marton, Winsford
Cheshire CW7 2QE

Phone 01606 301481

To inspect the definitive map of public rights of way (PROW) contact the PROW Unit at:

Goldsmith House
Hamilton Place
Chester CH1 1SE

Phone 01244 603237

Exploring Further . . .

If you want to explore beyond Marton, then you are strongly advised to buy the relevant Ordnance Survey map, available from bookshops. Marton and the surrounding area is covered by 'Landranger' map 118 (scale 1:50 000) and by 'Explorer' map 268 (Wilmslow, Macclesfield & Congleton) which replaces 'Pathfinder' map 776 (Congleton) (both at scale 1:25 000).

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