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# Walks in and around Lymm Parish

This booklet offers a selection of circular walks that residents and visitors can enjoy by walking from the village car parks. The walks are of various lengths and difficulty, albeit none are difficult. Some can be walked in stout shoes but others, particularly if it has rained, may be easier in walking boots.

Enjoy the 53 miles of walks in this booklet.



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## Maps

The Open StreetMap base maps used can be seen at:

<http://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=14/53.3812/-2.4812>

By going to this web page you can pan and zoom the map to give you street level maps which you may need if you don't know the street names which are referred to in the walk instructions. It provides the larger scale maps which you may find useful for clarification of detail.

You may also find [www.streetmap.co.uk](http://www.streetmap.co.uk) useful. It does more than streets!

Warrington Borough Council PRoW maps can be found at

<http://maps.warrington.gov.uk/connect/> (you need to tick the PRoW box on the left.)

All the main maps within this publication are produced with north at the top (& east to the right!!).

Maps use metric units (metres and kilometres) but distances here are given in miles as most walkers appear to be imperial rather than metric. The quoted walk distances are reasonably accurate, but walk times are approximate averages not allowing for any stops. Some walk very quickly but you may enjoy a more leisurely pace.

Please note that maps, including the ones used in this booklet, incorrectly show the Ridgway-Grundy Memorial Park as the Ridgeway-Grundy Memorial Park.

## Safety

You are responsible for your safety. You'll need to wear appropriate clothing and, in particular, footwear. A mobile phone may not work in all the areas covered by this publication. To summon help in a sparsely populated area the national signal is 6 short blasts on a whistle repeated after an interval as necessary.

## Parking

All of the walks have a recommended start point. Some walks will allow you to start from a different location but walking in the same direction is recommended. Wherever you park, please park responsibly so that residents, service and emergency vehicles are not obstructed.

## Notes

Some walks go out of the Parish to form a circular route. Don't worry. You won't need your passport, even to cross on the ferry, and the locals are mostly friendly!

As the walks are designed to collectively include as many paths as possible the same route may not necessarily be used to get between two identical points.

PRoW (see Abbreviations on next page) footpath numbers are included e.g. [FP2] to help you report a problem if you come across a fault or obstruction. The PRoWs are regularly checked but what was fine yesterday may have issues today.

Please leave gates open or closed as you found them and take all litter back with you. Banana skins and orange peel are litter.

You may wish to carry and use secateurs to cut back vegetation around gates, stiles and finger posts to keep the paths clear.

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## Abbreviations

[FP3]	Lymm Footpath No 3
[BR31]	Lymm bridleway No 31
[Gr FP16]	Grappenhall Footpath No 16
BR	Bridleway (pedestrians and horses)
E	East
FP	Footpath (pedestrians only)
fp	Finger post
gps	The walkers equivalent of a SatNav used in cars
L	Left
MSC	Manchester Ship Canal
MVT	Mersey Valley Trail
N	North
PH	Public House, Inn
PRoW	Public Right of Way
R	Right
RB	Restricted Byway (pedestrians and limited vehicle access, locally specified)
S	South
TPT	Trans-Pennine Trail
W	West
WBC	Warrington Borough Council
yds	Yards (measurement)



Finger post



Waymark post



A Frame

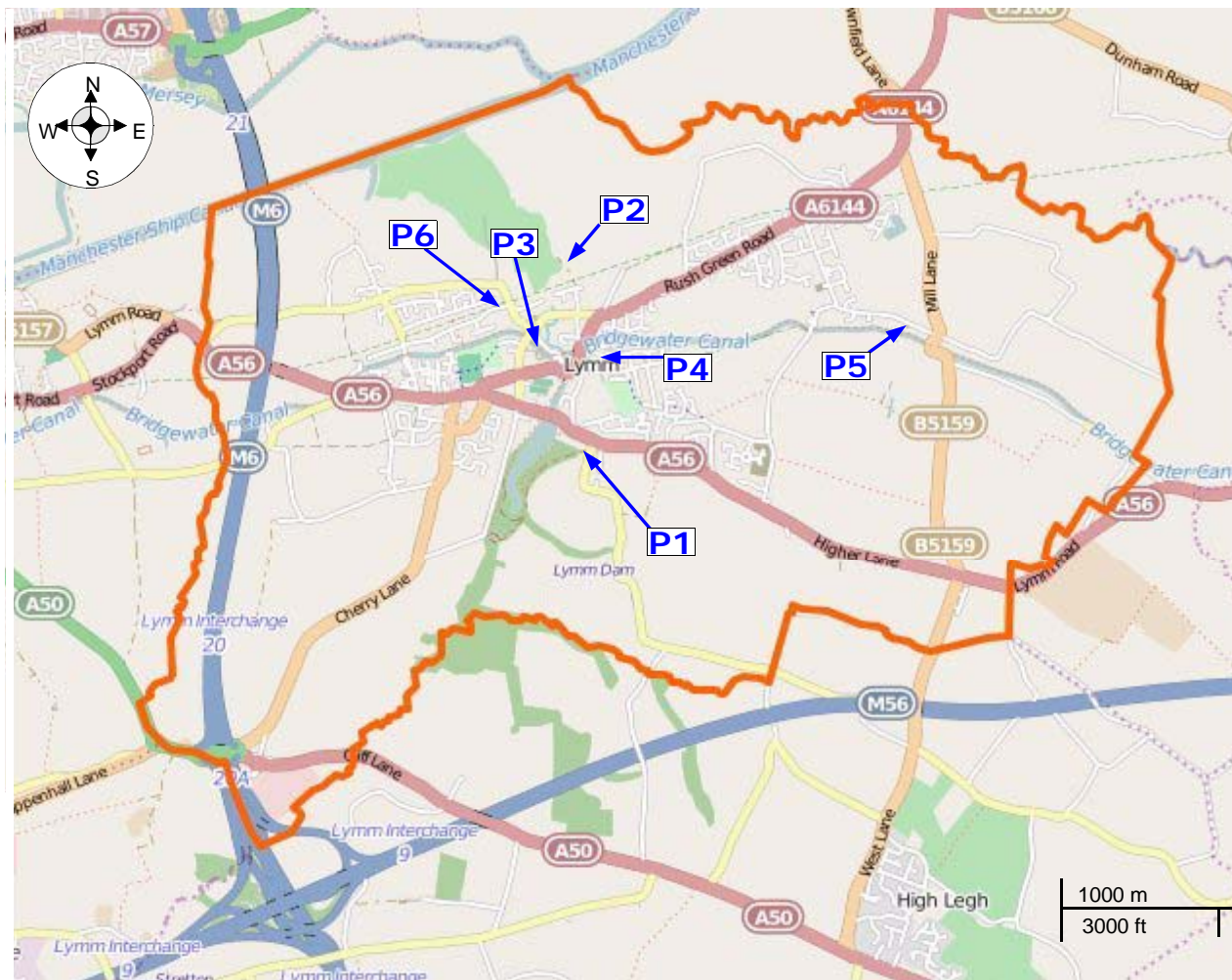
## List of Lymm PRowS

Lymm has 43 PRowS as shown in the table below.

Warrington Borough Council would appreciate your reporting of any faults to them.

	No	Length km	Path name or location	Notes
FP	1	0.1	Poplar Services	
FP	2	1.7	M6 J20 - Booth's Lane	
FP	4	1.4	The Bongs – Lymm Bridge (W side)	
FP	5	0.3	Booth's Lane – Lymm 6	
FP	6	0.7	Booth's Lane - Heyes Drive	
FP	7	0.2	Lymm 6 - Massey Brook Lane	
FP	9	0.2	Heyes Dr – Wychwood Ave.	
FP	10	0.4	Canal - Warrington Rd	
FP	11	0.1	Grappenhall 8 - Warrington Rd	
FP	12	0.3	Pool Lane - Pool Lane	
FP	13	0.2	Lymm 12 - Pool Lane	
RB	14	0.4	Statham Lane	
RB	15	0.5	Pool Lane - Ship Canal	
FP	16	0.5	Meadow View Fisheries	
FP	17	0.2	Canal - Albany Rd	
FP	18	0.6	Lymm Golf Course	
FP	19	1.3	Sow Brook	
FP	20	0.1	Lymmhay Lane	
FP	21	0.2	The Dingle	
FP	22	0.4	Pepper St - Lymm canal bridge	
FP	23	0.4	Lymm Church - Longbutt Lane	
FP	24	0.3	Higher Lane - Longbutt Lane	
FP	25	0.5	Crouchley Lane - Water Tower	
FP	26	0.5	Whiteleggs Lane	
FP	27	0.4	Kay Lane - Higher Lane	
FP	28	0.4	High Legh Rd - Agden Park Lane	
FP	29	1.0	Oughtrington Lane - Broomedge	
FP	30	0.4	Longbutt Lane - Oughtrington Lane	
BR	31	0.9	Sutch Lane	
FP	32	1.0	Oughtrington Lane - Burford Lane	
FP	33	1.1	Burford Lane - Warrington Lane	
FP	34	0.7	Rushgreen - Oughtrington Crescent	
FP	35	0.7	Sandy Lane - Mill Lane (Heatley)	
FP	36	0.2	Heatley	
FP	37	0.2	Wet Gate Lane - River Bollin	
FP	39	0.1	The Cross - Davies Way	
FP	40	0.9	Crossfield Bridge - Church Green	NW of permissive bridleway
FP	42	0.5	Reddish Lane	
FP	43	5.8	Bridgewater Canal Towpath	
FP	44	0.1	Agden Park Lane	
FP	45	0.1	Adey Rd	
BR	46	0.4	Reddish Lane	
FP	47	0.1	Whitbarrow Rd to Whitesands Rd	Pre 1960 path adopted 2008
<b>Total</b>		<b>26.5</b>		

## Lymm Civil Parish



The above map shows the Parish boundary and the car parks listed on page 8.

Lymm lies about 5 miles E of Warrington and is largely bounded by the M56 to the S, the M6 to the W and the Manchester Ship Canal (MSC) to the N. It has the Bridgewater Canal at its centre and Slitten Brook which becomes Sow Brook running N from the Dam to the MSC.

The adjoining Parishes are, anticlockwise from the west, Grappenhall & Thelwall, Appleton, High Legh, Agden and Warburton.

Lymm's 12,350 (2011) residents have 43 Public Rights of Way (PRoWs) with a total length of 16.5 miles (26km) to enjoy. Please note that these paths are not the same as the pavements alongside urban roads and walkways along rural roads.

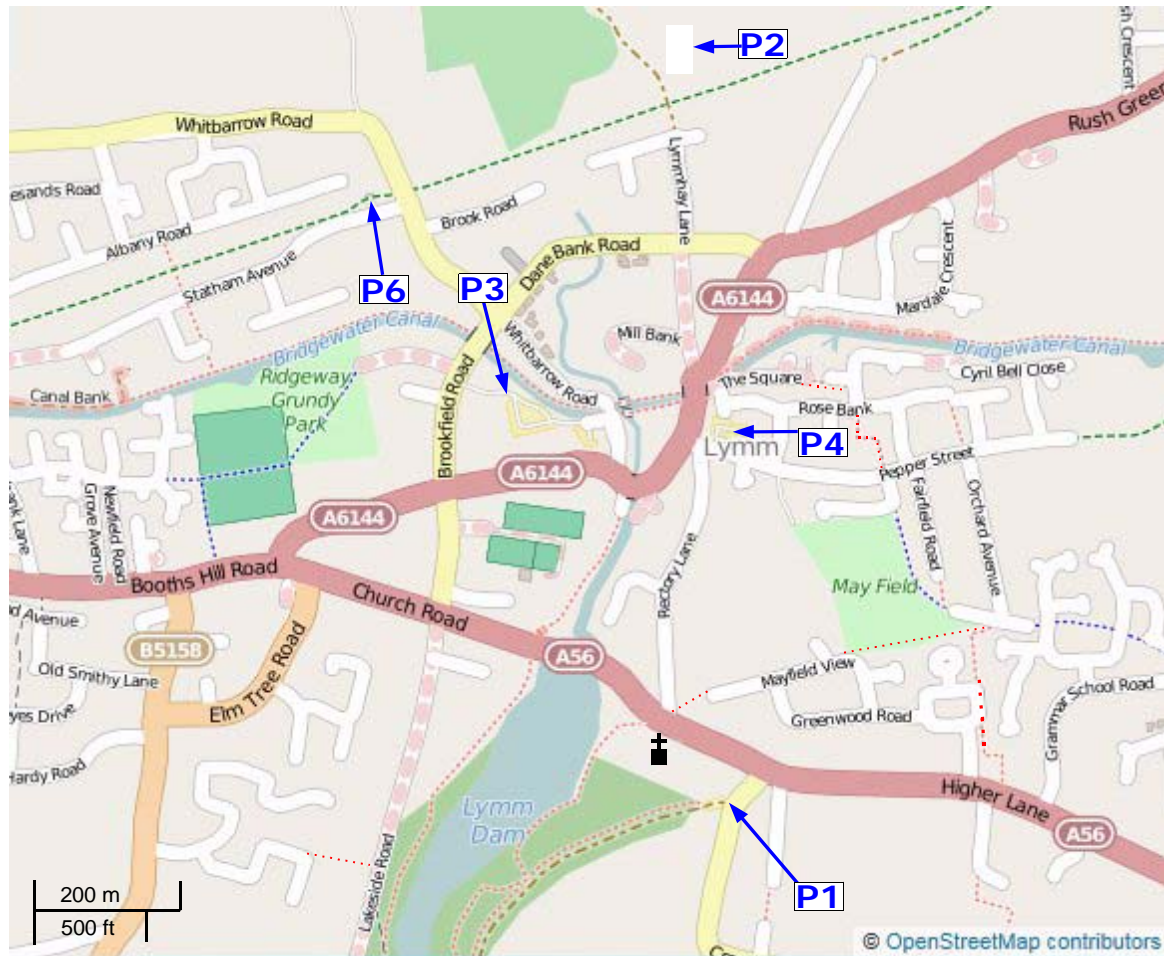
The 215 mile (345 km) Trans-Pennine Trail (TPT) which runs from Southport to Hornsea passes through Lymm along the old railway line which ran from Warrington Bank Quay Low Level Station to Manchester via Broadheath.

The Mersey Valley Trail runs from Runcorn to Spud Wood (see Walk 6).

The Bridgewater Canal towpath is part of the Cheshire Ring canal & path network. The canal which was opened in stages between 1761 and 1776 has a number of listed structures along its length.



## Village Centre street map



The above map shows the village centre in more detail including the car parks that are listed on page 8.

The above map base can be found at:

<http://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=15/53.3814/-2.4836>

The Lymm Parish website can be found at:

<http://www.lymmParishcouncil.gov.uk/>

The website contains useful information and some history of the village.

Lymm Parish clerk - email: [clerk@lymmParishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@lymmParishcouncil.gov.uk)

## Car Parks

- P1 Lymm Dam – Crouchley Lane – 29 spaces - free
- P2 Sow Brook – R off Lymmhay Lane – more than 30 spaces – free – not signed.  
Often busy at weekends and evenings.
- P3 Davies Way – Pay & Display – Long Stay – more than 40 spaces £2 over 3 hrs
- P4 Pepper Street – Pay & Display – Short Stay – unsuitable for most of these walks.
- P5 Spud Wood – off Stage Lane – 10 spaces - free but is often full.
- P6 TPT Rangers' Car Park – off Statham Avenue – about 8 spaces - free but is often full.

### NOTES:

- 1. Car Park prices quoted as of November 2016.
- 2. The Henry Street Car Park which is adjacent to the Davies Way CP has about 30 spaces charged as the Davies Way CP but is not available on Thursdays (Market Day) and is on a one way system.

Please ensure that you park considerately and respect the private roads where there is no public right of vehicular access. If you park on the roadside then can emergency and large service vehicles pass safely and have you left room for pedestrians to get past?

## Other publications

If you like this publication then you might like to look at other publications for local Parishes. Appleton Parish Walks can be found on the Appleton Parish Council website and Stockton Heath Parish Walks can be found on the Stockton Heath Parish Council website.

## Acknowledgements

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Canal boats at "The Stage" near Lymm Bridge



## Local Information

The name Lymm is said to have been derived from a Celtic word meaning 'a place of running water'. Water has for centuries been vital to Lymm; initially agriculture, then industry and now leisure and tourism.

Historically, the residents have earned a living in the following industries: agriculture, iron working (nails and hoops), salt extraction, basket making, fustian cutting, gold beating and hospitality. See <http://lymm.com>, [www.lymmvillage.co.uk/about](http://www.lymmvillage.co.uk/about) & Wikipedia.

The central area of the village is a designated conservation area. There are 54 listed buildings in Lymm. The 17<sup>th</sup> century Cross is a Grade I listed structure, the 16<sup>th</sup> century Lymm Hall is Grade II\* and the others are Grade II. Lymm Dam was awarded Green Flag status to recognise the outstanding local amenity that it provides.



Just S of the Cross the road turns across the Lower Dam. The beautiful houses to the side of the Dam are at The Grove. Here you can see a Dinosaur Footprint housed in a cabinet by the seating area.



Slitten Gorge is the site of the water powered slitting mill which is important as it is the best surviving example in the country. Dating from about 1750 it was used to cut iron ready for nail manufacture (largely in Warrington) and later for the production of bands for wooden barrels. It ceased iron production in about 1800. From the Spread Eagle hotel at the Lower Dam, cross to Bridgewater Street, go under the canal bridge into Whitbarrow Road where the steps to the Gorge can be found on your R. The path through the Gorge brings you out on Dane Bank Road. See [www.lymmvillage.co.uk/about](http://www.lymmvillage.co.uk/about) or the information boards on site for more information.

Lymm Grammar School (founded in 1592) was, from 1885, on Grammar School Road before it moved in 1957 to Oughtrington Lane. The Grammar School Road building became Lymm Secondary School until both schools merged to become Lymm High School. The Grammar School Road building was demolished for a housing development. In 1960 the Oughtrington school had a concrete lined, open air swimming pool making it one of the earliest schools in the country to have its own pool. It now boasts a superb leisure centre.

The Crosfield Bridge at the S end of the Dam has seen better days. It was built using steel reinforced concrete by William Lever of the Warrington chemical manufacturing factory as part of his industrial plans for this area. However, a deal with John Brunner, whose Northwich factory later became owned by ICI, resulted in the plans being shelved.

St Peter's church, Oughtrington (1872) has a tall graceful spire which can be seen for miles around. It is a very useful landmark for walkers. (Pictured on the front page.)

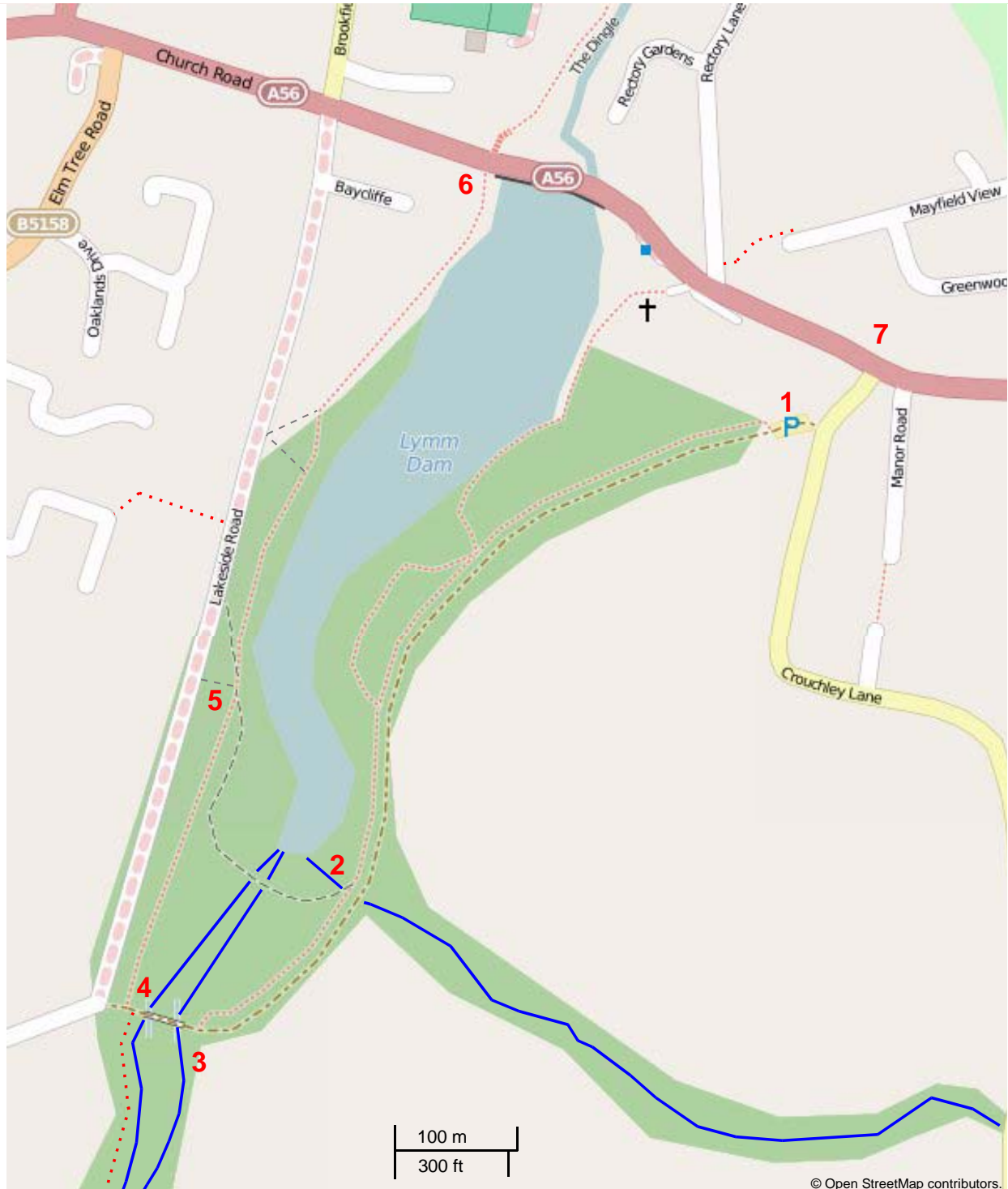
The line of the old Warrington to Altrincham railway is now the Trans-Pennine Trail used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders. The Bridgewater Canal (opened in 1761) draws many visitors to Lymm, some on the boats and some to watch them. Both generate a large income for the area.

Finally, you may be pleased to know that Lymm has plenty of pubs, hotels, coffee shops and restaurants to ensure that the returning walker can relax, recover and savour the atmosphere of this pretty village. The author came to Lymm in 1959 and has never tired of walking the area.

## Walk 1 – Lymm Dam

An easy 1.2 mile walk with no stiles or gates. The main route is on semi-surfaced paths.

Time about ¾ hour. Park at the P1 Lymm Dam car park (See page 8).



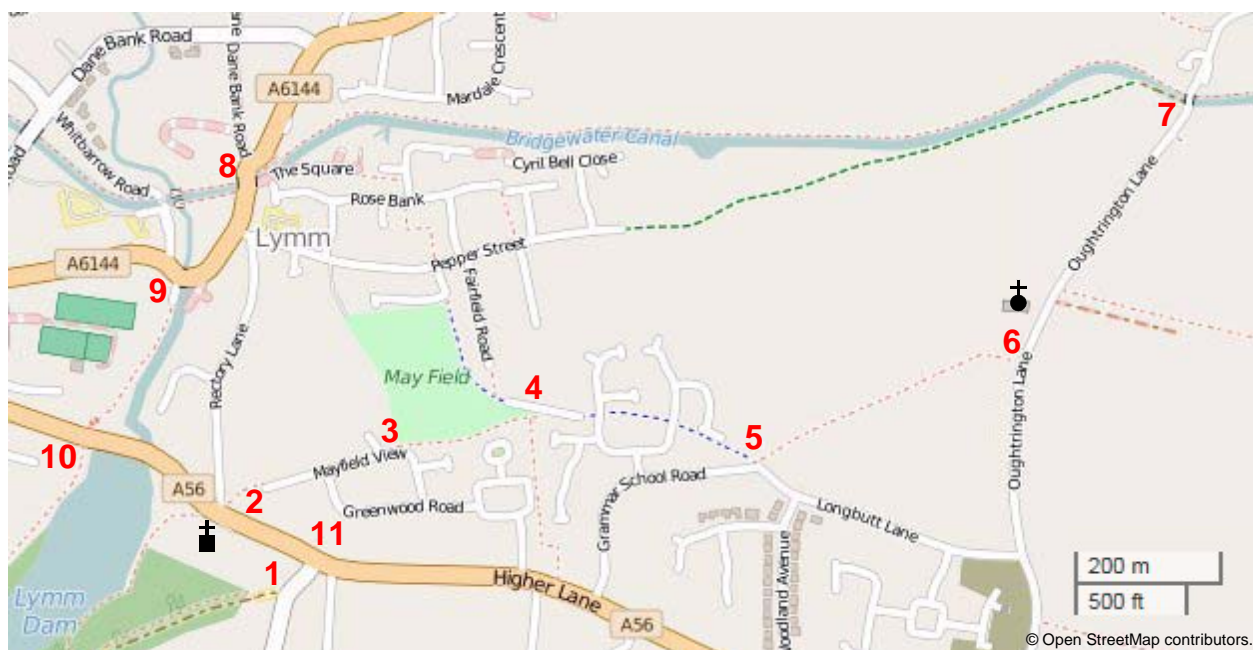
1. From the Crouchley Lane Car Park take the footpath [FP 40] shown in red rather than the bridleway shown in black. (The FP is to the R of the car park as you drove in and the bridleway is to the L.) Follow this path taking any route you choose as long as the water is on your R! (The map shows only the main paths around the Dam.)  
(Have you parked responsibly?)  
*{Lymm Dam was created in 1824 when the Warrington to Stockport Turnpike (Toll) road was constructed (now the A56). The name actually refers to the lake rather than the (upper Dam) which holds in the water. The lake is filled by water draining from the fields to the S near the M6 J20 and towards Agden in the E. There is a smaller lower Dam at the bottom of the Dingle in the middle of the Village by The Grove.}*
2. At this point you might see the wooden fp showing the route over the bridge to point 5. This optional route is 0.1 mile shorter than the full route.
3. At the Crosfield Bridge turn R to cross the bridge.  
(Note the path [FP4] to your L which is on the Bongs walk.)  
*{This bridge, which has seen better days, was built by William Lever of the Warrington chemical manufacturing factory as part of his industrial plans for this area. However, a deal with John Brunner, whose Northwich factory later became owned by ICI, resulted in the plans being shelved.}*
4. At the end of the bridge turn **R** onto the path [FP4] and walk towards the village with the water on your R. (Take care not to overshoot and end up on Lakeside Road.)
5. The path from the wooden bridge joins here from your R.
6. At the A56 turn R and walk across the bridge over the outfall enjoying the views and then past St. Mary the Virgin Parish Church.  
(There's often an ice cream van at the bridge to provide you with the energy to get back to your car. There are public (pay) toilets here. You may like to go through the metal arch opposite, down the 29 steps and walk ¼ mile into the village to obtain food and drink whilst enjoying the village ambiance.)
7. At Crouchley Lane turn R and your car park is on your R.

## Walk 2 – Oughtrington Church and Lymm Village

An easy 2.6 mile walk with no stiles or gates. Apart from the Bridgewater Canal towpath, it is on reasonably surfaced paths. There are a fair number of steep steps at point 10 taking you up to the A56 road.

See also Lymm Centre street map on page 7.

Time about 1¼ hours. Park at the P1 Lymm Dam car park (See page 8).



1. From the Car Park go L onto Crouchley Lane and L onto Higher Lane and walk towards St Mary the Virgin Parish Church and the Dam.  
(Have you parked responsibly?)
2. Turn R at the Rectory Lane junction and take the path [FP23] in front of the house to reach Mayfield View.
3. Walk until the road starts to bend to the R and take the continuation of the path to your L. This path goes behind the houses and has the May Field on your L.
4. When you reach the railings above the drop to the road below turn R. (Ignore the path [FP24] which leads back to Higher Lane.)
5. At the Grammar School Road/Longbutt Lane junction take the waymarked path [FP30] to your L.  
*{Enjoy the views to your L. The mast on Winter Hill (17 miles N and 456m above mean sea level) gives Lymm its TV signal. Winter Hill was the scene of the Manx air crash in bad weather on 27 February 1958 when only 7 of the 42 onboard survived. The Grammar School (founded in 1592) was, from 1885, on Grammar School Road before it moved in 1957 to Oughtrington Lane. It later became Lymm High School. In 1960 it had a concrete lined, open air swimming pool making it one of the earliest schools in the country to have its own pool. It now boasts a superb leisure centre.}*
6. When you reach Oughtrington Lane turn L and walk down to the canal at Lloyd Bridge.  
*{St Peter's church, Oughtrington (1872) has a tall graceful spire which can be seen for miles around. It is a very useful landmark for walkers.}*

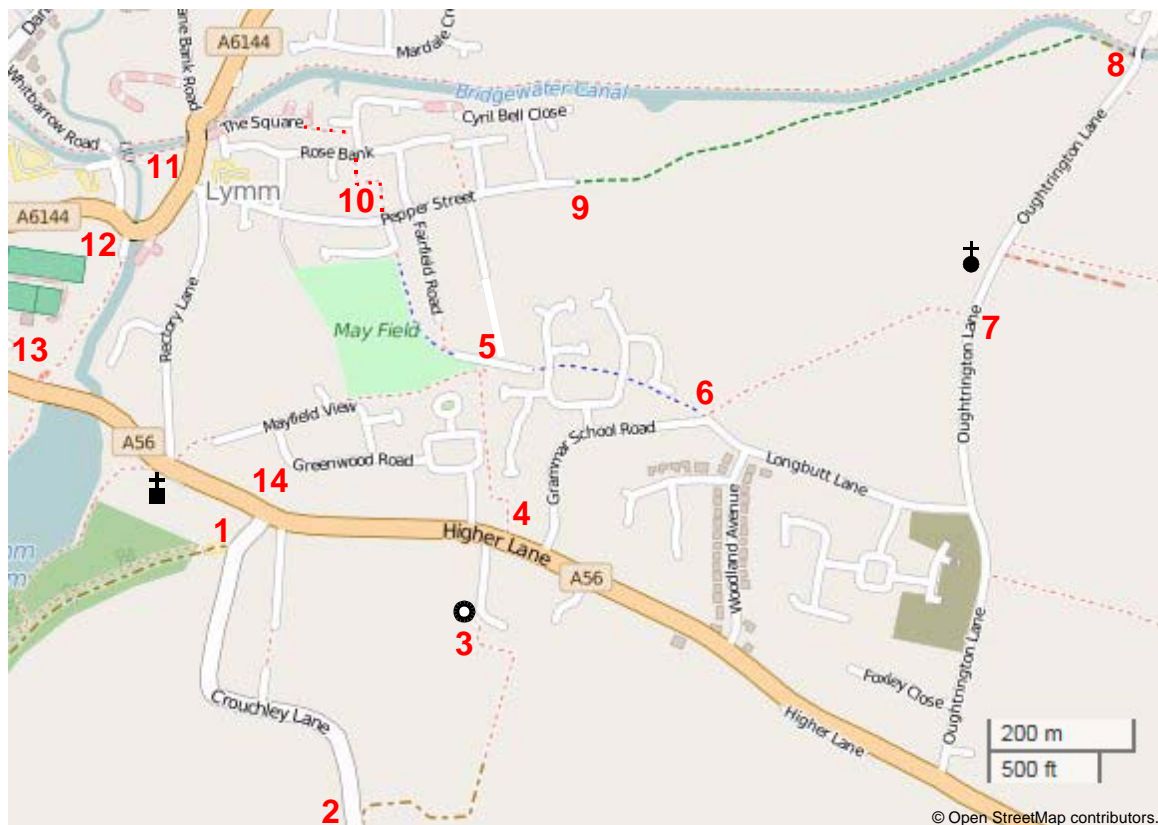
7. Ignore the path [BR31] on your L before the canal bridge No.24. Go over the bridge and take the Bridgewater Canal towpath [FP43] to your L. The canal should now be on your L as you walk towards the next bridge (Lymm Bridge – No. 23).  
*{About half way along the canal section of this walk notice that there is a V shaped indent in the opposite bank. This is known as a winding hole (pronounced as in winding the clock) and is used to allow narrow boats up to 70 foot long to turn around. You also pass Lymm Wharf before arriving at Lymm Bridge.}*
8. Immediately after the canal bridge turn R to join the road and then R over the bridge. Turn R onto the surfaced path [FP39] alongside the canal and then go L down the cobbled Legh Street to join Bridgewater Street which leads to Eagle Brow where you'll find the Spread Eagle Hotel facing you.
9. Cross Eagle Brow diagonally to your L and take the road (The Dingle) to your R before the water at the lower Dam. The road becomes a path [FP21] which runs alongside the upper Dam outfall on your L.
10. Climb the stone steps up to the metal arch at the main A56 road (Church Road) and cross the road before turning L to walk across the bridge over the outfall whilst enjoying the views of the Dam. Continue up the hill past St Mary the Virgin Parish Church until you reach Crouchley Lane on your R.  
(If the ice cream van is by the Dam you may like to sit and enjoy one of their offerings. There are public (pay) toilets here.)
11. Turn R into Crouchley Lane and your car park is on your R.



### Walk 3 – Oughttrington Church via Lymm Water Tower

An easy 3.1 mile walk with no stiles or gates but many steps at point 13. Apart from the bridleway between 8 & 9 which can be muddy after wet weather, it is on reasonably surfaced paths.

Time about 1½ hours. Park at the P1 Lymm Dam car park (See page 8).



1. From the Car Park go R onto Crouchley Lane and walk around the L and R bends until you reach Crouchley Hall Farm. The entrance is just before the out of speed limit signs. (Have you parked responsibly?)
2. Turn L into the farm (the fp is to your R just inside the driveway) and keep L to walk clockwise around the building. The path [FP25] takes you L into a field where you have sight of the housing at the opposite side. Follow the path to the R corner of the housing. On reaching the house/field boundary turn L and then take the path to your R alongside and to the R of the water tower.
3. Walk through to Tower Lane and then to the A56 road (Higher Lane).
4. Turn R and then almost immediately L to take the path [FP24] between the houses (53 & 55) to Longbutt Lane.
5. When you reach the railings above the drop to the road (Longbutt Lane) below turn R.
6. At the Grammar School Road/Longbutt Lane junction take the waymarked path [FP30] to your L.

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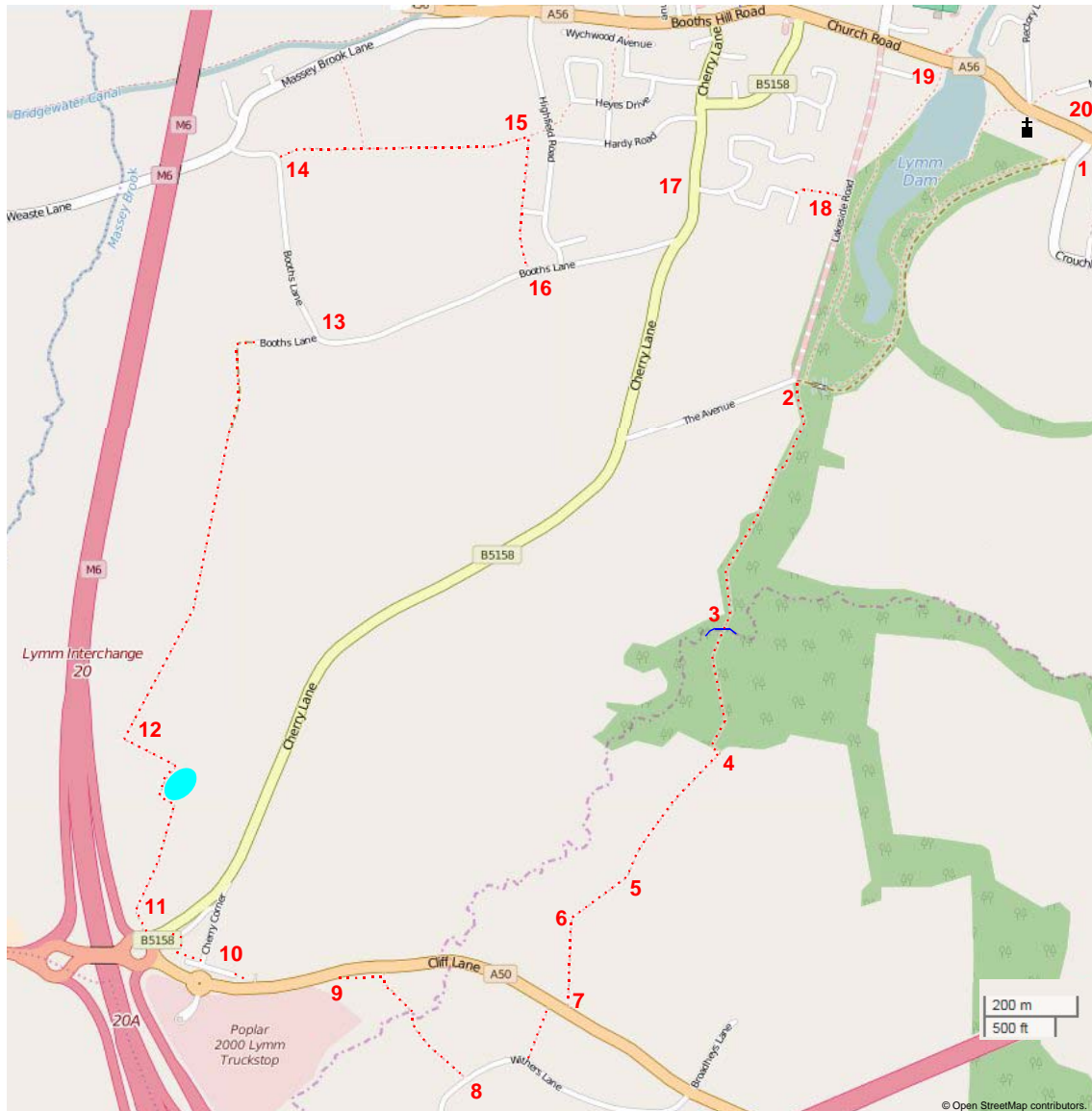
7. When you reach Oughtrington Lane turn L and walk down to the canal bridge.  
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8. Take the path [BR31] on your L before Lloyd Bridge over the canal. Walk along this bridleway until you reach the road (Pepper Street).
9. Walk along the road past Ravenbank Primary School on your L until you pass the 3<sup>rd</sup> street on your R (Crossfield Avenue) where you take the path [FP22] to your R (opposite The Peppers).
10. This path doglegs to Rose Bank where you go straight across into Quayside Mews. Take the path [FP22] to your L after the 1<sup>st</sup> house and just before the cul-de-sac to your L. This takes you into 'The Square' and to the canal bridge (Lymm Bridge) where you turn L into the village centre. (The pavement is tricky here by the pub. Be careful of the traffic.)
11. On your L you'll pass The Cross then you walk to the R bend in the road. As you cross the lower Dam you'll see the road (The Dingle) to your L.  
*{Lymm Cross (middle 17<sup>th</sup> C) is a Grade I listed structure. Just before you cross the lower Dam look for the dinosaur footprint at The Grove.}*
12. Take this road (The Dingle) to your L. It becomes a path [FP21] which runs alongside the upper Dam outfall to your L.
13. Climb the stone steps up to the metal arch at the main A56 road (Church Road) and cross the road before turning L to walk across the bridge over the outfall whilst enjoying the views of the Dam. Continue up the hill past St Mary the Virgin Parish Church until you reach Crouchley Lane on your R.  
(If the ice cream van is by the Dam you may like to sit and enjoy one of their offerings.)
14. Turn R into Crouchley Lane and your car park is on your R.

## Walk 4 – The Bongs

A 5.3 mile walk with stiles, gates and steps. Most of the walk is on field paths which can be muddy after rain. The Bongs path between 2 and 7 is often muddy. The route has been designed to minimise the walking on busy roads such as the A50 and Cherry Lane.

An interesting walk if not the most scenic and tranquil. 'Bongs' is derived from a medieval word meaning 'wooded banks'. The Bongs is an area of semi-ancient woodland.

Time about 2¾ hours. Park at the P1 Lymm Dam car park (See page 8).



1. From the Crouchley Lane Car Park take the footpath [FP40] to the Dam. (The FP is to the R of the car park as you drove in.) Follow this path taking any route you choose as long as you reach the bridge at point 2. (Avoid the path that crosses to the other side of the Dam.)  
(Have you parked responsibly?)
2. At the Crosfield Bridge turn R to cross the bridge. Take the path [FP4] to your L and walk for just less than ½ mile firstly with the stream on your L and then the wood on your L until you descend the 25 steps to the small wooden bridge.  
(Note the path [also FP4] to your R which takes you to the west side of the Dam.)  
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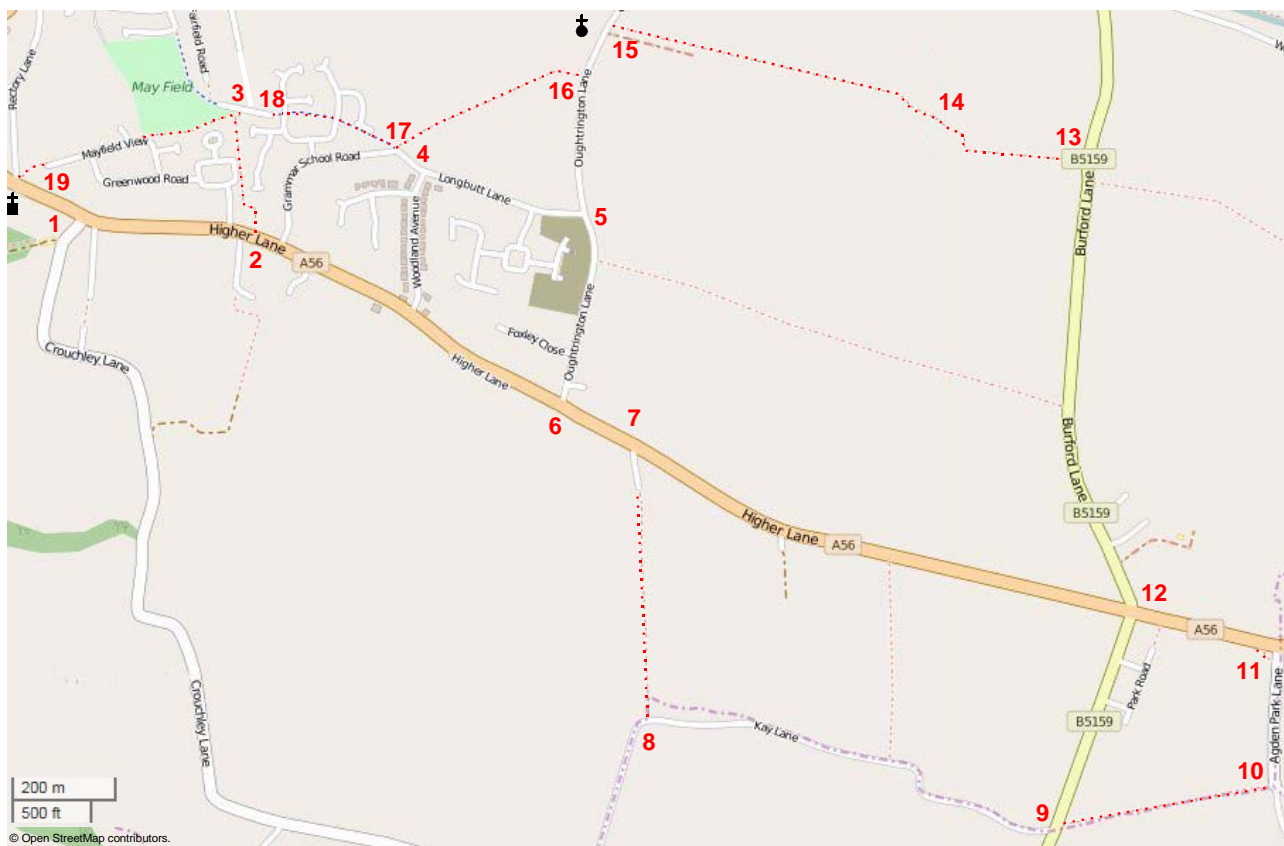
*Warrington chemical manufacturing factory as part of his industrial plans for this area. However, a deal with John Brunner, whose Northwich factory later became owned by ICI, resulted in the plans being shelved.}*

3. The bridge is over Bradley Brook which now goes out of sight to your R as you climb up the 18 steps from the brook. The path [High Legh FP22] takes you through a wood. (It's fenced on both sides to ensure that you don't trespass – or get lost!)  
*{Scholars Bridge replaces the stepping stones that gave children lots of fun but were not liked by adults who found them slippery when wet; and they usually were!}*
4. At the end of the wood turn L and R, go over the stile and walk with the field hedge on your L.
5. At the end of the field go through the stile onto the farm track and go over the stile on your R before the farm gate across the track. Walk diagonally to your L to the stile in the field boundary hedge well to the L of the tree in the hedge. (Don't follow the L & R hedges; your legal path is the diagonal line.)
6. Go over the stile and walk S to the stile in the hedge onto the busy A50 road.
7. Look diagonally to your R for your path before you cross the road straight to the path [High Legh FP21]. Walk with the hedge on your L to the road (Withers Lane) where you turn R.
8. Before you reach the sharp L bend at the house your path [High Legh FP20] is on your R at the field gate/gap. Walk with the hedge on your R to almost the bottom R corner of the field. Here, either you'll see a path to the bridge over the small stream (Bradley Brook which is at the High Legh/Lymm Parish boundary) **or walk to the corner** where you'll find the stream and then you go R for a few yds. to find the bridge. As you cross the bridge the path becomes [FP1]. This path takes you into a field where you turn R to follow the hedge line towards the A50 road. At the road hedge the path turns L and takes you to the exit to the road opposite the Fire Station. (The gate here has been removed. Be careful here it's a busy road and you have a blind corner to your R.)
9. Cross the road and turn L towards the M6 junction. Walk past the Fire Station, across a local service road and take the small path which will take you straight past Cherry Corner and dogleg to the roundabout.
10. Cross Cherry Lane and look for the fp and stile close to the roundabout between the M6 and Cherry Lane exits.
11. Cross the two stiles [FP2] and walk into the field where you keep the hedge on your R. Walk round the pond and follow the hedge on your R, walking towards the motorway.  
*{The traffic noise may not be all that pleasant but you should get some good views.}*
12. At the end of this hedge turn R, walk to the R corner of the field with the hedge on your R and take the path (between the trees and the hedge on your R) which will turn R to pass some cottages and Boothshill Farm.
13. At the Booth's Lane corner turn L and walk to the L bend at the Yew Tree Park building. (If time is short or your legs are tired you could shortcut here to point 16.)
14. Take the path [FP6] to your R. Ignore the fp and path [FP7] to your L and walk to the fp at the housing on your R.
15. Take the path [FP5] to your R and walk with the house gardens on your L until you again reach Booth's Lane.
16. Turn L, walk to Cherry Lane and turn L.
17. Take the road (Lady Acre Close) to your R and then R into Huntsfield Close. (See map for the location of the path between the houses. It's alongside No. 57.)
18. Walk through to Lakeside Road and turn L. You can either walk on the road to Church Road or take the path shortly on your R to pick up the path by the Dam. (See Walk 1 map.)
19. When you reach Church Road (A56) turn R and walk across the bridge over the outfall enjoying the views and then past St. Mary the Virgin Parish Church. (You may be lucky to catch the ice cream van by the Dam and have the weather to let you sit down and enjoy it! There are public (pay) toilets here. You may like to go through the metal arch opposite, down the 29 steps and walk ¼ mile into the village to obtain food and drink whilst enjoying the village ambiance.)
20. At Crouchley Lane turn R and your car park is on your R.

## Walk 5 – Oughttrington via Broomedge

A 4.9 mile walk with stiles and gates. A fair bit of road walking (roads don't get muddy!).

Time about 2½ hours. Park at the P1 Lymm Dam car park (See page 8).



1. From the Car Park go L onto Crouchley Lane and **R** onto Higher Lane. Walk past The Crescent on your L and Tower Lane on your R.  
(Have you parked responsibly?)
2. Take the path [FP24] just beyond and opposite Tower Lane going between the houses (53 & 55 Higher Lane) towards Longbutt Lane.
3. When you reach the railings above the drop to the road (Longbutt Lane) below turn R.  
(Remember this point for when you return.)
4. At the Grammar School Road/Longbutt Lane junction ignore the waymarked path [FP30] to your L, keeping on Longbutt Lane.
5. At Oughttrington Lane turn R to walk to the main road.
6. At Higher Lane turn L and after about 200 yards look out for Whiteleggs Lane to your R just after the row of white cottages.
7. Take the path [FP26] Whiteleggs Lane on your R. (This becomes a green lane.)
8. At Kay Lane turn L and walk to the end of the road, watching out for traffic.  
(This road is just in High Legh Parish. Just before the Z bend you pass path [FP27] on your L opposite Kaylane Farm about half way down this road.)
9. Cross the road and take path [FP28] opposite. This path has 3 stiles. At the second stile note the waymark on the stile and walk along the line of the power posts.
10. At the road turn L onto Agden Park Lane and walk towards the A56.  
{Enjoy the views to your R.}
11. Just before you reach the A56 take the path [FP44], diagonally to your L, which will keep you away from the busy road until reach the traffic lights at the Jolly Thresher corner.
12. Turn R here onto Burford Lane. (The R side is probably the easiest side to walk on.)



- Walk for almost ½ mile until you pass the last house on your R where you find a path [FP33] on your R with a path [FP32] to your L immediately beyond it.  
(The path [FP29] on your L, about a third of the way along, takes you to Oughtrington Lane but can be muddy at the stiles and often has cattle in the fields.)
13. Cross the road and take path [FP32]. Walk to the end of the field, keeping the hedge on your L, turn R and follow the path L into the small Helsdale Wood.  
*{You can get some good views from the dogleg by the wood.}*
  14. As you emerge keep the hedge on your L and follow the fence and hedge-line to Oughtrington Lane. (Oughtrington High School is on your L.)  
*{The Grammar School (founded in 1592) was, from 1885, on Grammar School Road before it moved in 1957 to Oughtrington Lane. It later became Lymm High School. In 1960 it had a concrete lined, open air swimming pool making it one of the earliest schools in the country to have its own pool. It now boasts a superb leisure centre.}*
  15. Go over the stile onto Oughtrington Lane (not the private access to Lymm, Oughtrington Park, Cricket Club), turn L and look for the path [FP30] on your R just past the church graveyard.  
*{St Peter's church, Oughtrington (1872) has a tall graceful spire which can be seen for miles around. It is a very useful landmark for walkers.}*
  16. Take the path [FP30] until you reach Longbutt Lane.  
*{Enjoy the views to your R. The mast on Winter Hill (17 miles N and 456m above mean sea level) gives Lymm its TV signal. Winter Hill was the scene of the Manx air crash in bad weather on 27 February 1958 when only 7 of the 42 onboard survived.}*
  17. Turn R and walk along Longbutt Lane to point 18 which is the same as point 3 which you were asked to remember when you were on the outward journey.
  18. With the railings on your R, ignore the path to your L which you set out on and take the path [FP23] straight ahead of you. You should shortly have the May Field on your R and houses on your L. The path emerges onto Mayfield View where you turn R and keeping the hedge on your R, follow the road through to the A56 opposite St. Mary the Virgin Parish Church.  
*{The 16<sup>th</sup> century, Grade II\* listed Lymm Hall is to the R of Mayfield View between the May Field and Rectory Lane. It is private property.}*
  19. At Higher Lane turn L and then R at Crouchley Lane. Your car park is on your R.

## Walk 6 – Mersey Valley Trail to Spud Wood and Agden

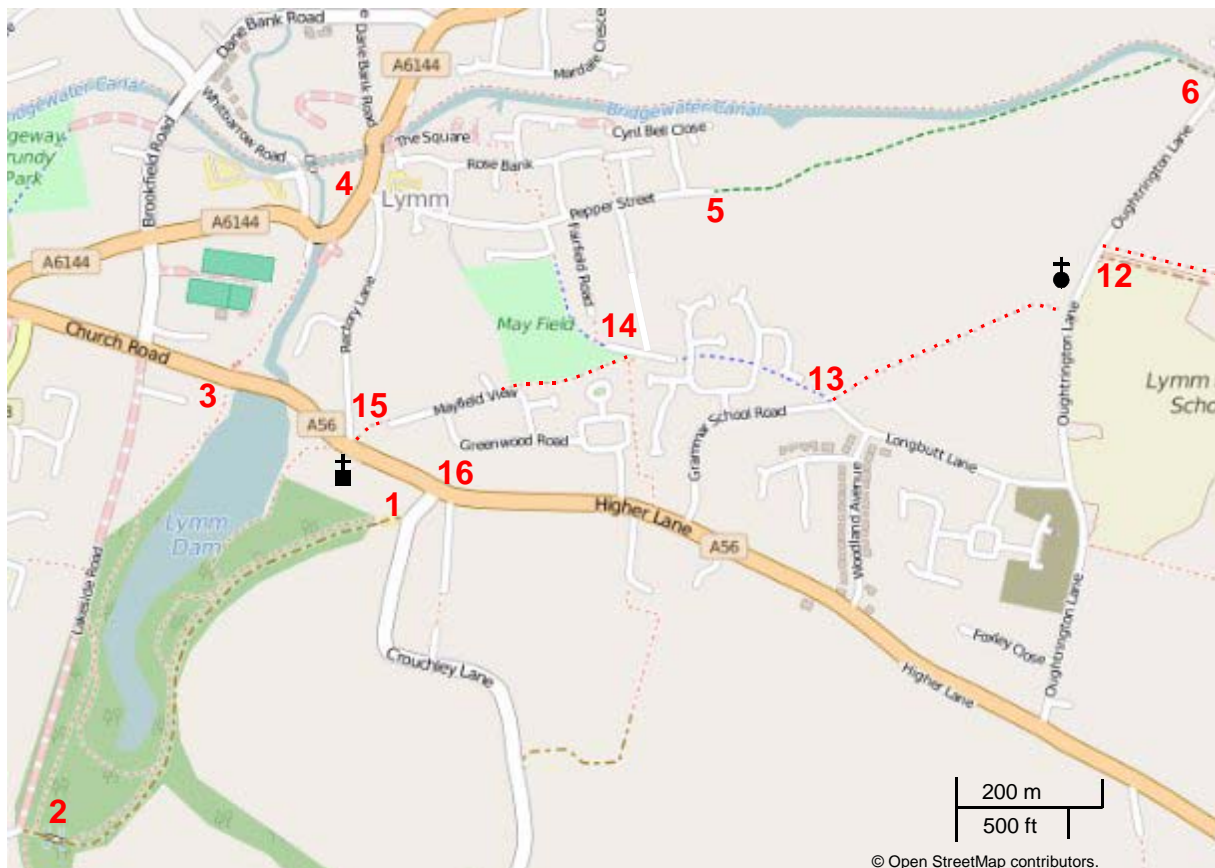
A 6.2 mile walk with many stiles, field paths and kissing gates.

The bridleway between points 5 and 6 can be muddy after wet weather. Boots are recommended between points 9 and 12.

Walk 1 provides a more detailed description of the route from point 1 to point 3.

Not all of Spud Wood is tree covered. There is some pasture land where you walk.

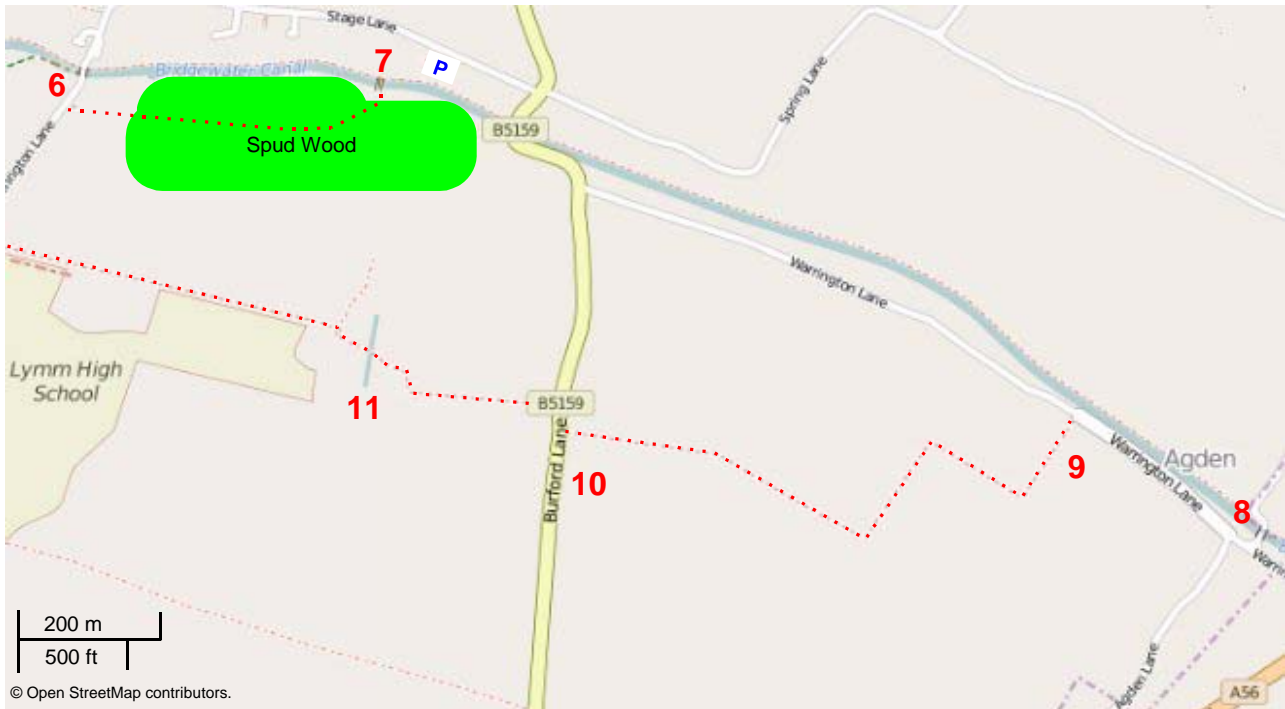
Time about 3¼ hours. Park at the P1 Lymm Dam car park (See page 8).



1. From the Crouchley Lane Car Park take the footpath [FP 40] leading to the Dam. (The FP is to the R of the car park as you drove in.) Follow this path taking any route you choose as long as the water is on your R! (Have you parked responsibly?)
2. At the Crosfield Bridge turn R to cross the bridge. At the end of the bridge turn **R** onto the path [FP4] and walk towards the village with the water on your R. (Take care not to overshoot and end up on Lakeside Road. You are now on the Mersey Valley Trail. Note the path [FP4] to your L which is on Walks 4 & 7.)  
*{ This bridge, which has seen better days, was built by William Lever of the Warrington chemical manufacturing factory as part of his industrial plans for this area. However, a deal with John Brunner, whose Northwich factory later became owned by ICI, resulted in the plans being shelved. }*
3. At the A56, Church Road, cross and go through the metal arch to descend the steps into The Dingle. Enjoy this path to the main road, Eagle Brow, where you turn R in front of the Lower Dam and walk to Lymm Cross.

*{As you cross the Dam outfall note the houses at The Grove and look for the dinosaur footprint to your R.}*

4. Immediately past The Cross turn R into Pepper Street (NOT Rectory Lane). Continue along Pepper Street until you pass Ravenbank Primary School on your R and reach the roundabout.  
*{You are now on the Mersey Valley Trail (MVT) which runs from Runcorn to Spud Wood.}*
5. Take the Sutch Lane bridleway [BR31] to the L of Ravenbank House. Walk this path until it reaches Oughttrington Lane by Lloyd Bridge.



6. About 40yds to your R, across the road, is the path to Spud Wood. Follow this path which runs approximately as shown on the map. It is not a PRow but has public access. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> kissing gate you reach a pond on your R. Go straight past the pond and take the straight ahead path (rather than the one diagonally to your R which takes you beyond the bridge and then back to the 3<sup>rd</sup> kissing gate where you go R to the bridge) to skirt the wood on your R and bring you to the 3<sup>rd</sup> kissing gate where you go L to the bridge.
7. At Grantham's Bridge – No. 25 you cross the canal and take an anticlockwise route to the canal towpath. Walk with the canal [FP43] on your R. Pass over Burford Lane Bridge and continue to Agden Bridge – No. 26.  
*{The Mersey Valley Trail ends at Grantham's Bridge. You are now on the Cheshire Ring Canal Walk. Spud Wood car park is off Stage Lane close to this bridge.}*
8. Leave the towpath just before the bridge, cross the bridge, turn R and walk along Warrington Road with the canal on your R until you see a waymarked stile on your L a little less than a ¼ mile from the bridge.
9. The path [FP33] here may not be distinct. You need to walk straight ahead (aiming for but not reaching the single tree ahead) and then R to the stile in the hedge; not diagonally which would be trespassing. So, whilst crossing this stile (to give you height) look to your R for the stile and waymark post in the hedge between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> electricity posts.  
As you go through the hedge stile turn L and walk with the hedge on your L to the top of the field. Now turn R and walk through 3 fields keeping the hedge to your L.
10. At Burford Lane turn R for a few yards then cross the road to take the path [FP32].

Walk to the end of the field, keeping the hedge on your L, turn R and follow the path L into the small Helsdale Wood.

*{You can get some good views from the dogleg by the wood.}*

11. As you emerge from the wood, keep the hedge on your L and follow the fence and hedge-line to Oughtrington Lane. (Oughtrington High School is on your L.)  
*{The Grammar School (founded in 1592) was, from 1885, on Grammar School Road before it moved in 1957 to Oughtrington Lane. It later became Lymm High School. In 1960 it had a concrete lined, open air swimming pool making it one of the earliest schools in the country to have its own pool. It now boasts a superb leisure centre.}*
12. Go over the stile onto Oughtrington Lane (not the private access to Lymm, Oughtrington Park, Cricket Club), turn L and look for the path [FP30] on your R just past the church graveyard. Take the path [FP30] until you reach Longbutt Lane.  
*{Enjoy the views to your R. The mast on Winter Hill (17 miles N and 456m above mean sea level) gives Lymm its TV signal. Winter Hill was the scene of the Manx air crash in bad weather on 27 February 1958 when only 7 of the 42 onboard survived. St Peter's church, Oughtrington (1872) has a tall graceful spire which can be seen for miles around. It is a very useful landmark for walkers.}*
13. Turn R and walk along Longbutt Lane to where the lane goes downhill but the path to the L is higher and there are railings.
14. With the railings on your R, ignore the path to your L which you set out on and take the path [FP23] straight ahead of you. You should shortly have the May Field on your R and houses on your L. The path emerges onto Mayfield View where you turn R and keeping the hedge on your R, follow the road through to the A56 opposite St. Mary the Virgin Parish Church.  
*{The 16<sup>th</sup> century, Grade II\* listed Lymm Hall is to the R of Mayfield View between the May Field and Rectory Lane. It is private property.}*
15. At Higher Lane turn L.
16. Turn R at Crouchley Lane and your car park is on your R.

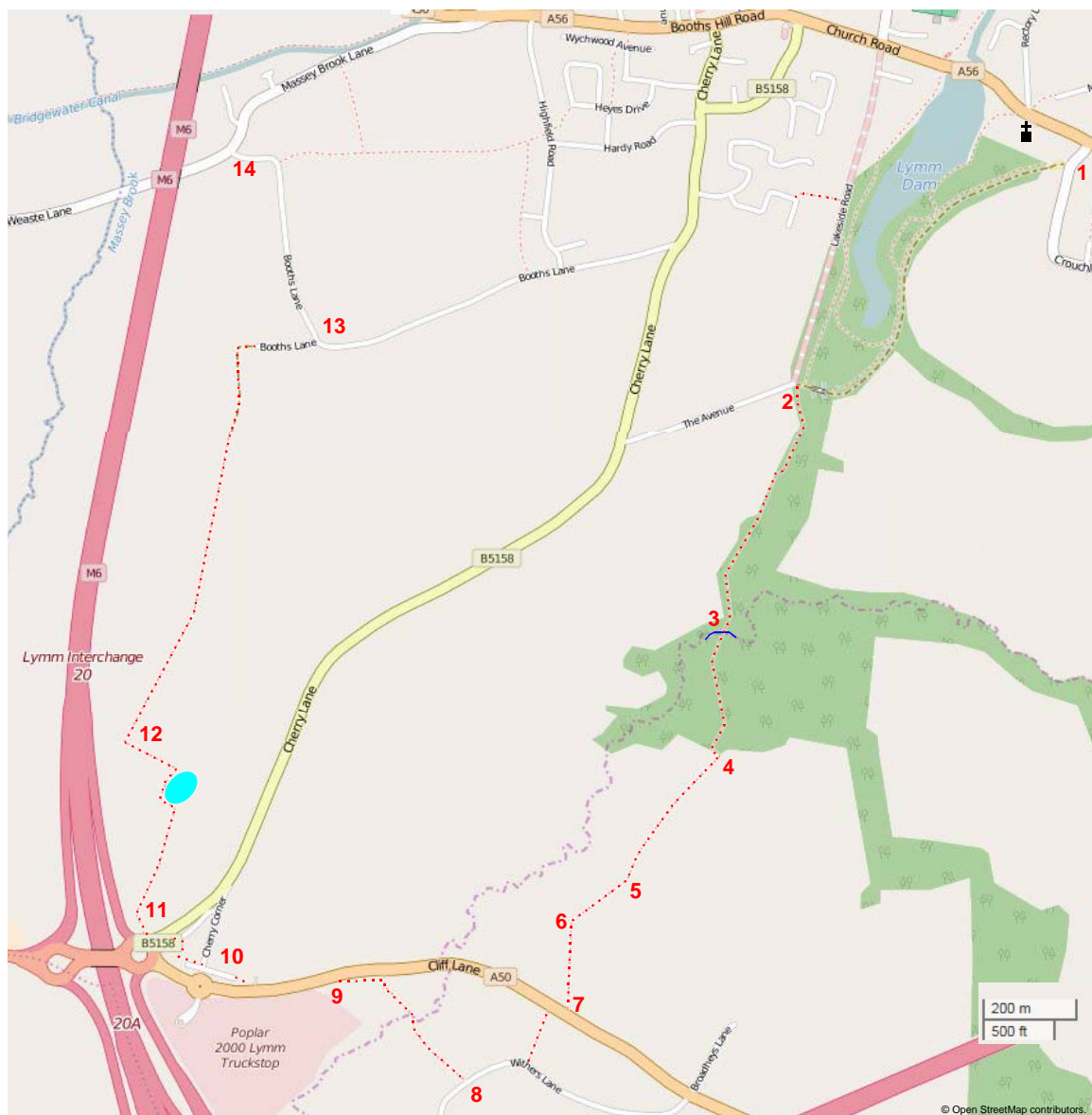
## Walk 7 – Thelwall via The Bongs

An 8.5 mile walk with stiles, many unavoidable gates and field paths.

Time about 4¼ hours without stops. Park at the P1 Lymm Dam car park (See page 8). See Village Centre street map on page 7 for more detail between points 22 and 23.

'Bongs' is derived from a medieval word meaning 'wooded banks'. The Bongs is an area of semi-ancient woodland.

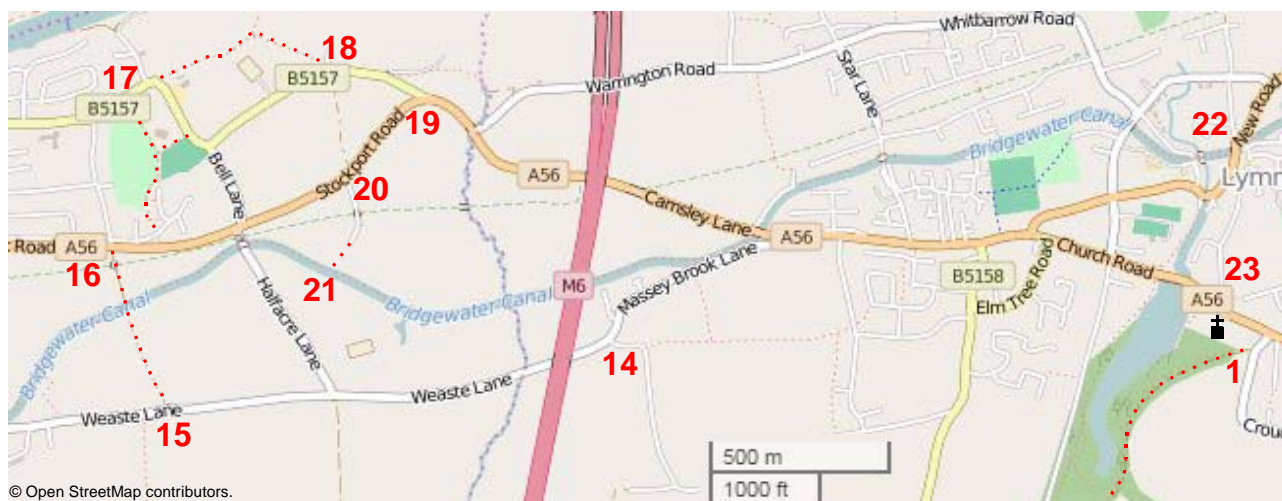
This walk should only be undertaken by those suitably clothed and who are happy to complete this distance. Mobile phone signals can be poor/non existent in some parts. It is recommended that food and water are carried.



Use the above map up to point 14 where you then use the next map.



1. From the Crouchley Lane Car Park take the footpath [FP40] to the Dam. (The FP is to the R of the car park as you drove in.) Follow this path taking any route you choose as long as you reach the bridge at point 2. (Avoid the path that crosses to the other side of the Dam.)  
(Have you parked responsibly?)
2. At the Crosfield Bridge turn R to cross the bridge. Take the path [FP4] to your L and walk for just less than ½ mile firstly with the stream on your L and then the wood on your L until you descend the 25 steps to the small wooden bridge.  
(Note the path [also FP4] to your R which takes you to the west side of the Dam.)  
*{The Crosfield bridge, which has seen better days, was built by William Lever of the Warrington chemical manufacturing factory as part of his industrial plans for this area. However, a deal with John Brunner, whose Northwich factory later became owned by ICI, resulted in the plans being shelved.}*
3. The bridge is over Bradley Brook which now goes out of sight to your R as you climb up the 18 steps from the brook. The path [High Legh FP22] takes you through a wood.  
(It's fenced on both sides to ensure that you don't trespass – or get lost!)  
*{Scholars Bridge replaces the stepping stones that gave children lots of fun but were not liked by adults who found them slippery when wet; and they usually were!}*
4. At the end of the wood turn L and R, go over the stile and walk with the field hedge on your L.
5. At the end of the field go through the stile onto the farm track and go over the stile on your R before the farm gate across the track. Walk diagonally to your L to the stile in the field boundary hedge well to the L of the tree in the hedge. (Don't follow the L & R hedges; your legal path is the diagonal line.)
6. Go over the stile and walk S to the stile in the hedge onto the busy A50 road.
7. Look diagonally to your R for your path before you cross the road straight to the path [High Legh FP21]. Walk with the hedge on your L to the road (Withers Lane) where you turn R.
8. Before you reach the sharp L bend at the house your path [High Legh FP20] is on your R at the field gate/gap. Walk with the hedge on your R to almost the bottom R corner of the field. Here, either you'll see a path to the bridge over the small stream (Bradley Brook which is at the High Legh/Lymm Parish boundary) **or walk to the corner** where you'll find the stream and then you go R for a few yds. to find the bridge. As you cross the bridge the path becomes [FP1]. This path takes you into a field where you turn R to follow the hedge line towards the A50 road. At the road hedge the path turns L and takes you to the exit to the road opposite the Fire Station. (The gate here has been removed. Be careful here it's a busy road and you have a blind corner to your R.)
9. Cross the road and turn L towards the M6 junction. Walk past the Fire Station, across a local service road and take the small path which will take you straight past Cherry Corner and dogleg to the roundabout.
10. Cross Cherry Lane and look for the fp and stile close to the roundabout between the M6 and Cherry Lane exits.
11. Cross the two stiles [FP2] and walk into the field where you keep the hedge on your R. Walk round the pond and follow the hedge on your R, walking towards the motorway.  
*{The traffic noise may not be all that pleasant but you should get some good views.}*
12. At the end of this hedge turn R, walk to the R corner of the field with the hedge on your R and take the path (between the trees and the hedge on your R) which will turn R to pass some cottages and Boothshill Farm.
13. At the Booth's Lane corner turn L and walk to the L bend at the Yew Tree Park building.
14. Ignore the path [FP6] to your R and walk to Massey Brook Lane where you turn L and walk under the M6 motorway. The road becomes Weaste Lane. Once you're past Halfacre Lane on your R look out for the path [Gr FP12] also on your R.  
(The path opposite Halfacre Lane [Gr Br17] is the Cinder Lane bridleway which takes you to the A50. The path to your L just past point 15 is [Gr FP16] which also takes you to the A50.)

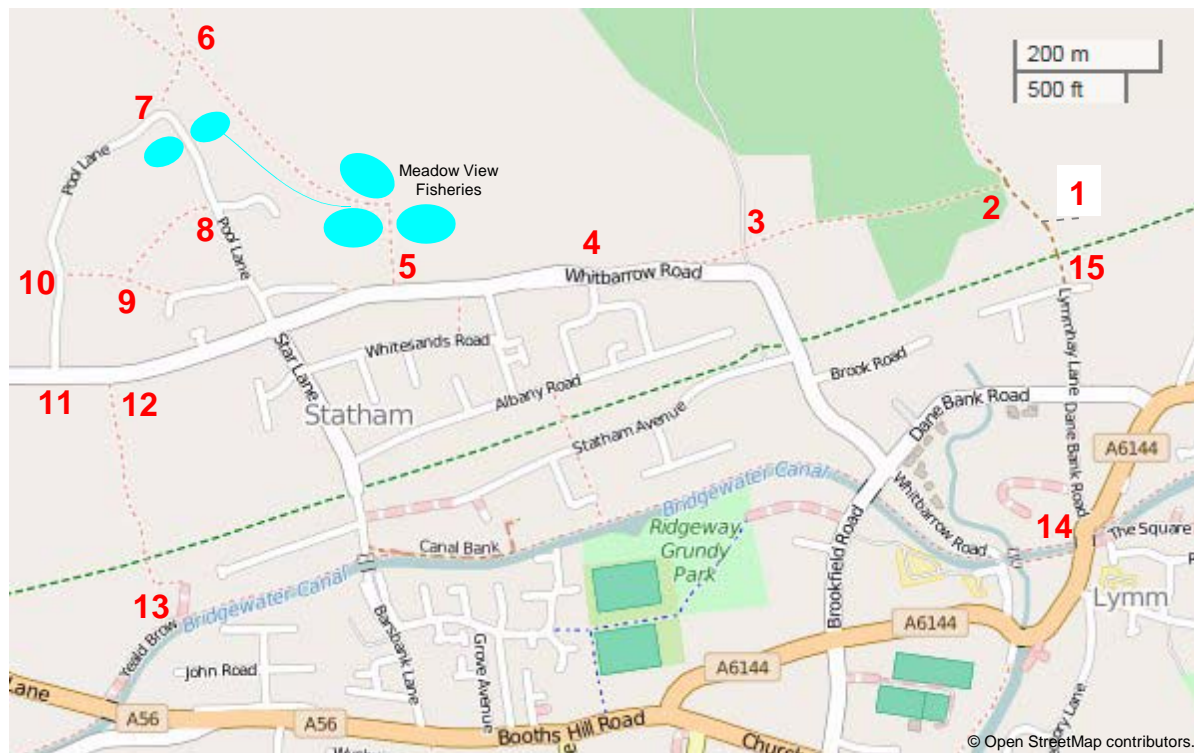


15. Take this path across the field to Pickering's Bridge over the canal. Cross the canal and the Trans Pennine Trail (TPT) until you reach the A56, Stockport Road.  
(Just as you reach Pickering's Bridge the path [Gr FP13] to your L follows the S side of the canal and then exits onto Weaste Lane.)
16. Cross the A56 and just into All Saints Drive to turn R into Woodlands Drive. Look for the path [Gr FP10] to your L just after Gateley Close and where the road bends to the L. Take the surfaced path, keeping L, until you reach Elizabeth Park. Follow the well surfaced path through the park, ignoring the path [Gr FP9] to your R at the T junction, which would take you to Bell Lane. Your path becomes Gigg Lane just before you reach the B5157, Thelwall New Road.
17. Turn R and walk to the Pickering Arms corner where you take the path [Gr FP7] which is now straight ahead of you in front of the Old Post Office on the corner.  
*{Note Ferry Lane to your L which takes you to the 'Penny Ferry' and the Pickering Arms to your R. Here you can raise your eyes to see that Thelwall is a city. The path [Gr FP7] runs behind Chaigeley School.}*  
Follow this path until you go through a kissing gate into a field. As you walk with the fence on your R you are facing the point immediately to the R of the buildings opposite you where you go through the kissing gate into a narrow fenced off area.
18. The path exits the field where you turn R onto Laskey Lane and L onto Lymm Road.  
(Please don't attempt to short cut from 18 to 20. That road is a private drive to Laskey Farm with no public access. The path [Gr FP8] on the L between Laskey Lane and Stockport Road is used on Walk 10.)
19. Take care when turning R at Stockport Road. Look for Deans Lane on your L which is almost at the far end of the row of houses. (There's a purple 'Restricted Byway' finger on the lamppost on Stockport Road. See Abbreviations - RB)
20. Walk down Deans Lane [Gr RB14], over the TPT, and follow the road to the R into Deans Wharf until you reach the canal towpath [Gr FP21].
21. Turn L and walk with the canal on your R for about 1¾ miles.  
*{You walk under 4 bridges to get to the village centre: M6 Viaduct (20), Ditchfield Bridge 21 (A56 Camsley Lane), Brookfield Bridge 22 and Lymm Bridge 23. Just before the M6 motorway you cross the Parish boundary back into Lymm and the towpath becomes [FP43].}*
22. Go under Lymm Bridge and go L to get you onto New Road where you go L over the canal, using the pedestrian bridge alongside the main one, and into the village to The Cross. (The pavement is tricky here by the pub. Be careful of the traffic.)  
(You may want to stop here for refreshments before the uphill walk to the A56.)  
At The Cross go diagonally L, behind The Cross, up Rectory Lane (NOT Pepper Street).
23. At the A56, Church Road turn L and then R at Crouchley Lane. Your car park is on your R.

## Walk 8 – Meadow View Fisheries

A 3 mile walk with many stiles and unavoidable gates.

Time about 1½ hours. Park at the P2 Sow Brook car park (See page 8).



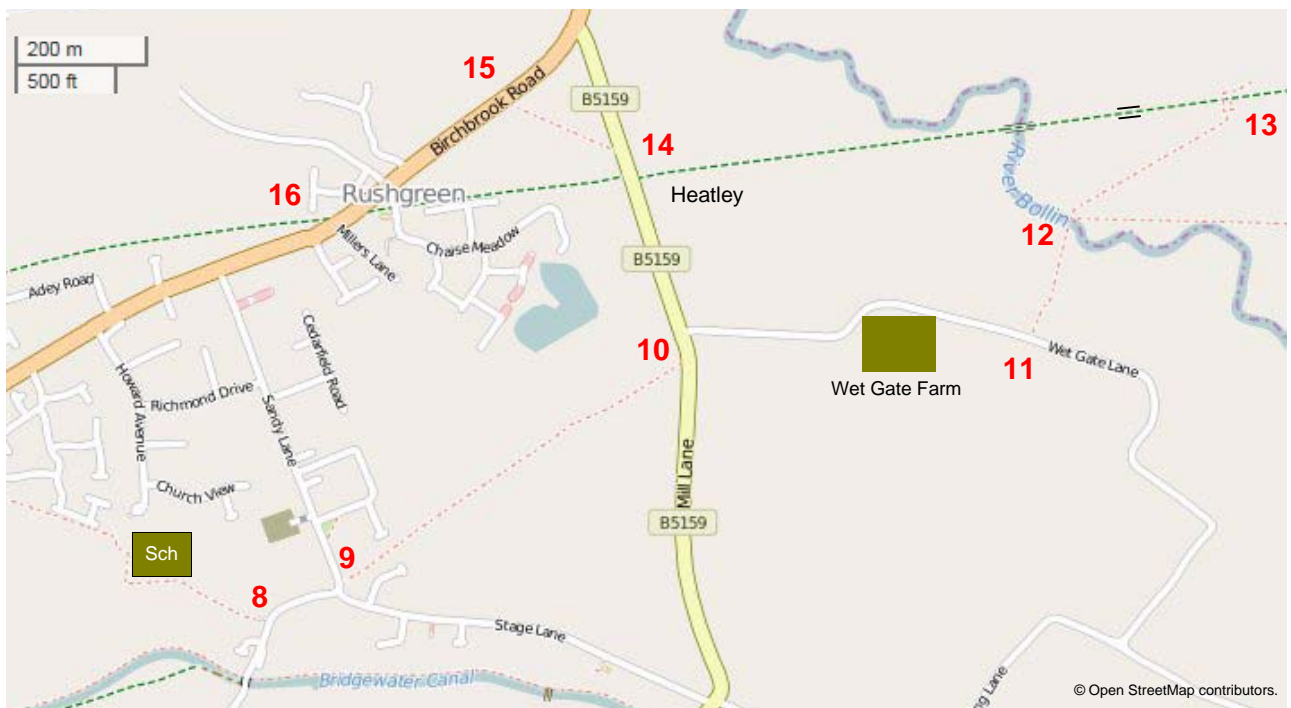
1. Walk from the car park to where you drove in and turn R on the path [FP19] which goes down to the Manchester Ship Canal (MSC). Look out for the path [FP18] about 70 yards to your L.  
*{Notice the 'tree' next to a small pumping station building almost opposite the car park entrance; it is a mobile phone mast.}*
2. Take this path [FP18] which will take you across a stone bridge above Sow Brook, through a waymarked gap, up some steps and across the golf course. (Be on the lookout for golfers. Groups should stay close together.)
3. Cross the access road to Lymm Golf Club and walk with the hedge on your L whilst looking for the gap in the hedge.
4. Great care is needed as you exit to Whitbarrow Road as there is no pavement and you go through the hedge straight onto the traffic part of the road. Cross the road when safe to do so and turn R to walk along Whitbarrow Road. (Don't go into Northway which was opposite you when you went through the hedge or the vehicle access to Meadow View Fisheries, shortly on your R.)
5. After walking past 9 houses on your R take the narrow path [FP16] at the fp between 80a & 82. This takes you through a kissing gate between the Meadow Fishery pools, over a wooden bridge and then L providing a lovely walk through the vegetation. Then as you enter the field keep to the R so that you can exit at the R corner gate and stile.
6. Turn L onto Statham Lane [RB15]. (Turning R here takes you into a field and straight on to a cul-de-sac path [RB15] which ends near the MSC. This path is home to some very hungry midges!) Almost immediately you'll pass a path [RB14] which is used on the Penny Ferry walk. Ignore this path and continue to the gate at the tarmac road (Pool Lane).

7. At Pool Lane turn L, walk past the pools and look for the small road to your R opposite Brookside Avenue which is 2<sup>nd</sup> L. Your road is signed 11, 13, 15, 17 Pool Lane.
8. Turn R and go over the stile onto the path [FP13]. Aim for the opposite corner of the field to your L.
9. Go through the hedge gap onto the path [FP12] Oldfield Road and turn R.
10. When you reach Pool Lane turn L and walk past the side of Statham Lodge on your R.
11. At Warrington Road turn L and look for the path [FP10] about a 100 paces to your R through a kissing gate.
12. Walk through the field with the hedge on your L and up to cross the bridge across the Trans-Pennine Trail (TPT). The path then turns L in front of some cottages and turns R into Yeald Brow which leads to the canal.  
(Please respect the privacy of the people living here.)
13. At the canal turn L [FP43] and walk for almost a mile with the canal on your R. (Please be aware that some short sections of the towpath are roads with restricted vehicle access.  
*{ You cross Barsbank Aquaduct over Barsbank Lane, past [FP17] to your L, go under Brookfield Bridge and across Whitbarrow Aquaduct before reaching Lymm Bridge. On your R, just past [FP17], at the Ridgway-Grundy Memorial Park (see Maps on page 3) there is a V shaped indent in the opposite bank. This is known as a winding hole (pronounced as in winding the clock) and is used to allow narrow boats up to 70 foot long to turn around. }*
14. At Lymm Bridge turn L (before you go under it) and walk the few yards to Dane Bank Road where you again turn L and then cross to Lymmhay Lane.  
*{ This part of Dane Bank Road is a private road (with pedestrian access) and an array of speed bumps. Lymm Police Station is on you R near where you join it. }*
15. Cross the TPT and your car park is on your R.

## Walk 9 – Wet Gate Farm

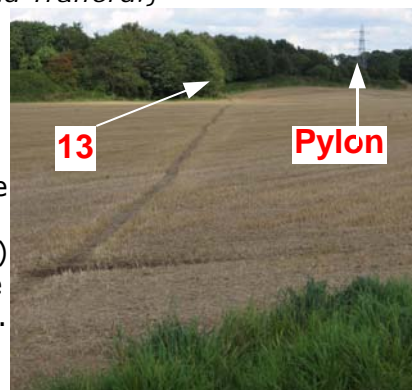
A 5 mile walk with gates and stiles The stiles at 14 are avoidable & the one at 11 is low and usually avoidable as the gate is normally open.

Time about 2½ hours. Park at the P2 Sow Brook car park (See page 8).





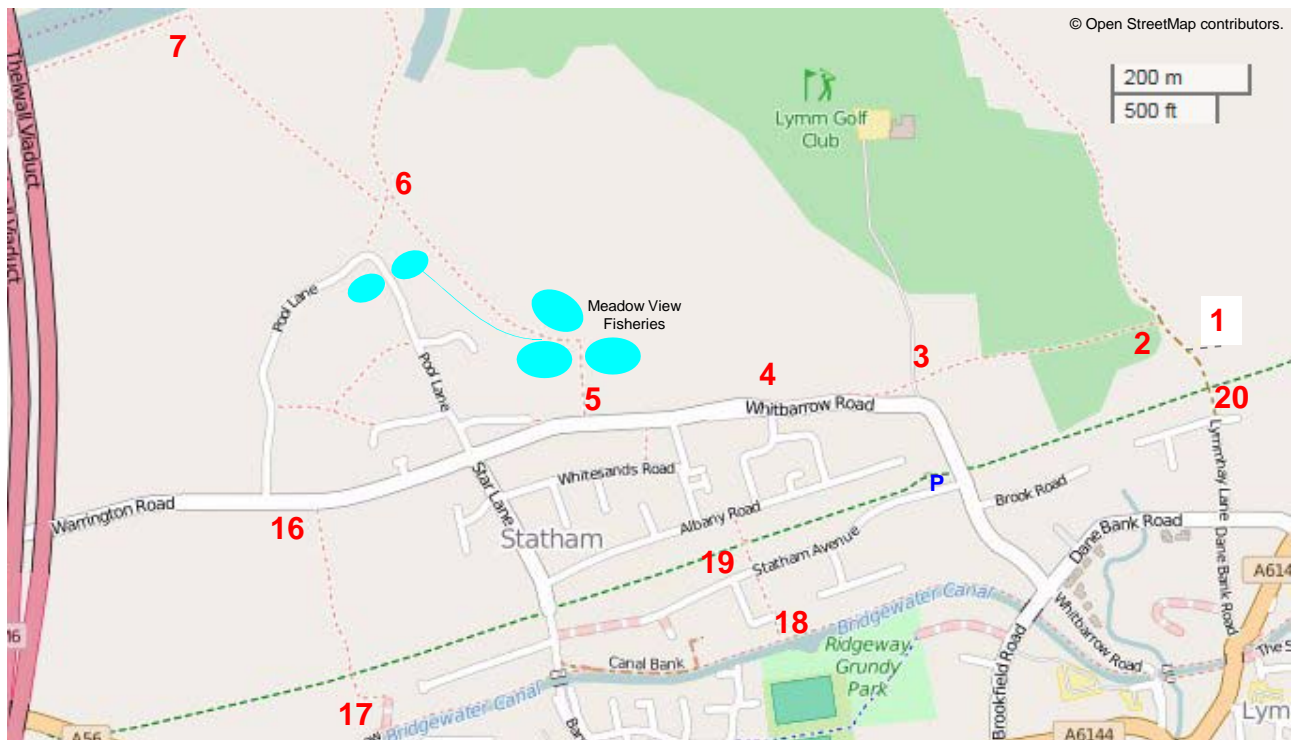
1. Walk from the car park to where you drove in and turn L on the path [FP19] which goes across the Trans-Pennine Trail (TPT) and straight on into Lymmhay Lane.  
*{Notice the 'tree' next to a small pumping station building almost opposite the car park entrance; it is a mobile phone mast.}*
2. At Dane Bank Road East turn L and walk to the A6144 New Road.
3. Turn L and immediately past the houses on your L turn L into Reddish Lane.
4. At the point where the lane turns to go under the TPT go R onto the bridleway [BR46].
5. At the road, Reddish Crescent, turn R and walk on the R to the main road, Rush Green Road.
6. Cross the road, turn L and take the 2<sup>nd</sup> R which is Dyers Lane.
7. Go into this road and after passing Dyers Close on your L take the path [FP34] on your L immediately before Rushgreen House. Follow the path past Bucklow Gardens until you reach Howard Avenue. Here you turn R and go around the S of Oughtrington Primary School using the surfaced path. At the SE corner of the school the path continues diagonally to your R through gates to Oughtrington Crescent.
8. Turn L and walk to the Sandy Lane/Stage Lane junction.
9. Almost opposite, slightly to your L, the path [FP35] is to the L of the electricity sub-station. Walk between the buildings and then, in the same direction, across the field to the hedge. Turn R and follow the hedge to the gate onto Mill Lane.
10. Turn L and immediately R onto Wet Gate Lane. The farms are on the Z bend and shortly afterwards your path [FP37] is on your L where the power line crosses the road.
11. If the gate is closed go over the stile and walk to the bridge without handrails over the River Bollin.  
*{This is the Lymm and WBC boundary with Warburton and Trafford.}*
12. Standing on this bridge, facing straight ahead to the farm bridge on the TPT, ignore the path to your R and take the path [Warburton FP4] diagonally R across the field to the tunnel under the TPT. (Check the map and this picture before you leave this bridge as the paths are not always clear to see on the ground. From where you're standing trees obscure the tunnel and ramp which is roughly half way between the farm bridge and the pylon.)
13. Go through the kissing gate, don't go under the TPT, take the ramp up and then turn L to walk back towards Lymm.  
*{The 2<sup>nd</sup> bridge you pass (over the Bollin) offers good seating for a picnic. You can choose whether to dine in Warburton or Lymm!}*
14. At Mill Lane turn R and go L over the double stile about 50 yds from the TPT to take path [FP36]. Aim for a straight line across the field, slightly to the L of the electricity post, to emerge at the stile onto Birchbrook Road.  
(If the stiles are a problem then go from 14 to 16 on the TPT.)
15. Cross the road, turn L and walk on Birchbrook Road past the Chaise Meadow roundabout until you reach the point where the TPT crosses Birchbrook Road.
16. Turn **R** onto the TPT and walk towards Reddish Crescent.
17. Cross Reddish Lane and walk on the TPT to the next crossing point which is Lymmhay Lane.
18. At the Lymmhay Lane crossing point leave the TPT by turning R onto the lane and your car park is on your R.



## Walk 10 – Penny Ferry

A 5 mile walk with stiles and unavoidable gates.

Time about 3 hours. Park at the P2 Sow Brook car park (See page 8).



1. Walk from the car park to where you drove in and turn R on the path [FP19] which goes down to the Manchester Ship Canal (MSC). Look out for the path [FP18] about 70 yards to your L.  
*{Notice the 'tree' next to a small pumping station building almost opposite the car park entrance; it is a mobile phone mast.}*
2. Take this path [FP18] which will take you across a stone bridge above Sow Brook, through a waymarked gap, up some steps and across the golf course. (Be on the lookout for golfers. Groups should stay close together.)
3. Cross the access road to Lymm Golf Club and walk with the hedge on your L whilst looking for the gap in the hedge.
4. Great care is needed as you exit to Whitbarrow Road as there is no pavement and you go through the hedge straight onto the traffic part of the road. Cross the road when safe to do so and turn R to walk along Whitbarrow Road. (Don't go into Northway which was opposite you when you went through the hedge or the vehicle access to Meadow View Fisheries, shortly on your R.)
5. After walking past 9 houses on your R take the narrow path [FP16] at the fp between 80a & 82. This takes you through a kissing gate between the Meadow Fishery pools, over a wooden bridge and then L providing a lovely walk through the vegetation. Then as you enter the field keep to the R so that you can exit at the R corner gate and stile.
6. Turn L onto Statham Lane [RB15]. (Turning R here takes you into a field and straight on to a cul-de-sac path [RB15] which ends near the MSC. This path is home to some very hungry midges!) Almost immediately you take path [RB14] to your R. Walk to the end at the MSC.
7. The path turns L through the 1<sup>st</sup> of 4 gates/stiles onto the Permissive Bridleway which runs under the M6 viaducts and alongside the canal.  
*{A Permissive Path is one where the landowner allows public access (usually only for walking or as a bridleway) but can close the path at any time without the legal restrictions that apply to a PRow. This one is owned by Peel Holdings but managed by WBC.}*
8. The dotted line here on your map is the Lymm/Thelwall civil Parish boundary and NOT a path. Keep straight on ignoring paths/tracks to your L and don't turn R! When you reach the tarmac road you're about 350 yds. from Ferry Lane.
9. At Ferry Lane turn R and follow the road [Gr FP19] to the ferry stage.
10. Here you can, if it's running, take the ferry to the opposite bank or retrace your steps along Ferry Lane to the Pickering Arms on the main road.  
*{The Thelwall 'Penny' Ferry has been running since the MSC opened in 1894. The ferry replaces a PRow that was lost when the canal was built. It used to cost 1 old penny per trip. It now takes 4 passengers at 11p per trip. It runs on demand every day: Mon-Sat 7-9am, Noon-2pm & 4-6pm. On Sundays and Bank Holidays the morning service is omitted. A trip across the canal, a walk to Latchford Locks and a return walk on the road to Thelwall will add about 2 miles to this walk.}*
11. Turn L and take the path [Gr FP7] straight ahead of you in front of the Old Post Office. Follow this path until you reach a kissing gate  
*{Note the Pickering Arms at this corner. Here you can raise your eyes to see that Thelwall is a city. The path runs behind Chaigeley School.}*
12. Go through the gate into a field. As you walk with the fence on your R you are facing the point immediately to the R of the buildings opposite you where you go through the kissing gate into a narrow fenced off area.
13. The path exits the field and you turn R onto Laskey Lane and L onto Lymm Road.
14. Immediately past Old Hall Farm there is a small service road to your L. Go onto this road and immediately go over the stile to the R of the nursery gates (plants not children!). The PRow runs to the R of their road, taking a route to the R at a waymark post, until you reach a pair of stiles which take you into a commercial stables.
15. Go R and then L round the exercise area, through the large metal gate and straight on through a hedge gap where the stables drive goes R to the road. Don't use the stables drive. Go through the hedge in front of the bungalow and take the diagonally R route to an exit to Warrington Road. (Please keep to the legal path as described and respect the

privacy of the people living here.)

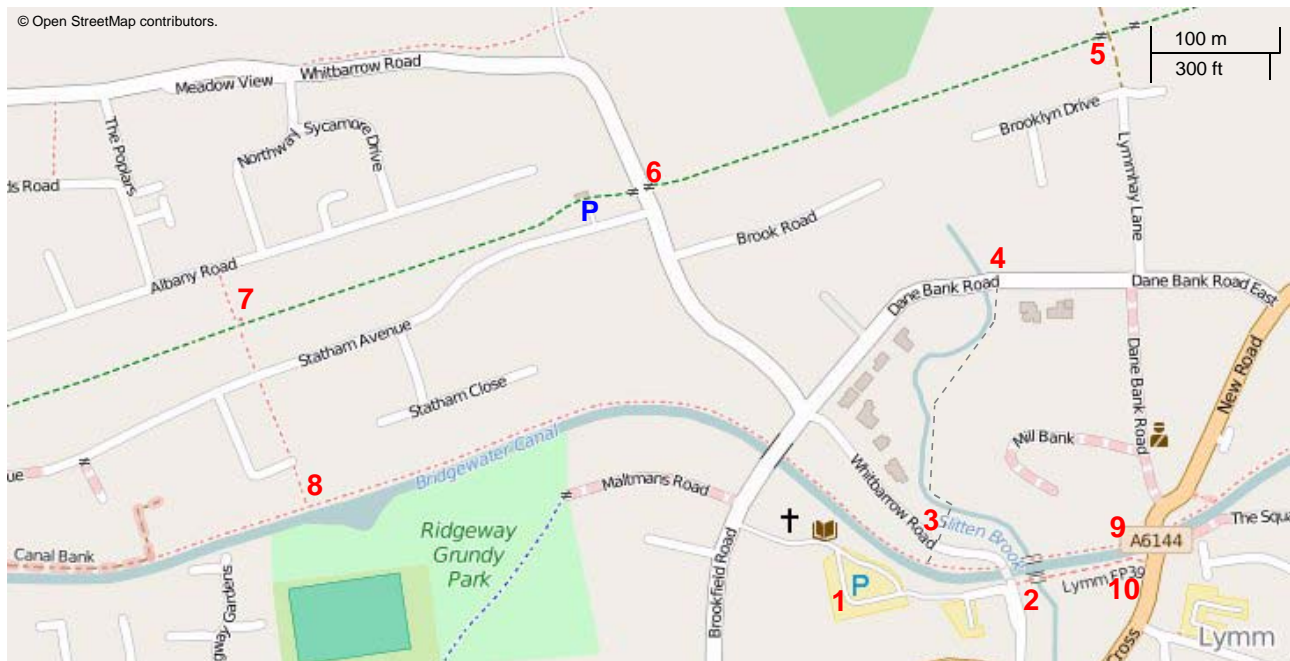
Go under the M6, past Statham Lodge and Pool Lane.

16. You should now see a path [FP10] to your R. Walk through the field and up to the bridge to cross the Trans-Pennine Trail (TPT).
17. The path then turns L in front of some cottages and turns R into Yeald Brow which leads to the canal. (Please respect the privacy of the people living here.)  
At the canal turn L [FP43] and walk for almost ½ mile with the canal on your R. The path you're looking for is on your L just after the end of the housing on the opposite bank. (Please be aware that some short sections of the towpath are roads with restricted vehicle access.)  
*{You cross Barsbank Aquaduct over Barsbank Lane.}*
18. Turn L onto path [FP17] and walk down across Statham Avenue to the steps and slope that lead to the TPT.
19. Turn R onto the TPT and walk past the Rangers' Cabin & car park at Whitbarrow Road, which you cross, and on to the A Frame at Lymmhay Crossing.
20. Turn L off the TPT and your car park is just ahead on your R.

## Walk 11 – Slitten Gorge and Bridgewater Canal

A 2 mile walk with no stiles or gates but many steps in the Gorge. (See notes below.)

Time about 1 hour. Park at the P3 Davies Way car park (See page 8).



1. Leave the car park by walking with the canal on your L. Pass the Henry Street car park and turn R at the Boat Stage down the cobbled road leading to Bridgewater Street. (Have you parked responsibly and displayed your ticket?)
2. Turn L along Bridgewater Street to go under the canal. (Walk on the R taking care under the bridge which has no walkway.) The road is now Whitbarrow Road.
3. As the road bends to the R (opposite the canal access path which is less than 100 yds from the bridge) take the steps on your R down to Slitten Gorge and follow the path over the bridge and L past the site of the Slitting Mill until you reach Dane Bank Road. *{The information boards can be seen on the Lymm Village website.}*
4. Turn R along the road and then L into Lymmhay Lane where you walk straight ahead onto the track looking for the Trans-Pennine Trail (TPT) crossing the track.
5. When you reach the TPT turn L through the A Frame and walk to the Whitbarrow Road crossing.
6. Just after the crossing the TPT bends round the small 'Rangers' Car Park' and Rangers' Cabin. Continue walking for about 380 yds to where the TPT is crossed by a path with access on both sides by slope & steps down.
7. Join this path [FP17] by taking the steps or slope to your L. This path takes you across Statham Avenue and up to the canal.
8. At the canal turn L [FP43] and walk with the canal on your R until you reach Lymm Bridge.
9. Go L onto the road and turn R to cross the canal.
10. Take the path [FP39] to your R with the canal on your R. The car park is ahead of you.

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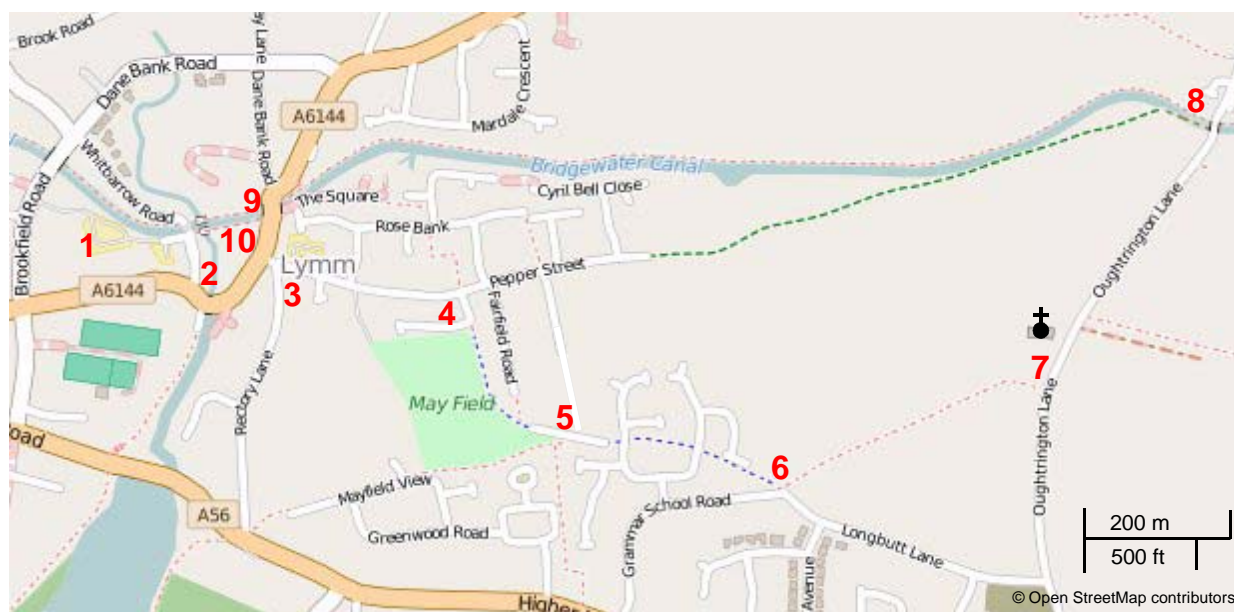
If you can't manage the steps in Slitten Gorge then walking points 1, 2, 10 and 5 on the map will allow you to complete a very slightly shortened version.



## Walk 12 – Oughttrington Church and canal

A 2.5 mile walk with no stiles and gates.

Time about 1¼ hours. Park at the P3 Davies Way car park (See page 8).



1. Leave the car park by walking with the canal on your L. Pass the Henry Street car park and turn R at the Boat Stage down the cobbled road leading to Bridgewater Street. (Have you parked responsibly and displayed your ticket?)
2. Turn R along Bridgewater Street to Eagle Brow, cross to the Spread Eagle Hotel, turn L in front of the Lower Dam and walk to Lymm Cross.  
*{As you cross the Dam outfall note the houses at The Grove and look for the dinosaur footprint to your R.}*
3. At The Cross turn R into Pepper Street (NOT Rectory Lane). Continue along Pepper Street where you pass Grove Rise on your L and a long stone wall on your R.
4. At the end of the wall (immediately before No 30 Pepper Street) turn R into The Peppers and then take the path straight ahead of you rather than following the road curve to the R. Follow this lane past the May Field which is above the wall on your R.  
*{As you turned R into The Peppers the path [FP22] to your L would take you to Rose Bank and The Square.}*
5. The lane now becomes Longbutt Lane and it rises to meet the paths [FP23 and 24] to your R at the railings. Walk past Orchard Avenue on your L and continue straight ahead on Longbutt Lane to cross Scholars Green Lane (twice).
6. At the Grammar School Road junction take the path [FP30] to your L to reach Oughttrington Lane.  
*{Enjoy the views to your L. The mast on Winter Hill (17 miles N and 456m above mean sea level) gives Lymm its TV signal. Winter Hill was the scene of the Manx air crash in bad weather on 27 February 1958 when only 7 of the 42 onboard survived.}*
7. Turn L and walk past Oughttrington Church to Lloyd Bridge at the Bridgewater Canal.  
*{On your R about 40 yds before the bridge you should be able to see the start of the path to Spud Wood. See Walk 13.}*
8. At Lloyd Bridge No. 24 you cross the canal and after a few yards go L to the canal towpath. Walk with the canal on your L for just less than a mile.
9. At Lymm Bridge No. 23 go under it, turn R and R again to cross the canal.
10. Take the path [FP39] on your R to walk alongside the canal on your R. The car park is straight ahead of you.

## Walk 13 – Spud Wood

A 3 mile walk with no stiles but 3 kissing gates between points 5 and 6.

Time about 1½ hours. Park at the P3 Davies Way car park (See page 8).

Not all of Spud Wood is tree covered. There is some pasture land where you walk.



1. Leave the car park by walking with the canal on your L. Pass the Henry Street car park and turn R at the Boat Stage down the cobbled road leading to Bridgewater Street. (Have you parked responsibly and displayed your ticket?)
2. Turn R along Bridgewater Street to Eagle Brow, cross to the Spread Eagle Hotel, turn L in front of the Lower Dam and walk to Lymm Cross.  
*{As you cross the Dam outfall note the houses at The Grove and look for the dinosaur footprint to your R.}*
3. At The Cross turn R into Pepper Street (NOT Rectory Lane). Continue along Pepper Street until you pass Ravenbank Primary School on your R and reach the roundabout.  
*{You are now on the Mersey Valley Trail (MVT) which runs from Runcorn to Spud Wood.}*
4. Take the Sutch Lane bridleway [BR31] to the L of Ravenbank House. Walk this path until it reaches Oughtrington Lane by Lloyd Bridge.  
(This path can be muddy in places after wet weather.)
5. About 40 yds to your R, across the road, is the path to Spud Wood. Follow this path which runs approximately as shown on the map. It is not a PRow but has public access. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> kissing gate you reach a pond on your R. Go straight past the pond and take the straight ahead path (rather than the one diagonally to your R which takes you beyond the bridge and then back to the 3<sup>rd</sup> kissing gate where you go R to the bridge) to skirt the wood on your R and bring you to the 3<sup>rd</sup> kissing gate where you go L to the bridge.
6. At Grantham's Bridge No 25 you cross the canal and take and go L to the canal towpath where you turn R. Walk with the canal on your L for about 1¼ miles. Pass under Lloyd Bridge No 24 and continue to Lymm Bridge No 23.  
*{At Grantham's Bridge you reached the end of the Mersey Valley Trail and you're now on the Cheshire Ring Canal Walk. Spud Wood car park is off Stage Lane close to this bridge.}*
7. At Lymm Bridge go under it, turn R and R again to cross the canal.
8. Take the path [FP39] on your R to walk alongside the canal on your R. The car park is straight ahead of you.