

LONG WALKS



LONG WALK on Wednesday 16th September

Anderton Boat lift and surrounding area

MEET at 9.30 in the Station Road Car Park, Neston

DISTANCE: 6 miles

TOTAL ASCENT: 118 metres

LEADER: Robert Thrift

Parking is at the Anderton Boat lift visitor parking (CW9 6AQ)

The walk starts with a long stretch heading north then east along the towpath of the Trent & Mersey canal, which is quite attractive. The route passes the Lion Salt works, but sadly, there won't be time to visit that. From there, we head north to Great Budworth. There is a fab pub in Great Budworth, the George & Dragon, but it is quite up-market and seemed heavily subscribed when I passed by. The Church and village are both very well worth exploring. I suggest picnicking in the Church's beautiful Quiet Garden (beyond the graveyard) which has ample seating and fallen apples aplenty. The sandstone church is one of the best in Cheshire and is grade 1 listed.

From Great Budworth we'll head west and skirt Budworth Mere on a mix of lanes and field paths and the last part of the walk heads back along the canal to the visitor centre.

For the first 2/3 of the walk, there are kissing gates at boundaries, but there are stiles for the last third. They all seemed easy to negotiate, with one slightly harder stile. I did pass through two fields with cows in, but they didn't seem at all interested in me. There is a short stretch on narrow pavement adjacent to the A559 on the approach to Great Budworth where we will have to walk very carefully in single file - some quite large lorries use this route.

The paths are mostly level and easy terrain with a couple of short steeper sections, notably when approaching Great Budworth.

The Anderton boat lift and visitor centre will be available to explore at the end of the walk. There is also a cafe and toilets.

PLEASE CONTACT ROSEMARY IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME

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Please note all walks are undertaken at your own risk.

- 1. You are responsible for your own safety and for your personal possessions.**
- 2. Please remember to bring your Membership card with you with the In Case of Emergency information completed.**
- 3. Please bring masks in case there is opportunity to stop for a break where the venue might require them.**
- 4. The walk leader reserves the right to cancel the walk due to severe weather or another emergency.**
- 5. Please remember to check your emails before you leave home in case the walk is cancelled at short notice.**

YOUR PERSONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Whilst there are now no Government restrictions in place please use common sense when deciding whether attend a walk. If you have a cough, cold or feel unwell then please consider the safety and wellbeing of other members of the group.