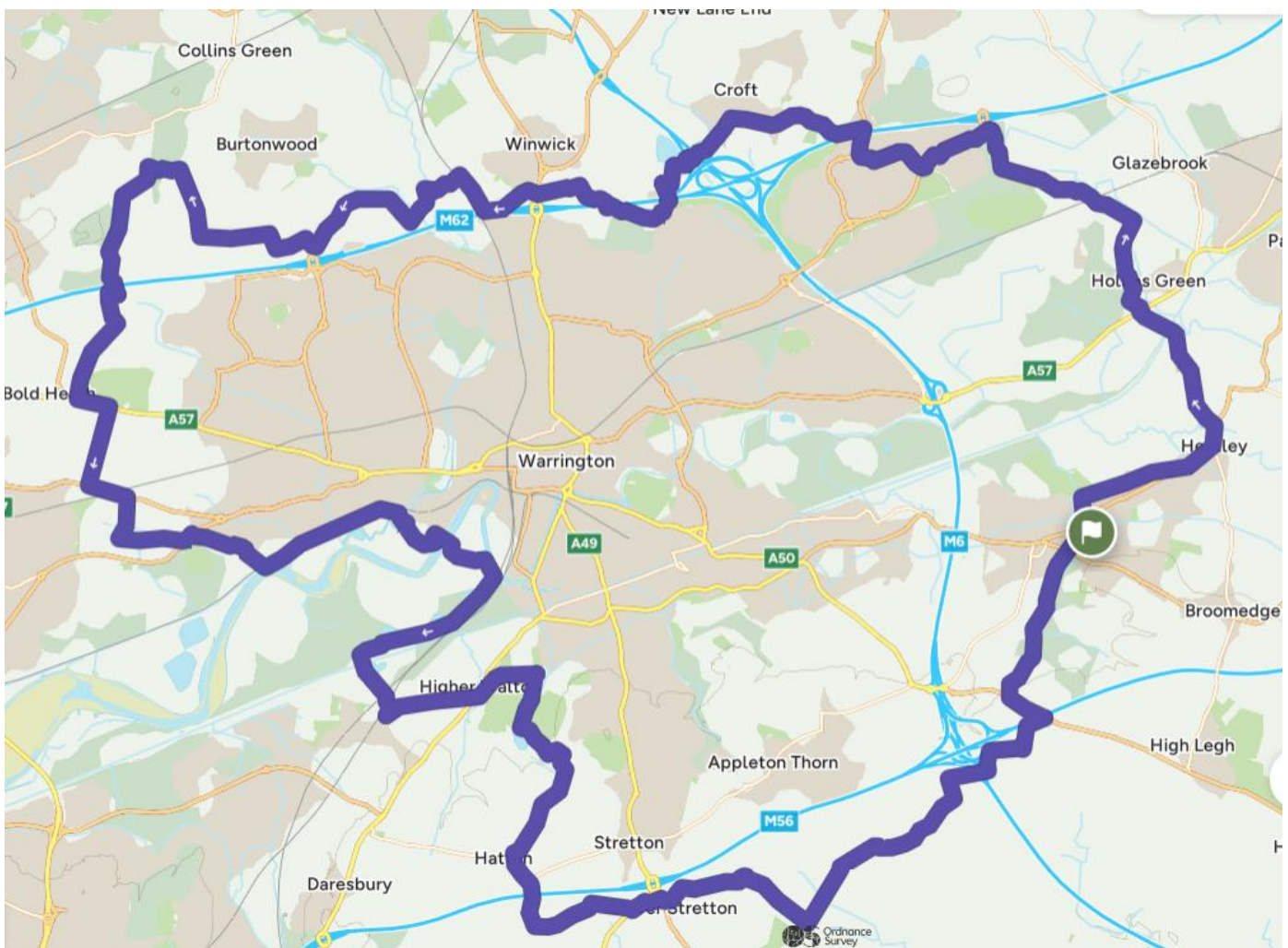




Warrington Way 2026 – route description with maps

The Warrington Way is a 40 mile circular trail running route in Cheshire, circumnavigating the town of Warrington. It starts and finishes in the village of Lymm to the east of Warrington, and goes anticlockwise around the town. Most of the Way is off-road, on footpaths, field crossings, farm tracks, canal towpaths and the like but there are some sections on road and some major road crossings to be aware of. Much of the route is in the Cheshire countryside but the Way takes in the area's industrial and transport heritage – including crossing the Bridgewater Canal, the Manchester Ship Canal, the St Helens Canal, and the River Mersey; the West Coast mainline and Liverpool to Manchester mainline; and the M6, M62, and M56 motorways. The route can be viewed on MapMyRun at <https://www.mapmyrun.com/routes/view/5200873081>. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS A ROUTE DIVERSION IN STAGE 1 DUE TO THE CLOSURE OF SILVER LANE. CHANGES TO THE ROUTE DESCRIPTION FOR 2026 ARE SHOWN IN BOLDFACE!**



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In this route description the following abbreviations are used: [M1] – mile marker 1 on the maps; N, S, E W – north, south, east, west; R, L – right, left; place names are capitalised eg LYMM.

STAGE 1 – LYMM TO HOUGHTON GREEN (0 - 10.2 MILES)

LYMM. Leave Maple Lodge on May Queen Drive and turn L onto cobblestoned Pepper St to Lymm Cross. Turn R onto road for 20yds; over canal bridge and immediate L into Danebank Rd downhill. After 100yds straight across Danebank Rd to Lymmhay La. After 100 yds road becomes track and crosses the Transpennine Trail (TPT), turn R onto TPT. Follow TPT for about 1m crossing Reddish La [M1] to main road A6144 Rushgreen Rd. Bear L onto main rd, go straight over mini roundabout and stay on pavement as road becomes Birchbrook Rd then crosses River Bollin and just after turn L into Townfield La B5159. Follow road towards Warburton Toll Bridge, past toll booth and follow road over toll bridge down to traffic lights on A57 [M3].



Cross A57 road with care and go R for 10 yds then immediate L onto footpath thru field by stables. Footpath goes thru stables and meets Chapel La. R onto Chapel Lane past church on L, then at T-junction L onto Moss Side La for 200yds. Soon after St Michaels on L take footpath on R across field [M4], over brook and then across another field to Dam La. Turn L on Dam La over railway, follow la L then R around farmyard where it becomes School La [M5]. **After passing New Hall Farm, where lane does a sharp right angle, do NOT follow lane – go SA on short path into bushes, turn R onto main dirt path, cross road Rockingham Close, and follow path through Gorse Covert to join Birchwood Forest Way [M6] – main gravel path running W parallel to A574. Cross tarmac path and continue SA on gravel path til it descends to road – Moss Gate. Cross road at pedestrian crossing, then cross A574 Birchwood Way at pedestrian crossing and go N on Daten Avenue. At roundabout stay on Daten Avenue [M7], at next roundabout stay on Daten Avenue, then at third roundabout turn R on Warrington Road heading N. Cross M62 on bridge and rejoin normal route – turn L into Cross La and signs to CROFT.**

Follow Cross La [M8] which then becomes New La through village. At T-junction with Smithy La turn L onto Smithy La [M9] then at road T-junction with Dam La/Mill House La go straight across onto farm track towards motorway. Just before end by farm compound bear R on fainter track which rises to cross bridge over M6. On other side of bridge, track peters out but go R for 50 yds on field edge footpath then turn L into tunnel under sliproad. On exit go straight ahead through overgrown path and hedge to emerge by Houghton Green Pool. Turn L and follow bank of pond going along hedgeline with pool on your R and take second gate L thru hedge onto footpath across field which bears R and joins Mill La [M10]. Turn L onto Mill Lane over M62 motorway bridge and take immediate R on footpath other side of bridge with steep steps down and follow narrow ginnel to **path into new housing estate – keep L and emerge onto road at checkpoint – Plough Inn, Mill Lane, Houghton Green (checkpoint opens 08.30, closes 10.30).**



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STAGE 2 – HOUGHTON GREEN TO CURDELEY (10.2 – 21.4 MILES)

HOUGHTON GREEN. Cross Mill La and L into Radley La **into huge new housing development under construction – track is metal fenced both sides – pass Peel Hall and on rough track to** pedestrian bridge to N side of motorway and follow footpath W across field towards copse [M11]. Footpath bears R to head NW after copse and in 100 yds reaches indistinct track crossroads (footpath sign fallen). Turn L heading W on footpath towards trees and mobile phone mast. Path becomes track then tarmac rd to junction with A49 by B&Q and Burger King.



Cross A49 with care and go over mini roundabout to Delph La [M12] until T-junction with Mill La. R onto Mill Lane alongside railway, road rises and take L turn on Old Alder Lane over railway bridge. Follow road crossing Sankey Valley Trail, then just after bridge over river turn L into private road by Causeway Business Centre. Follow road past buildings, becomes a farm track. Past large barn and mobile phone antenna on R, follow to cross-roads of farmtrack before wind turbine.

Turn R here at signpost, follow path across field past large single oak tree to the end of the field. At field boundary, thru gateway **and head for footpath signpost in middle of field then head right across rest of large field towards** hedge on far side where you can just see another footpath sign. At that hedge bear L to follow hedge line [M14] (with hedge on your R) through three fields to dilapidated farm and silage bale stack. Through farmyard onto track to Burtonwood Rd and roundabout.



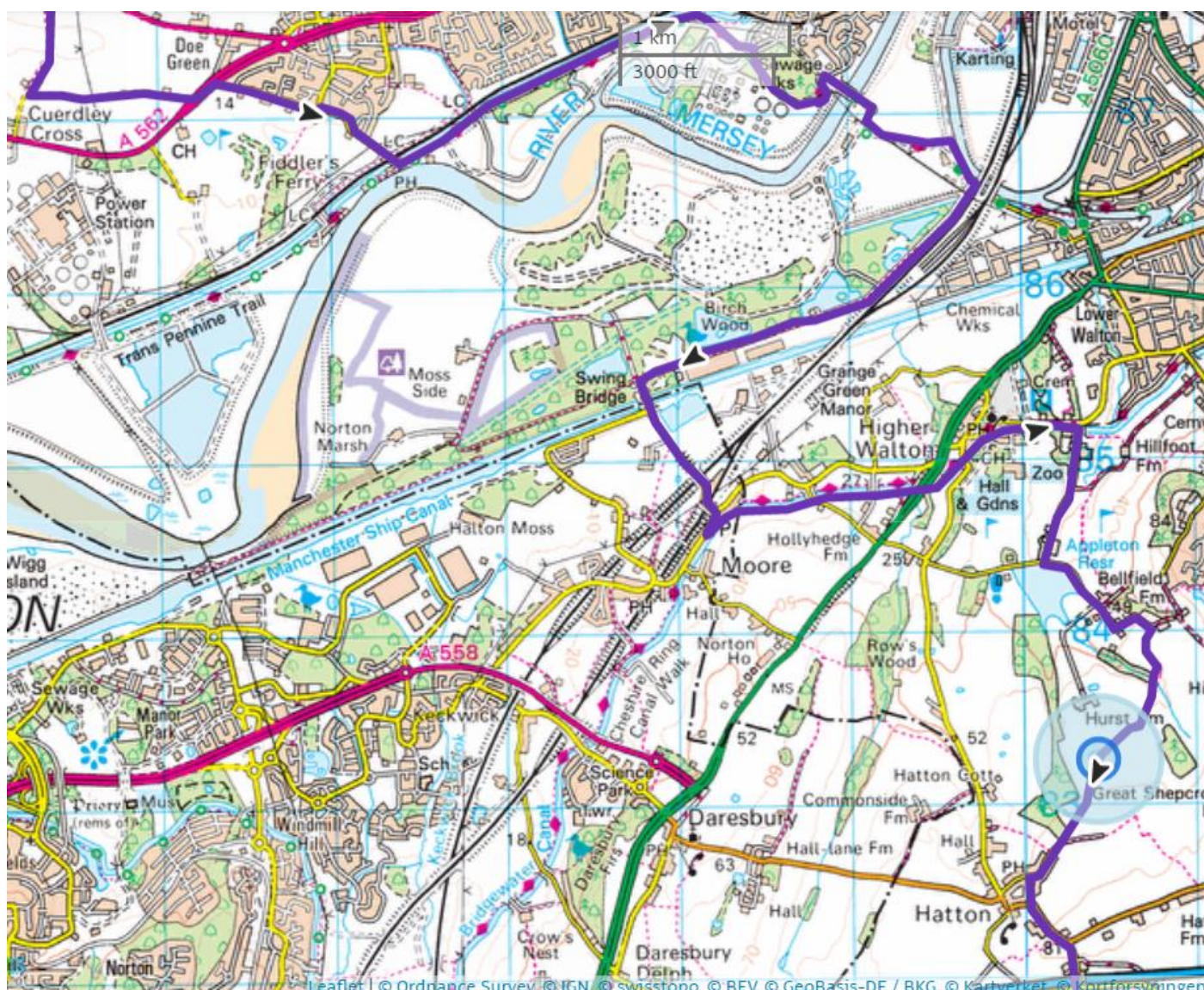
Here, Cross Burtonwood Road with care and turn R at roundabout on Burtonwood Rd for about 40 yds then turn L into Wrights La (pedestrian path closed to vehicles). Thru bollards and follow la, which bears R and then meets Joy La at T-junction. Turn L [M15] through metal gate onto Joy La for 1.5m [M16], track turns R through fisheries farm to junction with Gorsey La. Cross Gorsey La with care and turn L along lane for 50 yds, and then bear R through metal gates onto footpath/track through grassed area and trees to junction with Neills Rd. Turn L along Neills Rd to junction with Gorsey La, then turn R along Gorsey La heading W. After 0.3 mile turn L onto Hall La [M17]. Where la takes a sharp R, go straight ahead through wooden gate on track into Griffin Wood. Follow track thru woods and left across field, then over stile and diagonally across field to motorway footbridge over M62.

On other side of bridge, follow new tarmac path SA for 50yds then R to deadend tarmac and L to head S following path across field and into copse. Follow footpath through copse past paddock to farm and track [M18]. Follow track which becomes tarmac road past Mersey Valley Golf Club to T-junction with A57.

Turn L along A57 past Willow Park Nurseries [M19] for 200 yds then cross with care to turn R onto footpath/track heading S (called South Lane Entry). Track T-junctions with A5080 (Farnworth Rd). Cross A5080 with great care and turn L heading E along road, 100 yds after going under railway bridge, turn R on footpath heading S over two fields towards Fiddlers Ferry power station. Footpath passes through farmyard to join road, turn L onto Mowcroft La [M21] to T-junction with Widnes Rd A562 dual carriageway. Turn L along A562 for 50yds to checkpoint at end of Cuerdley Rd (checkpoint opens 10.00, closes 13.30).

STAGE 3 – CUERDLEY TO HATTON (21.4 – 30.8 MILES)

Leave Cuerdley Rd checkpoint and cross A5080 with great care to Tannery La. Head S on Tannery La and where la bears L, turn R into Station Rd [M22] past houses and down to Fiddlers Ferry. At end of Station Rd go over over railway level crossing (take care!) and Sankey/St Helens Canal and turn L to head E along canal towpath signposted as the Transpennine Trail [M23] for 1 mile. Join road and follow fence/barriers erected for works, past weir and turn R on path to come out onto road to tip – cross to pedestrian bridge beside road over Sankey Brook, and at road crossing with black railings go over road and R then L to still follow TPT signs. Follow footpath straight ahead thru woods [M24] bear L at fork following TPT signs to join road. Turn R on road over Forrest Way bridge over River Mersey. On other side turn R at roundabout then 50 yds later turn L on TPT track again. Track bears R and joins road by Mersey towards railway viaduct.



Turn R just before viaduct (leaving TPT - do not go under viaduct) on track to Moore Nature Reserve [M25]. Follow wide track through nature reserve. Where track starts to rise bear R (before it becomes tarmac road) down a few

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steps to follow path through woods of nature reserve [M26], following signs for car park, turn L up a few shallow steps and then follow path R through field to car park. Out of Moore Nature Reserve car park turn L onto Moore La under railway bridge and over Ship Canal swingbridge then over two railway bridges into MOORE. At T-junction turn R on Runcorn Rd [M27] for 50 yds and opposite Post Office stores turn acute L onto Bridgewater Canal towpath. Head E along towpath for 1.2m past Walton Hall [M28] to Houghs Bridge. Go under Houghs Bridge then turn L off canal and onto road and L again onto Hough La to cross canal on Houghs Bridge. Head S along Hough Lane 0.5m past golf course, rises to T-junction with Park Lane at Appleton Reservoir. Turn L onto Park La [M29] following edge of reservoir.

Follow Park La and 100yds after reservoir as lane turns L take turning R on track signposted as private track no access (but it is a public right of way). Track bears L through gate signed Eton Park then bears R and rises to T-junction with footpath signpost. Turn R here to follow track signed Hatton. Track goes down through woods and then crosses fields [M30] then through gate and becomes tarmaced road Goose La into village of HATTON. Turn L off Goose La into Gosling Close by bench (before Goose Lane reaches the main road) and follow Close to little T-junction. Go straight ahead into very narrow fenced ginnel (follow FP sign) between two houses just opposite and a little to the R. Ginnel emerges onto grass verge, cross Hatton La and turn L to head S to checkpoint at junction with Pilmooss La (checkpoint opens 11.15, closes 16.30).

STAGE 4 – HATTON TO LYMM (30.8 – 40.0 MILES)

From checkpoint continue S along Pilmooss La to cross motorway bridge over M56. Just on other side at T-junction with Summer La/Pilmooss La cross road and take new wooden steps over crash barrier and down steep steps to stile into field. Follow footpath S along edge of field with hedge on L to gate and onto farm track. Just before farm buildings, turn L off track onto footpath along edge of field heading E with hedge on R. Over stile and head straight ahead (following line of electricity poles) on farm track up towards farm, through farmyard and to road.

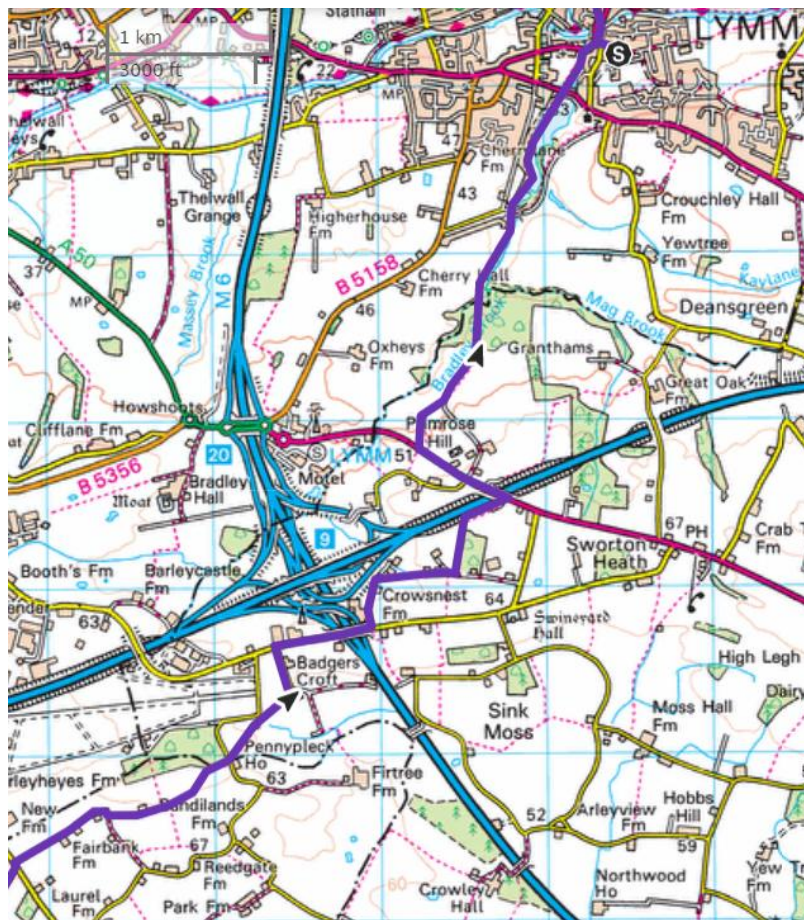
Cross Pilmooss La and take new footpath routed just to left of entrance to Hatton Stables. Footpath goes through field and two gates, past stables then into next field heading E with hedge on your R [M32]. Over stile into next field and turn L to follow hedgeline on your L. As hedge curves R in 50 yds, turn L over small bridge and stile into next field. Turn R to follow footpath along field edge heading E with hedge on R. Through three fields and footpath exits thru gate. Go straight ahead and cross A49 with care to pavement on other side of road. Turn L and go 100 yds on pavement to turn into gate on R into Hall Lane past houses to T-junction with Northwich Road. Cross road with care and turn R for 20 yds, to L turning into Well Lane.



Follow Well Lane heading E [M33] which becomes Mosshall La. Just before track ends at farm, take footpath on L skirting around farm buildings, through two gates by slurry pit into small paddock, bear R through gate and back onto very muddy track turning L past farm buildings and fields. Track finishes at field entrance with footpath signpost. Follow field edge with hedge on R then as field widens out head straight across field (lower part is ploughed and very boggy) heading for narrow metal gate on other side in middle of hedge. Through gate continue on indistinct footpath through bushes to new wooden farm gate into horse paddock. Go through gate to follow cross paddock to gate on

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other side, and then follow FP signs thru 2 gates into field to R of newbuild house and pond, and turn with fence on your L and head for old metal farm gate which gives out into road - Occupation La. Turn L on la and follow up to junction with Arley Rd/New Rd. Turn L for 15 yds on road then R onto Sandy La [M35]. Follow this track for 0.5mile, and where it bears sharp R go L (not straight ahead to road) and follow 200yds to end at turning circle with new house on L. Follow grass track straight ahead to right of house/barn and through gate into field. Follow footpath E, along edge of field with hedge on R to end of field. Go through gate to follow footpath into copse with stream/ditch, past pond, to junction with Crowley La.



Cross Crowley La and follow footpath sign over stile into righthand corner of field. Footpath is very indistinct but heads diagonally across the field to the far corner, heading for gap in trees/hedge in far corner by small building [M36]. On other side of field, go through wide gap into next field (by footpath marker and small building). Footpath continues straight across this field, heading for copse just L of house and separate garage with green door. At copse take footpath into copse, emerging onto Intack La. Turn L along Intack La to T-junction with Swineyard La, then R along Swineyard La over M56 motorway bridge, then immediate L onto Withers La [M37]. Pass one house on R, and near end of Withers Lane just before next house take fenced footpath past large bollard through trees just to the R of house driveway. Footpath runs alongside house/garden and becomes tarmaced Fanners La. Road kinks L then R and 50 yds on take signed footpath on L along path heading N and emerging into field. Follow footpath along edge of field with hedge on R then cross thru gap in hedge to continue N with hedge on L. At field edge next to motorway turn R to head E along field edge, becomes track which emerges onto A50 at metal gate.

Turn L onto A50 over motorway bridge over M56, then cross A50 with care and continue W [M38] on pavement for 200yds past private farm lane and nursery to footpath signpost. Turn R onto footpath over field to stile, then in next field bear diagonally R across field to stile into farm track. Turn L onto track for short distance then through gate into large field. Follow edge of field with hedge on R, heading N to far end and woods. Go over stile and onto track thru woods, down steps and on walkway over ponds, then up steps on other side to footpath running along edge of woods by hedge. Follow footpath through woods [M39] and then up steps by house to Crosfield Bridge/the Avenue. Straight across on footpath through gate past signpost for Lymm Dam. Follow footpath through woods as it comes down to the waterside, and stay on waterside path taking R fork when path branches. Path emerges onto Church Rd A56. Cross road with care and take footpath opposite through kitsch iron archway signposted village centre, down steep steps and along footpath through Dingle to emerge on road by Lower Dam. Turn R to follow road for 50 yds to Lymm Cross, then turn R into Pepper St 50yds and then R up May Queen Drive to Maple Lodge [M40] and FINISH.