WALK 10 - Stapeley House Tea Room car park to Batherton and return

Lanes, pavements, bridle paths, footpaths across fields 11+ stiles 3¼ miles (5.2 km) 1½-1¾ hours
***Alternative route 6 fewer stiles, similar distance and time. Both routes encounter fast moving traffic along London Road and are not recommended for small children.**



From Stapeley House car park (or layby on London Road near RSPCA centre) cross A51 to pavement. Turn left towards Nantwich past Stapeley Bank on right. Keep in single file - take care, fast oncoming traffic. Cross back to Deadman's Lane Bridleway at beginning of houses on left. Follow bridleway between fields to Broad Lane. Turn right on Broad Lane past entrance to 'The Maylands' and Bishops Wood estate and cross road after bend to Batherton Lane. Follow Batherton Lane past Elliot's Wood to New Dairy House Farm on right then turn left into field entrance just before Batherton Dairy House.

Following **Walk Stapeley 6** Way Markers go through gate or over stile and follow footpath along hedge on right across two fields. Go through a further gate and over 2 stiles into Private Woodland (Millennium Wood). Follow public footpath signs through wood across stile into field which may contain livestock. Follow hedge keeping to top of bank with River Weaver on right and then drop down past garden fence to gate/stile. Keep ahead, past old bridge over River Weaver on right, and up slope through kissing gate to track. Follow track past Millbank Barn to Mill Lane, past entrance to Private Woodlands on right and track to buildings on left. Follow Mill Lane * for a few 100 yards to top of rise looking for stile in hedge on right just before small wood on left. Cross stile into field following direction of public footpath arrow way marker to stile in far corner. Cross this stile and turn immediately left over a further stile in hedge.

Bearing diagonally right across field, pass copse on left to stile over fence. Cross stile keeping diagonally right to stile in field corner. Cross this stile with care onto wooden plank bridge over ditch and immediately cross next stile onto verge of Broad Lane A529. Beware fast traffic approaching from right. Cross with care and turn right on pavement to First Dig Lane.

***Route with 6 fewer stiles continue along Mill Lane to Broad Lane and cross over turning right along pavement to First Dig Lane.**
Turn left up First Dig Lane (no pavement). Continue to A51 London Road, cross to pavement and turn left towards Stapeley House. Cross London Road to car park and Stapeley House Tea Room. Weekday opening hours 8.30am-3.30pm.

See previous Walk Stapeley leaflet for Walks 1 to 6

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WALK 7 - Stapeley House Tea Room car park to Wybunbury and return via Haymoor Green

Moderate with many stiles (18+), mainly level, pavement, country lane, footpaths and fields (some cattle), some muddy and uneven stretches 3.75miles (6km) 2 hours
 # Longer walk with extension around Wybunbury Moss 5.4 miles (8.6km) 2 ¾ - 3 hours



From Stapeley House car park (or layby on London Road near RSPCA centre) cross A51 to pavement and turn right. At drive to Stapeley Hall join Crewe and Nantwich Circular Walk (CNCW) and turn left down farm drive, pass through gate and continue through new kissing gate to end of drive.

Turn right past old vehicles to cross stile, keep left over uneven ground past side of large green trailer, follow footpath along left-hand hedge, pass through small metal gate, cross entrance to farm yard avoiding mud and follow left-hand hedge to stile straight ahead (ignore footpath to left). Cross stile, follow line of telegraph poles across field to waymarked wooden post and stile, cross next stile into field and follow footpath along left edge of field to cross next stile and turn left.

Follow left-hand hedge again to corner of field and cross stile, wooden footbridge and stile into next field. Keep ahead, follow hedge and cross over stile before turning left to cross stile to right of field gate. Turn right, follow hedge, pass through dip which may be muddy and cross stile to farm drive. Follow this drive to Annions Lane (or to continue on CNCW, go straight ahead across field over double stile and footbridge and a further stile as you enter Annions Lane). Turn right and keep in single file on right hand side of Annions Lane. Walk some way and then cross road and a stile to take footpath on left (signed Two Saints Way) and follow footpath across field. Follow line of oak trees to next pair of stiles and bear slightly right across field to gate. Cross stile by holly hedge onto track through fields. Follow this track to Main Road on edge of Wybunbury*.

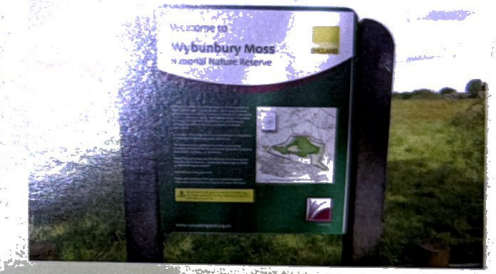
 # To extend walk around Wybunbury Moss, turn right, otherwise turn left across Annions Lane and left into Wybunbury Lane sign-posted Nantwich. Walk for some distance, past junction with Haymoor Green Lane on right. At 'The Palms' caravan site cross lane to footpath on track leading to Haymoor Green Farmhouse. Follow track past drive to (another) Stapeley House on left and cross stile by wooden gate into garden. Keep ahead following fence then cross another stile into field. Continue across field to kissing gate to right of wooden field gate. Continue across next field to stile and gate with small woodland on left and follow hedge past water trough on left to next stile under willow tree.

Continue ahead to further [illegible]ld corner, cross this and turn right (joinin[illegible]route for return) following hedge, across far[illegible]trance, through small metal gate, past large [illegible]d over stile to drive of Stapeley Hall. Turn [illegible]wn drive to A51 London Road. Turn right and cross road to Stapeley House car park and Tea Rooms. Weekday opening hours 8.30am-3.30pm.

 # Extension around Wybunbury Moss
Pavement, track and field walking, some muddy, and uneven stretches, no stiles, one short hill 1.6 mile 2.5km 45 mins - 1 hour
*Turn right along Main Road past Chads Green and Riddings Lane and cross to track marked with Public Footpath sign between gardens. Walk down lane, ignore footpath adjacent to Wybunbury Moss National Nature Reserve sign on right. Carry on downhill through kissing gate with the Moss on right. Pass through gap to right of wooden gate and continue past house on right to join tarmac lane. Keep right past Moss Farm and at sharp left hand bend in lane turn half right down footpath. Go through metal gate following footpath around edge of rough field.

To explore Moss further, follow permissive path marked as blue dotted line on Wybunbury Moss NNR sign map. Enter wooden gate on right, continue along boardwalk through Moss waymarked with blue arrows before returning to route at *.**
Continue through next metal kissing gate. Leave CNCW and turn right following fence to go through another kissing gate just before raised boardwalk over muddy field. There may be cattle grazing here.

****Continue through small metal gate by field gate and follow footpath uphill towards church yard with an interesting information board on church and Wybunbury itself, which has two pubs. Just before stile to churchyard turn right through kissing gate, follow footpath to next kissing gate, continue past back of buildings and turn left up track to Main Road, cross over with care and turn right onto pavement to re-join route at*.



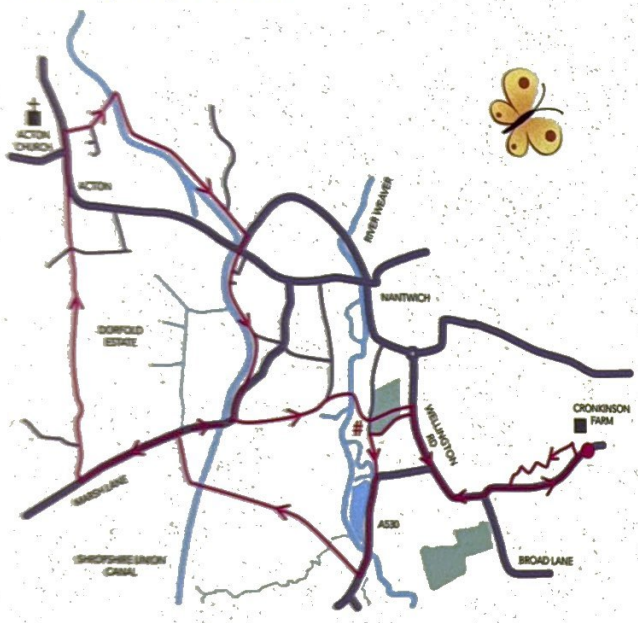
Safety Advice For Walkers
Pavements (including any path along the side of a road) should be used if provided. Where there is no pavement keep to the right-hand side of the road so that oncoming traffic may be seen.

Keep close to the side of the road and be prepared to walk in single file.

It may be safer to cross the road well before a sharp right-hand bend so that oncoming traffic is able to see walkers. Always cross back after a right-hand bend.

WALK 8 - Cronkinson's Farm Pub or Shrewbrige Road car park to Acton and return

Mainly level with slight climbs, pavement, footpaths, tracks and towpath, some muddy stretches through fields 7 miles (11km) 3 hours
#Start and finish Shrewbridge Road car park
5 miles (8km) 2 hours



From **Cronkinson's Farm Pub car park** cross Pear Tree Field, turn right then left at public footpath sign to join footpath through conservation area past Community Hall. Turn left on tarmac path cut through hedge to car parking area behind Stanyer Court onto Talbot Way. Keep left on Talbot Way past Conservation Area, take second right and keep right to Hawksey Drive. At T-junction turn right and cross to Chater Drive.

Follow Chater Drive to right and take footpath to Peter Destapeleigh Way. Turn right on pavement crossing Burnell Close and keep right on Audlem Road past Brine Leas School. Cross Delamere Road and continue ahead on Wellington Road. Cross Wellington Road at pedestrian crossing going past St Anne's School and Tanners Way. Turn left at footpath by litter bin, passing allotments on right, to Brookfield Park with playing fields and children's play area on right. Follow driveway past Brookfield House Care Home to Shrewbridge Road.

Cross to **#Shrewbridge Road car park** and turn left on footpath towards Nantwich Lake. Continue across Nantwich Lake car park following footpath parallel to road. At far end of lake bear left (don't cross wooden footbridge) to A530 and cross to pavement with care. Turn right to cross bridge over River Weaver and in 100 yards cross back over road to bridle path sign in hedge. Join Crewe and Nantwich Circular Walk here via metal gate in hedge and continue across field to metal gate in fence.

There may be livestock in these fields - keep dogs on leads. Cross footbridge and go through next metal gate [illegible] slightly right up slope to right-hand corner through large metal gate to left of stone Continue through another metal gate keeping fence on left, past 3 large oak through a further metal gate to railway cross approaching trains before cross continue through next gate following footpath edge of housing estate on right. Go through 3 more metal gates onto lane and cross canal at Bridge 90.

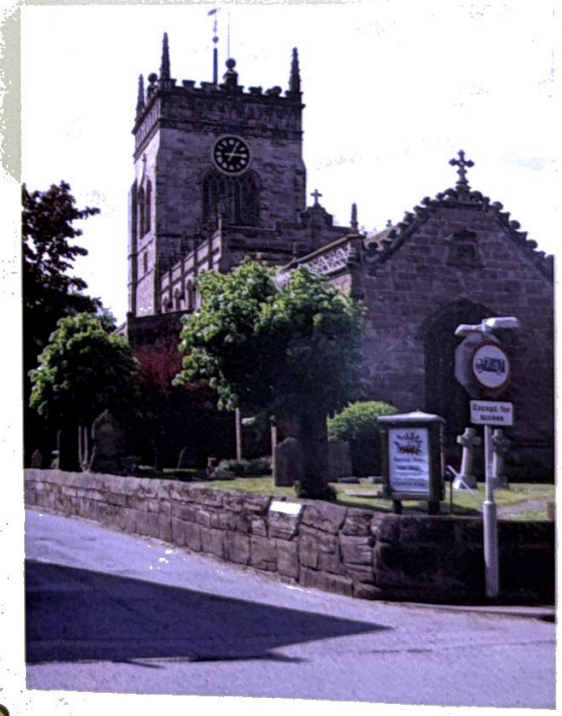
Option of short-cut (3 miles 5km less) to Marsh Lane and return to Queens Drive. Go down steps to towpath and turn right on canal towards Nantwich. After passing under Bridge 91 turn right on footpath to Marsh Lane and re-join route*.
Carry on along Green Lane to Marsh Lane and cross with care to verge turning left towards Ravensmoor. Keep in single file facing fast oncoming traffic. After 600 yards (1/2 km) turn right at Dig Lane and keep straight ahead to join track into Dorfold Estate by side of a large metal gate, signed to Acton.

Continue past Dorfold Dairy House (not signed) on left and through wooden gate by cattle grid onto concrete drive through parkland with Dorfold Hall and Gardens on right. Pass through wooden gate by side of a cattle grid and follow concrete drive to Chester Road, Acton. Turn left along pavement and cross road at traffic island and continue past Vicarage with Acton Church on left.

Turn right down Wilbraham Road, signed Access for Weaver Way, and where road bends right take footpath on left past bungalows. Follow path down across field to bridge over canal. Turn left down steps to towpath and turn left towards Nantwich. The Waterside Café, Nantwich Marina is across Bridge 92 (Summer opening hours, daily 9.00am - 4.00pm; check winter opening). Return to towpath and continue over Thomas Telford's Aqueduct, past children's play area on left and then turn left before Bridge 91 to Marsh Lane.

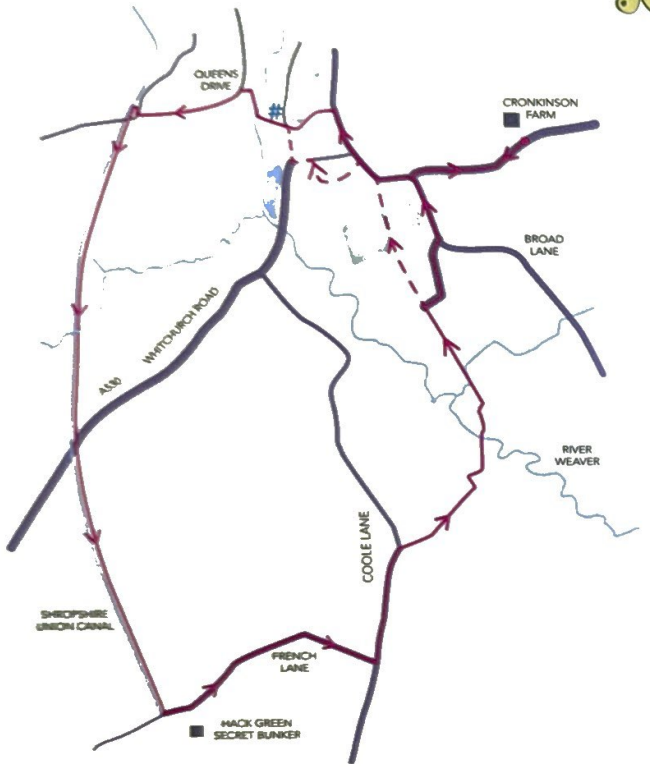
*Turn right towards Queens Drive, at junction cross over and turn left down Queens Drive. At bottom of slope where Queens Drive bends left take footpath on right through green open space to cross footbridge over River Weaver. Turn right along path by river passing under Railway Bridge and take left hand path past Airman's Grave to **#Shrewbridge Road car park**.

Return to **Cronkinson's Farm Pub car park** via Brookfield Park, Wellington Road and Peter Destapleigh Way.



Walk 9 - Cronkinson's Farm Pub or Shrewbridge Road car park to Hack Green and return through Batherton

Mainly level, pavement, footpath, track and towpath, some muddy stretches through fields
5 stiles 7 ½ miles (12 km) 3 ½ hours.
 # Start and finish Shrewbridge Road car park further 4 stiles 6 ½ miles (10.4 km) 3 hours



From **Cronkinson's Farm Pub car park** turn left to cross Pear Tree Field at traffic lights and continue on Peter Destapleigh Way. Keep right on Audlem Road past Brine Leas School, (ignore 1st pedestrian crossing) cross Delamere Road and continue ahead on Wellington Road. Cross Wellington Road at pedestrian crossing and continue on pavement past St Anne's School and Tanner's Way. Turn left onto footpath by litter bin to Brookfield Park, passing allotments on right. Follow driveway to Shrewbridge Road and cross over to car park.

 # From Shrewbridge Road car park walk towards rear of car park and past Airman's Grave on right. Turn right under railway bridge on suspended walkway and then turn left onto bridge over river. Follow this footpath through grassed area to Queen's Drive and turn left on pavement. Continue along Queen's Drive turning right into Marsh Lane for about 50 yards. Then left through a gap in hedge onto canal towpath and turn left passing under bridge 91. Continue on towpath passing under Bridge 90.

An alternative route (first part of Walk 8 to Acton) from **#Shrewbridge Road car park** via Nantwich Lake to Bridge 90 join[illegible]e. Go down steps to canal, turn left along towpa[illegible]

Continue on tow[illegible]g under railway bridge just before bridge [illegible]st canal distance sign, Nantwich 2 miles. [illegible] under Bridge 88 where A530 Whitchurch R[illegible]sses canal and past a lock and canal sign, Nantwi[illegible] miles, to next lock with large picnic area with seating.

Continue on towpath towards Bridge 85 turning left up steps before bridge to French Lane. Turn left towards Hack Green Secret Nuclear Bunker entrance (open 7 days/week 10am to 5pm in summer and Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 4pm in winter with a café beyond entrance turnstile).

Continue along lane to T-junction with Coole Lane. Cross over and turn left walking along verge. After road passes over small bridge in a dip, turn right down farm drive marked with a bridleway sign, past a large wooden house on left, until drive bends right. Turn left following bridleway signs through a metal gate and turn right through two bridle gates. Carry on down slope to footpath signpost halfway down right-hand hedge. There may be cattle in fields. Turn left across field to cross to a footbridge on far side passing through two metal gates.

Continue across next field through gate to old bridge over River Weaver at Batherton Mill. After crossing bridge turn left to cross stile (Waymarked Walk Stapeley 6) into field and keep right climbing up bank towards right hand hedge. Follow hedge at top of bank towards partially hidden stile at edge of wood. Cross stile into private woodland (Millennium Wood) and follow signed path through Nature Reserve to cross next stile into open field. Continue across field following left hand hedge, cross stile into next field then cross stile by gate to Batherton Dairy House and Batherton Lane.

To return to Cronkinson's Farm Pub car park turn right along Batherton Lane to junction with Audlem Road passing Elliot's Wood on left. At junction turn left and walk past Globe pub towards traffic lights, [illegible] Peter Destapleigh Way and turn right [illegible]'s Farm Pub car park.

#[illegible]dge Road car park cross Be[illegible]addock, continue ahead and [illegible] onto drive. Cross anothe[illegible]ood. Cross further stile into fie[illegible]and hedge to field corner. Follow footpath passing between The Weaver School and Brine Leas School to Audlem Road.

Turn left on pavement and walk along Western Avenue turning left into Brine Road. Turn right into Newbold Way and continue to Park Road. Turn left on pavement towards Nantwich Lake and cross road to Nantwich Lake car park. Turn right on footpath under large overhead pipe which leads back to Shrewbridge Road car park.