

# Walking routes from The Bulls Head in Marple

**Pub Address: Bulls Head, 23 Market Street, Marple, SK6 7AA**

**Parking: behind the pub on Chadwick Street Carpark, Trinity Street, SK6 7AX (40p per hour, Free Sundays)**

**Train: Marple (25mins from Manchester Piccadilly) – see other instructions detailing instructions from train station**

There are three routes to choose from depending on length you would like to walk:

## **ROUTE 1**

1 hour route suitable for children with a park on route (Leave longer if you go to the park) approx. 7,000 steps & 5km

## **ROUTE 2**

1.5 hour suitable for children with a park and petting farm on route (leave longer for play time and petting farm) approx. 9,000 steps & 6km

## **ROUTE 3**

2.5 hours – suitable for children who are comfortable walking long distances. This walk includes park, petting farm & historical sites (leave longer for play time, petting farm & reading up about the historical sites) approx. 14,000 steps & 10km

**Please note, all walks include a fairly steep hill which some people of low fitness or health conditions may find challenging.**

## **Starting from Carpark**

Walk right out of the carpark, keeping the back of Iceland on your left.

- Cross the road and head right, towards Costa Coffee Take the next left. and cross the road to head through memorial park.



When you reach the memorial statue you can take a left here and visit the park there is a toddler play area and an older play area.

Or keep walking through the park and bear to the right which will lead you to the canal. Take a left, keeping the canal on your right.

Once you reach lock 9, cross the road and then carry on the path with the canal on your left.



Walk until you reach lock 2 and see a house in the distance (approx 10mins from where you crossed the road), turn right through the gap in the wall and head down the steps. At the bottom of the steps turn left, carry on walking through the woodland, you are now in Brabyn's park.



When you reach the field. Take the path heading to the left. Walk across the field until you reach the river. Turn right. The river will be on your left



When you reach this chair, take the path to the left of the chair.

Walk across the field, through woodland, Keeping the river on your left until you reach a T-Junction where you will turn left. Take the path to the right and then take the path closest to the river, which is on your left.



You will arrive at a car park, walk up the side path on your left to the main road. Cross over the road at the crossing point.

**If you are taking ROUTE 1, turn right and walk up the road until you reach the canal, turn left along the canal, this will take you back the way you came, along the canal path and through the park.**



- To carry on with the walk, cross the road at the crossing point. Turn left, heading the Midland Pub. When you reach the pub take a right up the side of the pub and take the path to the right, through the trees.



- Follow the woodland path. You will reach Garden House Farm. **You can spend some time here visiting the animals & there's plenty activities for the children, there's a café and ice cream cart (donation to farm required).**

- Or keep walking straight through, simply using the farm as a footpath. Walk straight, keeping the farm on your left and walk up a bank where you will reach the Garden House carpark

**If you are doing ROUTE 2. Turn right and head up the steep road. When you reach the main road, cross the road, keeping the playing fields on your left, when you reach the top of the road turn right. This path will take you back to Costa Coffee.**

**Or to carry on the walk. Turn left out of the carpark, walk to the bottom of the road and bear left until you reach the sign for the Roman Lakes.**



**HISTORICAL POINTS OF INTEREST. Excavated ruins of Samuel Oldknow's 'Mellor Mill'. LOCATION: to the left of the Roman Lakes sign**

Or to carry on with the walk, take a right following the sign for the Roman Lakes.

Take the next right sign posted Roman Lakes.

This path will take you to the next historical point of interest.



**HISTORICAL POINT OF INTEREST: Roman Lakes Viaduct**



Carry on walking and you will pass a house called Roman Lodge. At the end of the house turn right and walk over bridge. This is a beautiful little spot!! Once over the bridge, keep river on your left.



Walk approx.. 10 metres where you will see a set of steps on your right. Walk up the steps. **Warning even those who are fairly fit will find this a steep climb and those who are not at peak fitness will need to take rests to reach the top.**

**When you reach the top of the steps. There is a gap in the wall. Once through the gap in the wall. Cross the road and walk to the right.**



Walk along the canal, keeping the canal on your left, you will reach a bridge. Cross over the bridge. The canal will now be on your right.



Walk along the path for approx. 30 metres and you will see a gap and a few stairs. Head up the stairs and follow the path to the canal.



Walk to the end of the canal path and over the bridge, keeping the canal on your right. You will reach Stockport road. Turn left and walk along past the shops until you reach Market Street. Take a left and you will see the Bulls Head pub in the middle of the street .

**This walk will take approx. 2.5 hours to complete and is 14000 steps in total**

