

CHESHIRE

Outstanding Circular Walks









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Walk	Page	Start	Nat. Grid Reference	Distance	Time	Height Gain
Above Helsby and Frodsham	68	Helsby	SJ 490749	7 miles (11.3km)	3 ½ hrs	870ft (265m)
Astbury Mere and village	28	Astbury Mere Country Park	SJ 846627	5½ miles (8.8km)	2½ hrs	215ft (65m)
Audlem and the Shropshire Union Canal	32	Audlem	SJ 659436	5¾ miles (9.2km)	2½ hrs	130ft (40m)
Beeston Castle and the Shropshire Union Canal	58	Beeston Castle	SJ 540590	6½ miles (10.5km)	3 hrs	425ft (130m)
Bollington and Nab Head	14	Bollington	SJ 930780	3¾ miles (6km)	2 hrs	670ft (205m)
Boothsdale	26	Gresty's Waste car park	SJ 540686	5¼ miles (8.4km)	2½ hrs	690ft (210m)
Bulkeley Hill and Raw Head	34	Bulkeley	SJ 523544	5¾ miles (9.3km)	3 hrs	935ft (285m)
Caldy Hill, Thurstaston and the Wirral Way	62	Thurstaston Visitor Centre	SJ 239834	7¼ miles (11.6km)	3½ hrs	445ft (135m)
Chester and the River Dee	22	Chester	SJ 405662	5¼ miles (8.4km)	2½ hrs	165ft (50m)
Dane Valley	20	Brereton Heath Country Park	SJ 795653	5 miles (8km)	2½ hrs	330ft (100m)
Delamere Forest	30	Linmere Visitor Centre	SJ 548704	5¾ miles (9.1km)	2½ hrs	410ft (110m)
Disley and Lyme Park	40	Disley	SJ 972845	6 miles (9.6km)	3 hrs	935ft (285m)
Dunham Park and the Bridgewater Canal	43	Oldfield Brow	SJ 751888	6½ miles (10.5km)	3 hrs	n/a
The Etherow and Goyt Valleys	88	Etherow Country Park, Compstall	SJ 965908	10½ miles (16.8km)	5½ hrs	1,280ft (390m)
Farndon and Churton	49	Farndon	SJ 412543	6¼ miles (10km)	3 hrs	115ft (35m)
Gawsworth Hall and North Rode	52	Gawsworth	SJ 886694	6½ miles (10.5km)	3 hrs	295ft (90m)
Little Budworth Country Park	16	Little Budworth Country Park	SJ 590654	4 miles (6.4km)	2 hrs	n/a
Malpas	80	Malpas	SJ 487472	8½ miles (13.6km)	4 hrs	395ft (120m)
Mow Cop and Little Moreton Hall	71	Mow Cop	SJ 856573	7½ miles (12km)	3½ hrs	820ft (250m)
Sandbach	37	Sandbach	SJ 758608	6 miles (9.7km)	3 hrs	165ft (50m)
Shutlingsloe	77	Trentabank car park	SJ 961711	6½ miles (10.5km)	3½ hrs	1,280ft (390m)
Styal and the Bollin Valley	18	Styal	SJ 835835	5 miles (8km)	2½ hrs	250ft (75m)
Tegg's Nose and Macclesfield Forest	84	Tegg's Nose Country Park	SJ 950732	8½ miles (13.7km)	4½ hrs	1,855ft (565m)
Timbersbrook and The Cloud	74	Timbersbrook	SJ 894627	6½ miles (10.4km)	3½ hrs	950ft (290m)
Trent and Mersey Canal and Great Budworth	55	Marbury Country Park	SJ 652763	7 miles (11.3km)	3 hrs	260ft (80m)
Wirral Way, Parkgate and the Dee Estuary	65	Willaston	SJ 330773	8¼ miles (13.2km)	3½ hrs	245ft (75m)
Wirswall Hill and Big Mere	12	Marbury	SJ 561457	3½ miles (5.6km)	2 hrs	250ft (75m)
Wybunbury	46	Wybunbury	SJ 699498	6¼ miles (10km)	3 hrs	310ft (95m)


Tegg's Nose and Macclesfield Forest

Start	Tegg's Nose Country Park, signposted from Macclesfield off Buxton Road	GPS waypoints  SJ 950 732  SJ 951 726  SJ 959 725  SJ 974 721  SJ 975 742  SJ 967 754  SJ 952 752  SJ 947 744
Distance	8½ miles (13.7km). Shorter walk 7½ miles (12km)	
Height gain	1,855 feet (565m). Shorter option 1,690 feet (515m)	
Approximate time	4½ hours. Shorter option 4 hours	
Parking	Visitor centre car park (Pay & Display)	
Route terrain	Lanes, rough tracks, field paths. Very hilly with many ups and downs, some steep. Boggy in places in wet weather	
Dog friendly	Obey locally posted signs during the lambing season (on leads Jan–May). There are many stiles on the route	
Ordnance Survey maps	Landranger 118 (Stoke-on-Trent & Macclesfield), Explorer OL24 (The Peak District – White Peak area)	

After an initial descent, rise through Macclesfield Forest to the Forest Chapel. The remainder of the route is undulating and there are likely to be some muddy stretches. The last 1¼ miles (2km) is along the Gritstone Trail. The full walk includes a short additional stretch at the end to Tegg's Nose. This is quite a strenuous walk with lots of climbs and descents, sometimes over rough ground, and it is not advisable to attempt it in bad weather, especially in mist, unless experienced in walking in such conditions and able to navigate using a compass.

 Start by taking the paved downhill path, signposted Saddlers Way, go through a gate and continue down to a lane. Keep ahead downhill and after going round a sharp left bend in front of the entrance to Clough House , the lane becomes first an enclosed track and then an uphill, enclosed path.

The path bends right, heads downhill to ford a stream and continues uphill.

At the top, turn left along another enclosed path and in front of a farm, turn right along a narrow lane. Follow it around a left bend to a metal hand-gate on the right at a public footpath fingerpost .

Enter Macclesfield Forest here, commencing a steady climb through the woods. This part of the forest is a delightful mix of conifers and

track and where it bends left, pass beside a gate and walk along a straight, fence-lined path towards the buildings of Dunham Massey.

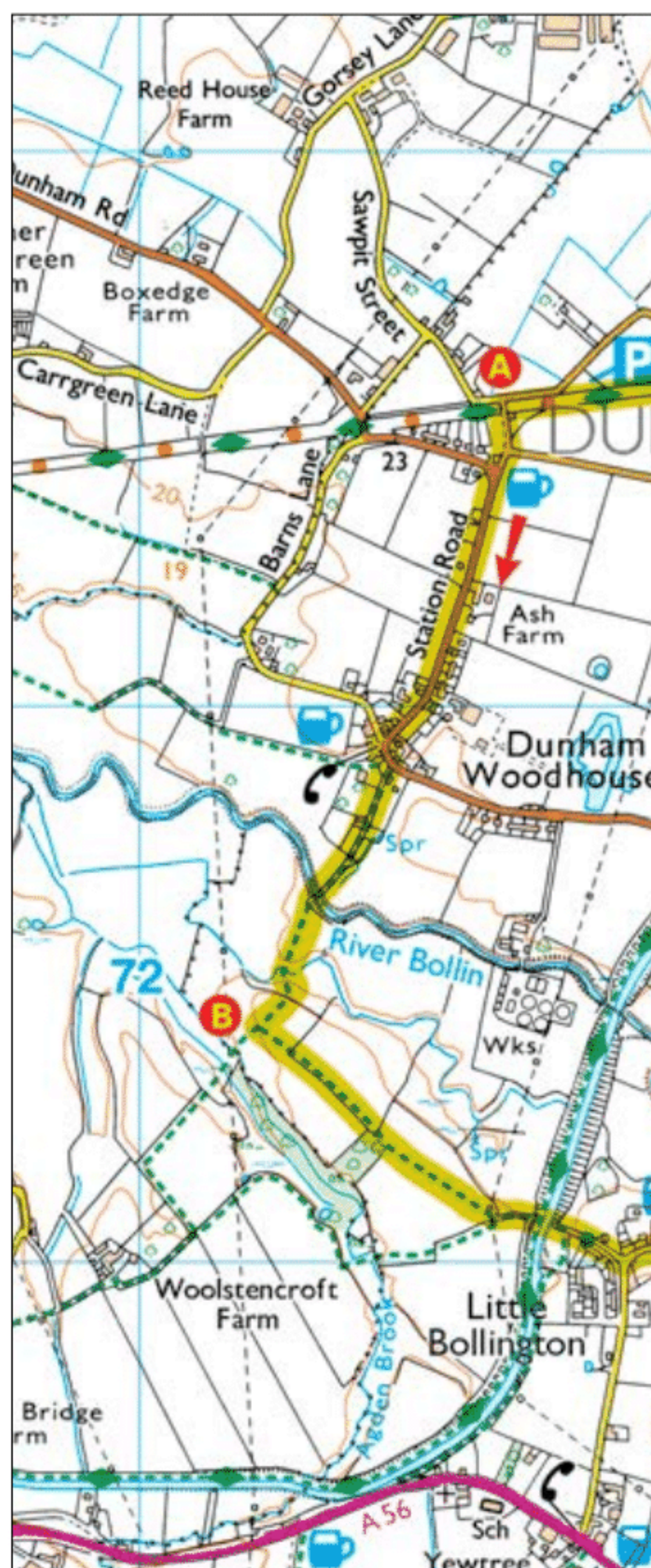
Climb a ladder stile to enter Dunham Park and keep ahead along a tarmac drive to a fork in front of the Hall **C**. Dunham Massey Hall was built for the Earl of Warrington in the 18th century and remodelled in the early 20th century. It is noted for the richness of the interior and the fine collections of furniture, silver and paintings. There are colourful gardens and the surrounding deer park, laid out in the early 18th century, has some impressive avenues.

At the fork, take the right-hand drive and continue across the deer park, curving left to a lodge. Climb a ladder

stile onto a road, **D** turn left and take the first lane on the right. At a footpath fingerpost take the kissing-gate on the right and follow the wide path ahead across the field to a waymarked post, here turn left along the right-hand side of the field. Climb a stile onto a lane, turn right and at a public footpath sign, turn left over a stile and walk across a field to a waymarked post on the far side. Turn left **E** along an enclosed path, pass beside a fence and continue to a road in Dunham Town which, despite its name, is only a hamlet.

Turn right along School Lane, shortly passing by the **Axe & Cleaver** pub. Remain on the lane to cross the canal bridge **F**, turn sharp right down a path and through a kissing-gate onto the towpath of the Bridgewater

Dunham Massey Sawmill



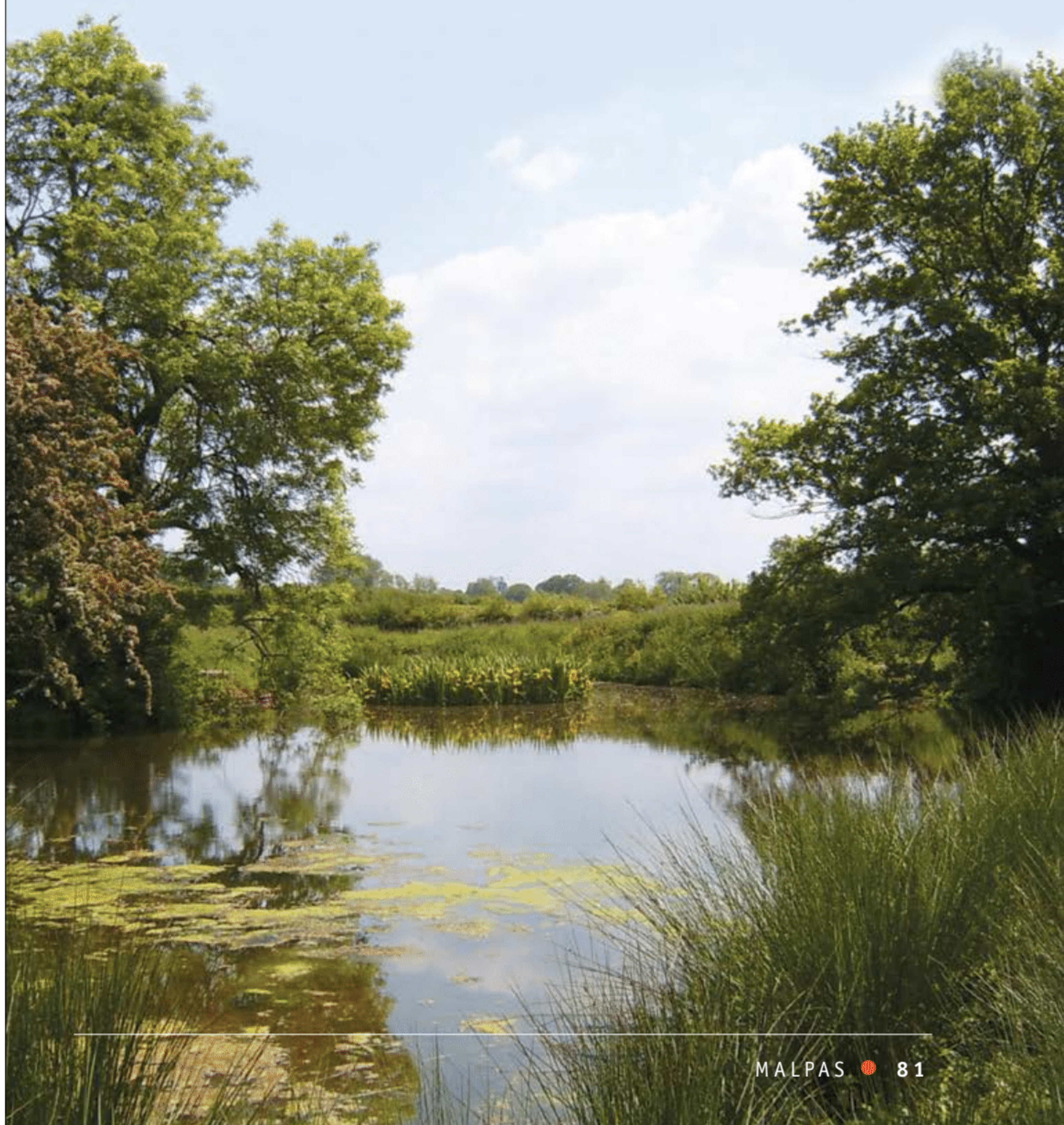
sides. Cross the old brick railway bridge in trees; then beyond the gate, head up the right edge of three pastures to reach a corner with two field gates. Use the right-hand one (bridleway disc) and turn left to accompany the hedgerow to the distant timber-framed cottage. Turn right along the lane to reach the (closed) Blue Bell Inn **E**.

Turn left along the road and walk round a left-hand bend. As this straightens, take the hedged track on the right, walking through to the nearby very busy A41 road. Cross directly over to join a 'Dead End' tarred lane. Walk to

the end of this and use the kissing-gate on the right, heading then along the dirt track across the pasture towards a brick-built church. This is old St Chad's Church, built in 1689 on the site of an earlier timber-framed building. When a new church was built $\frac{1}{2}$ mile (800m) away in 1863 to serve the parish of Tushingham, the old church was left standing in the fields on its own.

About 100 yards before reaching the church **F**, turn left and head across the field to a stile. Climb it, keep ahead

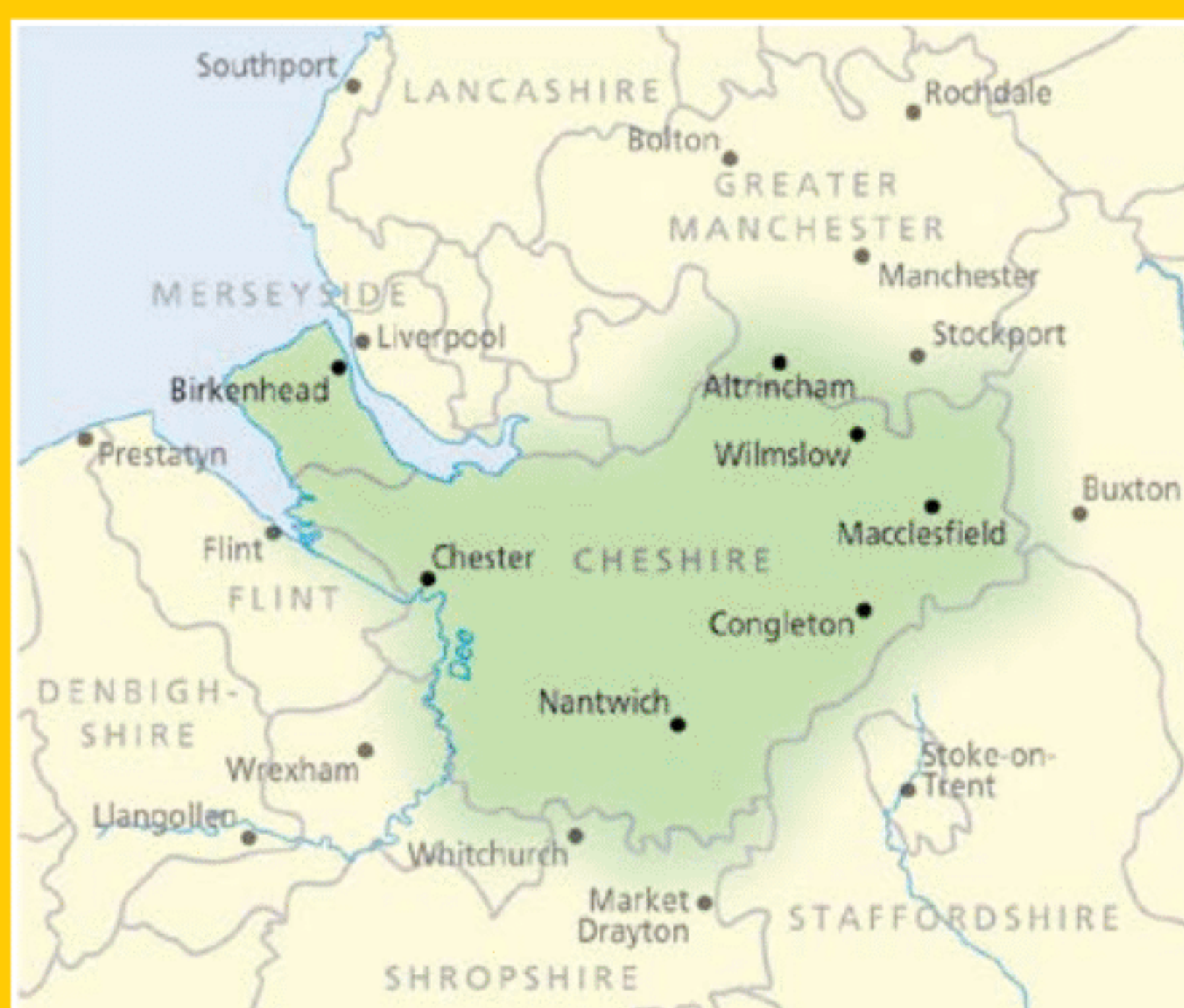
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