

## Walk 6 - Elna's Walk

### FROM MARBURY COUNTRY PARK

**DISTANCE: 4.5 MILES    TIME: 2 HOURS**

A gentle walk by Budworth Mere, through woodlands, along the Trent and Mersey Canal with views to Great Budworth and a chance to visit the Lion Salt Works Museum. You return by way of Neumann's Flash, with bird hide, through Dairy House Meadows, finishing at Marbury's impressive Lime Avenue.

Terrain fairly level, with steps over the canal bridge.

1. Leave the shelter (Marbury Lodge) close to the Lime Avenues and go down the sloping path to Budworth Mere, signposted 'Mere and Big Wood'.
2. Turn right and follow the path with the mere on your left until you reach a slipway.
3. Turn right and very shortly, turn left to follow the main path through Big Wood. At a junction, take the path marked 'Anderton Nature Park and canal'. In a short while, you come to a black and white bridge over the canal (Trent and Mersey). (1mile)
4. Cross over the bridge. At the bottom of the steps, turn left and walk through an open fence on your left onto the towpath of the canal. Turn right, signposted 'Lion Salt Works'.
5. With the canal on your left, walk along the towpath. (Lovely views of Great Budworth Church on the left)
6. Continue along the towpath until you see a road bridge ahead. Turn off to the right, signposted 'TO THE PUB' ('The Salt Barge'). (2miles). Follow this track, past the pub to the road.
7. Cross over to Lion Salt Works Museum. With care and turn right, using the footpath until you reach Chapel Street. Cross the road again to the entrance to Ashton's and Neumann's Flashes which are part of Northwich Woodlands. There is a lay-by on your left.
8. Go through ONE gate and turn right, signposted 'Neumann's Flash and Bird Hide'. Follow the path with the Flash on your left.
9. Continue until you come to a gateway. Turn right before the gate, signposted 'Dairy House Meadows' Pass over a stream and follow the path with some minor inclines, arriving at a Y junction. (3 miles). Turn right, signposted 'Marbury Country Park'.
10. Follow this path until you arrive back at the black and white bridge over the canal on your right. Stay on the path. At the end, close to a stone bridge over the canal, bear left, signposted 'Marbury Country Park. Go through a wooden gate and turn right onto Marbury Lane (tarmac), opposite a carved seat.
11. Cross over the canal and continue until you see very large metal gates on your right. (4 miles). Turn right and walk on the path between two fields.
12. At the wooden gates in the middle, turn left through a kissing gate, signposted 'Car Park'. Walk on the path through the fields, through another kissing gate and into a small wood. The main parkland with its lime avenues and Marbury Lodge are ahead. The car park is on the left. (4.53miles)