



*Friends  
of  
Anderton  
and Marbury*

#### **Walk 4. Starting at Anderton car park.**

This gentle 2.5 mile walk takes you through meadow, woodland, disused lime bed, riverside, pool side, and canal towpath. There are some steps, the steepest are avoidable without increasing distance. Look out for cowslips in spring and orchids on the lime bed in summer. A variety of birds can be seen throughout the year.

1. Leave the car park on the right, facing away from the lift and go through the Dragonfly Gates.
2. Bear left up slope.
3. Continue ignoring any path on left.
4. Pass stone sculptures on right to sign post at top of hill.
5. Follow sign to Uplands. Straight across.
6. Follow the main path through Uplands meadow.
7. Turn sharp right down a path just before the third bench.
8. Enter woodland down short length of steps with 'no horses' sign at the top.
9. Follow path for a short way and enter area on left through gate. This is an old lime bed, now covered with vegetation. In the orchid season Fragrant Orchids can be seen. Smell and admire, but please do not disturb. The lime in the soil promotes the growth of plants such as orchids and Birdsfoot Trefoil.

10. Follow path to gate and go through turning left along gently winding woodland path and down some steps.
11. Bear right following path by stream to main path, turn left down to a small bridge cross over stream, cross and continue along main path by Witton Brook until you reach a steep set of steps leading up on your left. (You have walked about a mile from the start to this point)
12. You have a choice, either climb the steps to the top, turn right and follow path along the side of Haydn's Pool. There are good views to be had on both sides of the path, until you reach the bird hide. If you don't fancy the climb up the steps follow the path along Witton Brook reaching an information board about the Sand Martin Bank with a sign to Haydn's Hide. Keep left up this path and take a short flight of steps, or the slope further along, to the hide. There is an information board sponsored by Northwich Soroptimists indicating the birds to be seen from this position.
13. Leave the hide walking down the slope to a gate.
14. Follow the grassy track keeping the small valley to your right until you meet the main path at the other entrance to Uplands.
15. Turn right and reach the tarmac lane. Turn left and go through the barrier. Immediately take the track on your left with signs asking that you do not park here. Before reaching the houses go through the gate on the right to reach the canal towpath.
16. Turn left and walk along the towpath for about a mile to reach the Anderton Lift car park where you started.