

## WALK 9 CIRCULAR WALK FROM ANDERTON NATURE PARK AND ANDERTON BOAT LIFT CAR PARK

DISTANCE: 6.4kmn / ABOUT 4 MILES    TIME: ABOUT 2 HOURS

Some short inclines and steps. Both the canal towpath and the path alongside the Weaver Navigation are often muddy.

NB This route can be incorporated into Walk 8 to make a longer walk. Start Walk 8, and on arrival at Anderton Boat Lift, follow the instructions below. When finished, rejoin Walk 8 and follow the instructions back to Marbury Country Park. This is a walk of about 11KM / 7 miles.

1. From the car park, make your way down to the entrance to the Anderton Boat Lift complex. (*Open in the summer and December. Free exhibition. Shop and café and toilets. Fee for boat trips*). Cross the bridge immediately after the entrance to walk on the towpath of the Trent and Mersey Canal which is on your right. *The bridge over the canal leads to 'The Stanley Arms' which has home-made food all day and a large beer garden.*
2. Pass bridge 200. Continue past houses and through a gate, passing under green pipe lines over the canal and a black and white bridge which leads to the village of Barnton. *Narrow boats are often moored here. Pass two more cottages. On the left is a sign for Barnton Tunnel and an information board.* Follow the towpath under the road bridge.
3. Follow the path to the left of the tunnel which includes two short inclines. Pass through a gate and metal barriers. Cross a path. *Sign on the left: Private Drive.* Meet up again with the canal. *Sign ahead for Saltersford Tunnel.*
4. Turn left before the sign onto a path that leads down to Weaver Navigation. (*'No Entry' sign for vehicles*).
5. *You may want to take a short detour and turn right to walk a short distance along the river bank to view the impressive Saltersford Locks and then return to the original path.* Turn left (or straight on if you visited the Locks). *The path is passable at this point but is often muddy and has begun to slip into the water.*
6. After another mile or so of walking alongside the river, *there are the remains of a large chemical plant on the right hand bank which is being dismantled.* Walk on until you pass through an opening in the fence to pavement by a road bridge. Use the pedestrian lights to cross the road and turn right.
7. Almost immediately, turn left onto a path up through woodland and climb up the black and white bridge to Barnton.
8. Turn right onto the towpath and retrace your steps to Anderton car park.