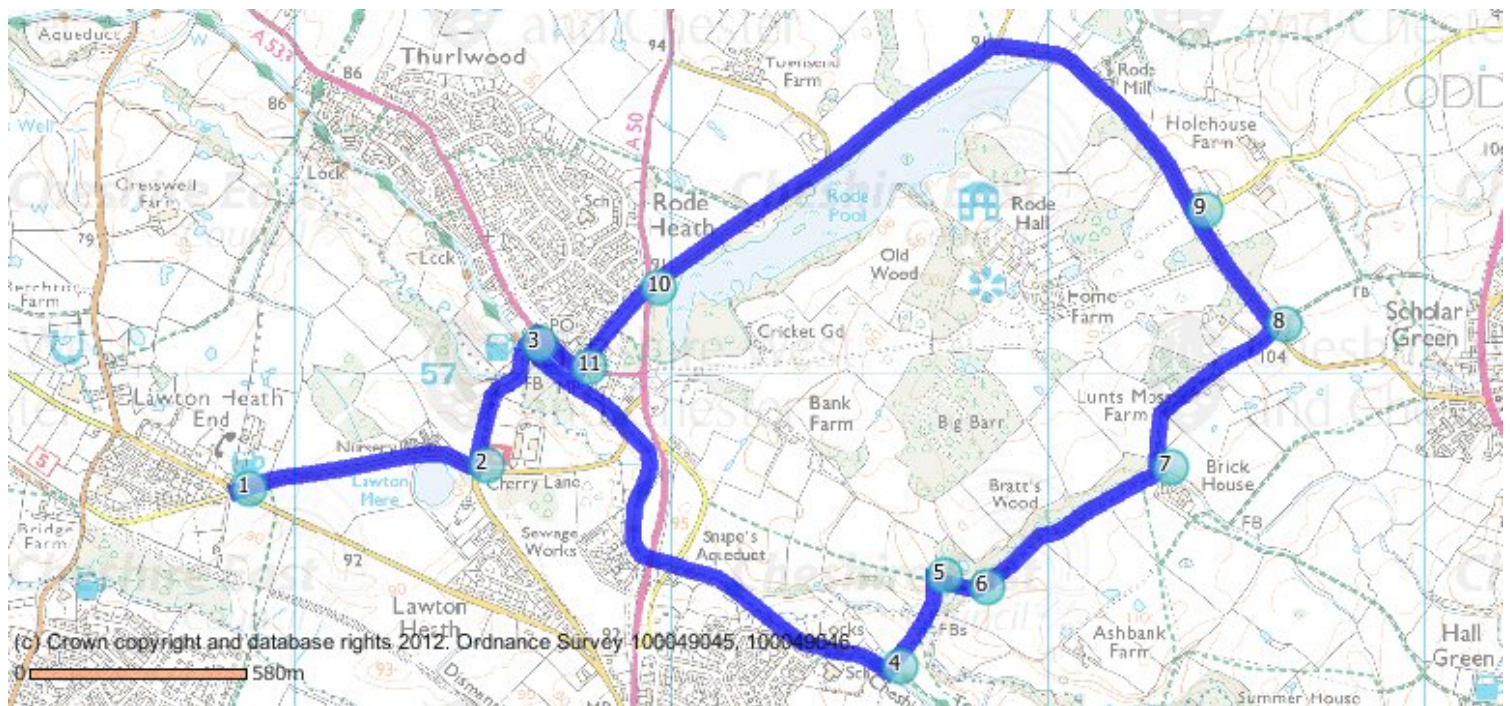


Alsager Series No. 6 - Wildflowers and Rode Hall

Explore wildflowers and Rode Hall's house and gardens

Grade	Easy
Distance	8 km / 5 miles
Time	2 - 2 1/2 hours
Start	The New Horse Shoe, Lawton Heath End, Alsager
Map	OS Explorer 268
Terrain	Country lanes, canal towpath, woodland paths and field footpaths
Barriers	2 kissing gates, 1 stile
Toilets	For pub patrons only
Contact	Public rights of way team: tel: 01270 686029 Email: prow@cheshireeast.gov.uk



Route Details

Explore the canal towpath, wildflowers and historic Rode Hall

This route, devised by Alsager Chamber of Trade, is one a series of walks in the Alsager area. The walks have been published in leaflets entitled 'It's all about Alsager - Walking Maps of Alsager'.

Canal transport was once the mainstay of our industry and now a source of leisure offering pleasant, off-road walking and cycling routes. Rode Hall has been in the ownership of the Wilbraham's family since 1669. Now you can visit the hall, gardens and spectacular snowdrops in early spring.

Visitor Information

Location: Starting in Lawton Heath End, just to the north of Alsager. The Horseshoe Inn is located on Sandbach Road. Postcode for Sat Nav: ST7 3RA

Public transport:Alsager is well served by buses and trains direct from Crewe and Kidsgrove.

Parking: Parking for patrons is available at the New Horseshoe public house

Toilets: Toilets for patrons are available at the New Horseshoe and Wilbraham Arms public houses and Rode Hall tea room.

Refreshments: refreshments are available at the New Horseshoe, Broughton Arms and Wilbraham Arms public houses.

Further information: for further information on the route, contact the Public Rights of Way team on:-

Tel: 01270 686029

Email: prow@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Web: www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/prow

Directions

1. Turn left out of the car park and immediately left into Cherry Lane.
2. Follow the lane for about ½ mile past Lawton mere nurseries until you see a sign at the top of a track for Lawton Valley Kennels & Cattery. Follow this track and at the bottom go over the wooden bridge and up to the canal bridge by the Broughton Arms.
3. At the bridge take the towpath to the right and continue along the towpath until you get to bridge 137. Cross over the bridge and facing you is a stile into a field.
4. Go over the stile, walk down to the bottom of this field and cross over a bridge on your left.
5. Follow the track upwards and at the top of the rise turn right along the edge of the field and in the corner go through a kissing gate into the wood. In spring time there is a spectacular display of bluebells here.
6. As you enter the wood cross the bridge and ascend to the corner of a field turning left to keep the wood and hedgerow on your left.
7. Follow this path through another kissing gate until you arrive at a lane, with a farm to your right. Turn left and follow this lane until you reach Church Lane.
8. Cross the road and turn left and follow the road.
9. You will pass the entrance to Rode Hall where you have the option to visit the Hall and Gardens and tea room (check the opening times and note the entrance fee).
10. On reaching the main road (A50), take care crossing into Chapel Lane.
11. At the end of Chapel Lane turn right until you reach the Broughton Arms and cross over to take the bridge over the canal. Follow the path down and over the bridge and on past Lawton Valley Kennels & Cattery. At the top of the lane turn right into Cherry Lane. You are now returning back to your starting point at the New Horse Shoe.