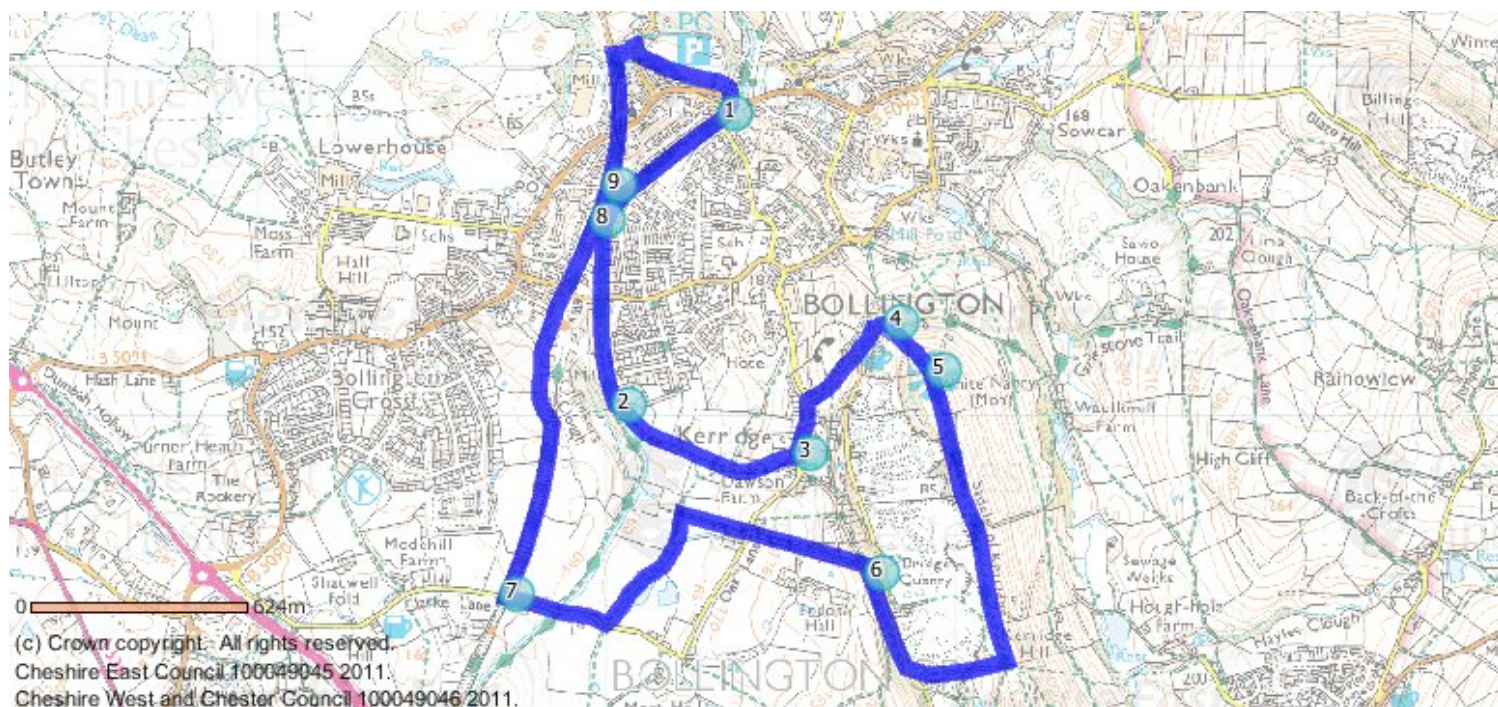


## Bollington Circular Walk 3

The third in a series of circular walks around Bollington and Kerridge starting from the Rangers Office, Adlington Road.

Grade	Challenging
Distance	8 km/5 miles
Time	2 hours 30 minutes
Start	Bollington Rangers Office
Map	OS Explorer 268
Terrain	Partly strenuous
Barriers	N/A
Toilets	Available 364 days a year between 9.30am and 4.30pm at the Start and End of the route.
Contact	01625 383700



## Route Details

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This walk includes a visit to White Nancy. The path to Nancy is steep, and the 'Rally Road' path can be slippery when wet. However the view over the Cheshire Plain from the Kerridge Ridge makes the climb well worthwhile.

Early in the walk you join the Macclesfield Canal towpath. The canal was one of the last to be built, its route was laid out by Thomas Telford and opened on 19th November 1831. The Macclesfield Courier reported in 1831 that around 20,000 people watched the opening by a procession of boats. Ladies were not permitted on the boats because, the Courier said, 'Of a very natural anxiety for the preservation of their health, which might have been endangered by exposure to the cold and damp atmosphere.'

While walking alongside the canal, notice the stacked planks of wood just before bridge 27. These can be slotted into the grooves located near the bridge, where the canal is narrow; to seal off a length of canal so that it can be drained for repairs.

You will pass Redway House and Cottage which were formerly The Redway Tavern and before that a farm and three cottages owned in 1848 by a widow, Anne Gaskell. The farm comprised only three fields, two for meadow and one pasture. The car park occupies the meadow area.

A key feature of the route is White Nancy. A member of the Gaskell family of Ingersley erected this famous folly, between 1815 and 1818 to commemorate the Battle of Waterloo. It is probably named after Nancy Gaskell of Rainow and her daughter also called Nancy. Originally it was fitted with an access door and furniture for the family to enjoy a picnic. Note the letters in the paving stones showing compass directions. Using the compass signs look southwest and see the Jodrell Bank dish.

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## Directions

From the Rangers Office cross Adlington Road and enter the Recreation Ground. Continue along the path crossing and re-crossing the River Dean. After the second bridge, turn right and walk up the steps. Turn right through the gates to the road. Cross the road and turn left, then right through the hole in the wall and walk up the steps. At the top turn right onto the Macclesfield Canal towpath.

1. Continue walking along the towpath, under bridge 27 and past Adelphi Mill.
2. As you reach Greens bridge (no.28), walk up the steps on the right. Turn left over the bridge and continue ahead passing the entrance to Beehive Cottage and then Bobbin Cottage on the right, until reaching a main road.
3. Turn left, walk uphill. At the junction with the Bulls Head pub, turn right and walk up Redway. Pass in front of Redway House then turn left by the side of the house and up the footpath (signpost).
4. Walk over the cattle grid and turn immediately right. Continue up the stone steps and rough track to White Nancy and the Gritstone Trail.
5. Passing White Nancy on your left walk straight ahead. Pass through three metal kissing gates and continue along the ridge. Follow the dry stone wall as it turns right and goes downhill with a row of cottages on the left. Turn left by the Endon Quarry and walk to the road. Turn right, walk about 300yds (275m) until reaching the sign for the Macclesfield Stone Quarries, turn right and walk down and under the bridge. You are now following the tramway known as 'Rally Road'.
6. At the bottom of the steps turn right and then left following the Rally Road downhill. Cross the road and continue ahead along the Rally Road. As you reach the gates marked Private, turn left and through the gate. Walk parallel to the stream on your left until you reach the road (Clarke Lane). Turn right, walk over the Macclesfield Canal bridge and continue until you reach the bridge over the Middlewood Way.
7. Turn right down the ramp onto the Middlewood Way. Turn left and continue along the track. After crossing Grimshaw Lane continue slightly uphill. Look back and see the red brick building on Clough Bank, this was an engine shed for the railway.
8. About 250yds (230m) before the next bridge, notice the remains of Bollington Station platform on your right.
9. Walk under the bridge and onto the wide Bollington Viaduct. At the end of the viaduct go through the gates, turn immediately sharp right and walk down the path to the bottom of the viaduct. Look ahead and you are back at the Rangers Office.