

## Walk One

### Starting from Lysander Road

Distance:	Approximately: 2½ Miles				
Duration:	54 minutes				
Total Steps:	4,412				

Stage	A to B	B to C	C to D	D to E	E to A
Duration (Mins)	10	6	3	8	27
No. of Steps	837	511	235	623	2,206

### What will I see...

From the junction with Farnborough Drive and Lysander Road, facing away from the Tesco Superstore, walk approximately 25 yards and you will come to a path onto the recreation field; there is a red post box on the opposite side of Lysander Road at this point. **A**

There is a grassy mound separating the playing field from the pavement, you will need to follow one of the earth trails across this in order to access the playing field. However, once inside the field, with the length of the field in front of you and football posts to your right, walk on across the left hand corner of the field where there is a trodden path close to the bushes. You will round a small clump of trees at the bottom of the football pitch,



and there are a couple of wooden posts sticking out of the ground; you should continue on along the green open space which goes up the field for a long way. People use this green open space to walk their dogs, so please be aware there may be evidence of dog fouling. As you are walking up the left hand side of the field, you will notice that over to your right is an industrial estate, and some houses will appear beyond the trees a little way off to your left. Continue on along the left hand side of the field, hugging close to these houses as you do so. As you approach the houses, you will come upon a dirt path and an entrance onto the housing estate. **B**



Follow on along the dirt and grass path that you have followed up the field towards some more houses (at the top end of the field is a stile and an exit, leading off through the housing onto Settle Grove), however, you should continue further on along the field, you will need to bear right down the side of the houses. Keep the houses on your left and then turn left at the corner of the fencing belonging to the end house, and walk on up to the top of the field. Here you will exit the field through a little gap in some metal railings into Normacot Grange Road. **C**

You should turn right and walk on along Normacot Grange Road, you will notice several dirt tracks where you could walk back through the earth mound onto the grass, but you should continue down the pavement towards some green railings and bungalows and return to the field by the small clump of trees just before the green railings. As you are approaching the clump of trees, you will see a gap in the raised bank on your right; enter the field here. **D**

From here, you should turn left and walk down the left side of a field. While you are walking down the field, you will see a small copse of trees in the middle and a very large open space off to your right leading to an industrial estate, but you should continue straight on down, keeping houses and the green railings on your left. Carry on all the way to the bottom of this field onto a tarmac path leading to the A50, Uttoxeter Road, where there is a children's play park and a skateboard ramp.

**E** (There is also a basketball pitch and just beyond this is another ball court beyond which is a tarmac path leading down to the A50). On the opposite side of the A50, there is a BP petrol garage where you can purchase soft drinks and other snacks; you should cross the road using the pedestrian bridge over the A50 a few yards along the road to your right.

To complete your walk... from point **E**, you should turn around and re-trace your steps to point **A**.



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WALK TWO ———

Please Note: all map markings are approximate and not to scale

## Walk Two

### Meir Park Recreation Ground starting from the A50

Distance:	Approximately: 2½ Miles
Duration:	54 minutes
Total Steps:	4,432

Stage	A to B	B to C	C to D	D to E	E to A
Duration (Mins)	8	3	6	10	27
No. of Steps	630	235	511	840	2,216

### What will I see...

From the A50, opposite the BP petrol garage near the pedestrian footbridge, **A** you should turn into the parkland and walk along the tarmac path towards the children's play area. You will see a tarmac path leading off to the right of the children's play area, take this and then walk on up the right hand side of the field, past a copse of trees situated off to your left in the centre of the field. After the tarmac path runs out, walk up on the dirt path past some houses and some green fencing on your left until you come to a path leading off to your right, around a small clump of shrubs, exit the green onto Normacot Grange Road. **B**



Once on the pavement turn left and walk all the way down the edge of the recreation ground to the houses where you will see a gap in the fencing; go through this gap onto the recreation ground. **C**

Follow the dirt path beside the houses, on your right, to the bottom of this row of houses; then continue round to your right and then left. This brings you into a large recreation field. Stay on the path following the fence on your right until you come to an opening into a housing estate on your right. **D**

Continue along the right hand side of the field, and you will come to a large clump of trees on your right. Follow the path down the left hand side of these trees and continue down the remainder of the field to the bottom where you will see an earth mound with several trails leading through onto Lysander Road, **E** opposite the red mail box.

To complete this walk, you should retrace your steps from **E** to **A**.

## Remember

All of these walks include some hills; none of these are steep, but if you are unsure about your level of fitness please consult your GP prior to undertaking any of them.

**Toilets and refreshments are available at the Tesco Superstore, off Lysander Road, Meir.**

### Hazards to look out for...

Most of the pathways go across grass which can get very boggy, and slippery in wet weather.

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### Meir Park Recreation Ground

## Points of interest

- The Aerodrome closed in the early 1970s and the site is now Meir Park housing estate. The earlier parts of the estate have mainly aviation-associated street names.
- Stoke-on-Trent City Council agreed to allow the North Staffordshire Aero Club to have a clubhouse at Meir aerodrome in 1935. The site was decided upon between the City Aerodrome Committee and the club, which was given a lease for a term of seven years, and permission to erect a temporary clubhouse, subject to the plans being satisfactory. It was also decided that a public enclosure would be sited near the entrance to the aerodrome.
- There was an attempt to build an international airport here at one time, but Meir aerodrome was a local airport and the aerodrome closed in 1973, with the last official flight on 16 August 1973, when Fred Holdcroft flew a Piper Tri-Pacer carrying a Sentinel journalist to Manchester.
- The light planes used to be parked on the grass alongside the A50 road, opposite the Airport Garage, now the site of a children's play park. The Meir Park Housing Estate was completed in the late '80s, early '90s.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meir,\\_Staffordshire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meir,_Staffordshire)



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