

## Short Walk

### Holden Lane Pools

Distance:	Approximately: 1½ Miles
Duration:	25 minutes
Total Steps:	1,712

Stage	A to B	B to C	C to D
Duration (Mins)	2	17	6
No. of Steps	90	1,225	397

#### What will I see...

Start at the corner of Berwick Road and Leek New Road, **A** with the Holden Bridge Public House on your right and Aldi a little way in front on your left; walk along Leek New Road the short distance to Holden Lane Pools and Nature Reserve which will be on your right.

**B** With Leek New Road behind you, head diagonally left across the car park to the large metal gate; step beyond the gate onto a dirt path. Continue on down the steep incline keeping the lake on your left. Stay on this wide path with the lake on your left, and looking diagonally to your left across the lake, you will see the Horn and Trumpet Public House and some new housing. You will approach a fork in the path by a picnic bench; take the left fork around the end of the lake onto Cycle Route 55 (Tarmac Path). Carry on towards an underpass. **C** Just before the underpass, turn left following the lakeside path. Continue on around the lake ignoring all other paths until you re-join the path coming down from the Car Park. Turn right onto this path and walk uphill to the large gate. Step beyond the gate onto the car park and re-trace your steps to Leek New Road then continue up Leek New Road to The Holden Bridge Public House, and your starting point. **A**

## Medium Walk

### Ford Green Brook

Distance:	Approximately: 2¾ Miles			
Duration:	42 minutes			
Total Steps:	5,311			

Stage	A to B	B to C	C to D	D to A
Duration (Mins)	5	20	15	2
No. of Steps	585	1,663	2,856	207

#### What will I see...

**A** With the Holden Bridge Public House on your right, cross over Leek New Road at the pedestrian crossing and turn left along Leek New Road. After a few yards you will see a signpost with a picture of a pedestrian and a picture of a bicycle; turn right onto a Tarmac foot/cycle path. **B** Follow this path heading downhill with a grassed area on your left and a fence on your right. At the housing estate in front of you follow this path round to your right, walk through the stile and up a short but steep incline into Chetwynd Street. Continue along to end of Chetwynd Street, past Smallthorne Primary School on your left, to the crossroads. **C** From the crossroads there is a Newsagents shop, which sells drinks, up the hill to your left on the next corner.

At the crossroads turn right, Ford Green Public House is on your right, walk on along the pavement until you are opposite Ford Green Hall. Take the path through the stile, signposted Cycle Route 55, on your right; it reads Hanley 3 miles. **D**



Follow the green leafy lane and the view will open out to reveal new houses and Ford Green Brook off to your left. Continue on Cycle Route 55 for some minutes past a wooden bridge off to your left, and straight on down the hill. As you near the road, leave Cycle Route 55 turning right onto a small gravel path. Walk on up the incline and back to Leek New Road, coming out at the side of the Horn and Trumpet Public House. Turn right and walk up Leek New Road, passing Aldi on your right and continue on to the pedestrian crossing on Leek New Road and back to your starting point. **A**



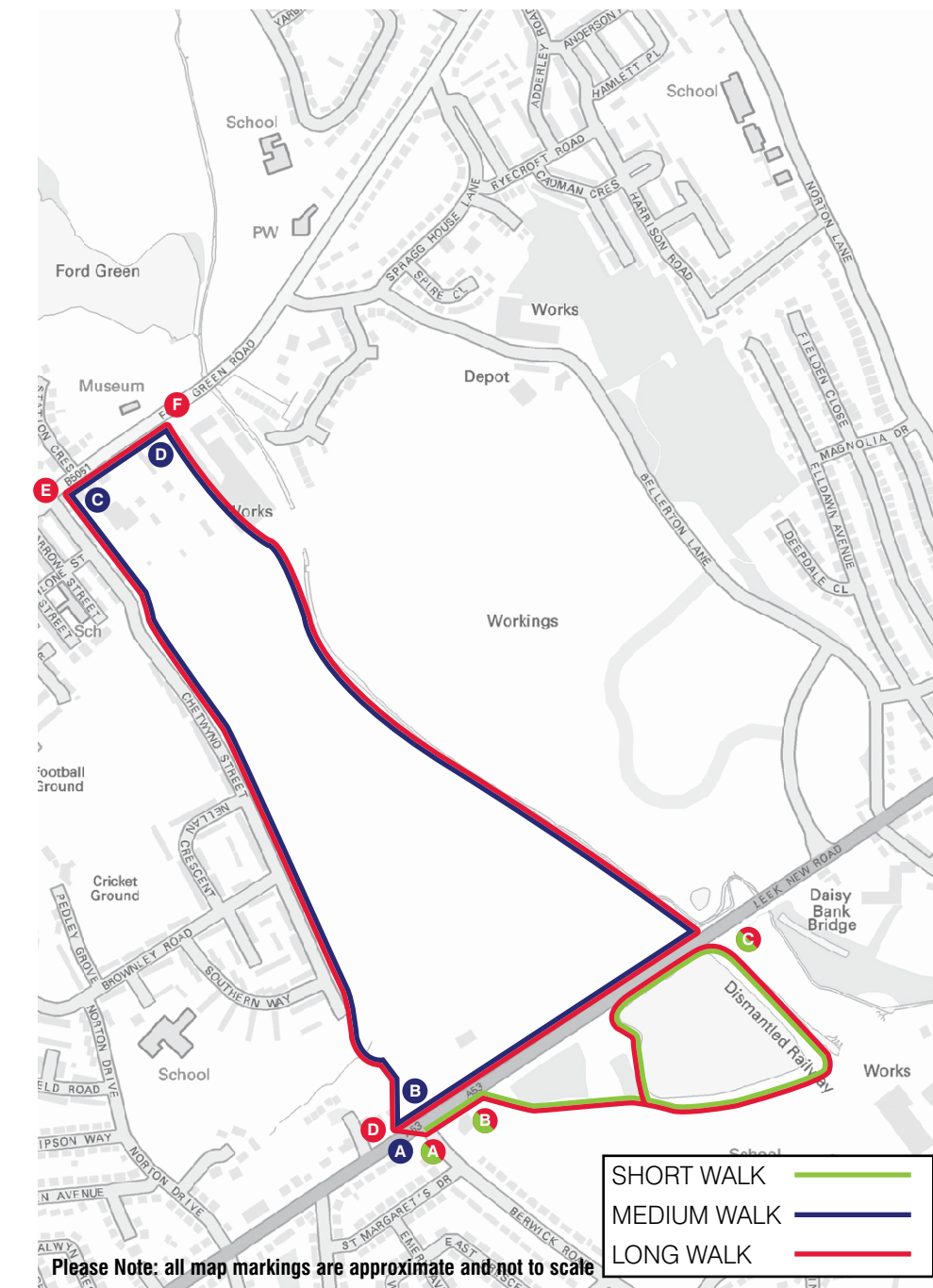
## Remember

You should be aware that these walks contain uphill stretches of varying intensity; if in doubt about your general level of fitness, you should consult your GP prior to undertaking these walks.

**Toilet facilities were not available at Holden Lane Pools at the time of going to press.**

#### Hazards to look out for...

If you bring children along with you on these walks, please be mindful of the danger and keep a close eye on them when near the water. You should also be mindful of the steep bank sloping away from the lane towards Ford Green Brook as you walk from Ford Green to Holden Lane.





## Long Walk

### Holden Lane Pools & Ford Green Brook

<b>Distance:</b>	<b>Approximately: 4¼Miles</b>
<b>Duration:</b>	<b>67 minutes</b>
<b>Total Steps:</b>	<b>7,023</b>

Stage	A to B	B to C	C to A	A to D	D to E	E to F	F to A
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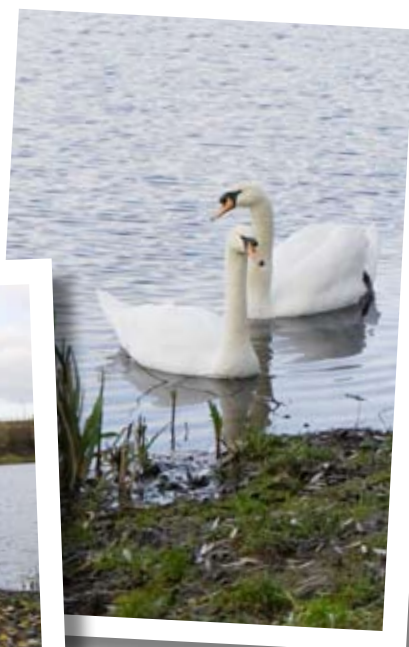
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### Holden Lane Pools

## Points of interest

- Declared a Local Nature Reserve in October 2004, Holden Lane Pools is situated in Sneyd Green covering an area of eight and a half hectares.
- The main pool is the focal point and it is well used by anglers. The area also has some young woodland, marshy reed beds and grassland and just to the north east of the main pool is a conservation area.
- A tributary of the River Trent, Ford Green Brook, flows through the site; it often floods adding to the swamp like features of the reed beds and a currently disused leg of the Caldon Canal is also on the site providing an additional wetland area.
- There are a wide variety of birds including great crested and little grebes, swans, coots and moorhens living in the area, and a range of small birds can be observed in the woodland and reed beds.
- Other wildlife includes grass snakes, which shelter and hunt for frogs in the grassland and marshy areas, dragonflies and butterflies can also be seen.



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Three walks around

## Holden Lane & Ford Green Brook