

Short Walk

Berry Hill Fields

Distance:	Approximately: 1¼ Miles			
Duration:	32 minutes			
Total Steps:	1,304			

Stage	A to B	B to C	C to D	D to E	E to A
Duration (Mins)	10	5	2	5	10
No. of Steps	234	300	120	225	425

What will I see...

You will enter Berry Hill Fields from the Car Park at the top of Hall Hill Drive, off Dividy Road. From Hall Hill Drive, walk through the gate and along the short road to the second gate, you should go through the stile.



With your back to the stile, walk straight ahead on the Tarmac path towards the monolith (tall metal sign post). **A** Keeping the monolith on your right, walk on up the landscaped slag heap (staying on the winding path) to the top where you will come to a number of large partially buried Wheels – these are the old winding wheels from the former Moss Field Colliery; there is an industrial unit just behind the winding wheels. **B** You will notice that the names of former pit shafts and tunnels are located on the winding wheels themselves, and there is a plaque situated in front of them which reads:

“There’s black ash beneath the green, Gob fires burn under Gas hill, and beneath it all lie the remains of miners buried still.”

If you do not have a pram, pushchair or wheelchair, take the path leading away from the winding wheels that runs along the top of the landscaped slag heap and continue on along a light coloured gravel path.

*(Note: The twisting path up to the Winding wheels is unsuitable for anyone with a pram/pushchair or for people in wheelchairs. Alternatively you should take the path leading from the monolith to the information board on your right, which reads “Berry Hill Reed Bed”, and continue on the path bearing round to your right and through a stile, and continue on until you meet earth and wood steps coming from your left). **D***



As you walk along the ridge, you will see Ubbberley housing estate off to your right beyond the car park entrance to Berry Hill Fields, and a shrub land area opening out to green fields with T.V. masts on your left. A short way along this path you will see a pond on lower ground, off to your right, just before you arrive at the stone plinth. The plinth displays information about Lawn Farm Moated Manor House (information about Lawn Farm is included on the back of this leaflet). **C**

Walking on, you will approach some steps (made from earth and edged with wood), descend these steps to join a Tarmac path below. **D**

You should cross the Tarmac path and follow the smaller dirt path leading ahead and down the hill, going through the bushes. Continuing on, you will come to a picnic bench on your right by the moat and bulrushes; there are open fields on your left. You should continue on up the short incline to the large carved stones either side of a cobbled path. Walk through the stones onto the adjoining Tarmac path and turn right. **E** Follow this path (formerly an old mineral line) past houses on your left and assorted bushes and a fern hollow on your right, up the slight incline to your starting point. **A**

Medium Walk

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Distance:	Approximately: 2 Miles			
Duration:	41 minutes			
Total Steps:	2,729			

Stage	A to B	B to C	C to D	D to E	E to F	F to A
Duration (Mins)	8	7	8	1	10	7
No. of Steps	482	410	441	50	900	446

What will I see...

From the monolith (tall metal sign post), **A** take the Tarmac path towards the part buried winding wheels on the hill to the left, in front of you. After a few yards, you will come to an information board on your right which reads ‘Berry Hill Reed Bed’, just after this sign as the path bears to the right you will come to a stile; go through the stile and follow the path round to your right then straight on past the pond with bulrushes and reeds on your right. As you walk on you will come to some earth and wood steps coming from your left. **B**, **D** (on the short walk). Continue on ahead until you reach a path going off to your left beside some small black metal signposts. **C** (The signs read: Viewing Point which is off to your left, and



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



Metal Gateway which points further down the path you have been following (If you were to turn left here, and go to the viewing point, you could follow on round to your left to Fenton Park; but that is another walk)).

You should ignore the path to your left, and continue on down the main path towards Berry Hill High School which is in front of you, slightly to your left, on the horizon. As you walk on, you will pass a circle of stones up the hill to your left. Continue until you reach a T junction with another Tarmac path, by some large stones. **D** Turn right, down the slope towards a green hedge on your right and a metal gateway ahead. **E** (This is a good place to take a rest, if you need one, as there is space to sit around the legs of the metal gateway). If you choose not to take a rest at the metal gateway, turn right just past the hedge and follow

on along the old mineral line path. (If you do take a rest; now, with your back to the metal gateway, turn left onto the old mineral line path alongside the hedge, keeping the hedge on your right). Ignore all paths going off to your left, into the housing estate.

You will pass through a stile and then shortly afterwards come to an information board on your right; there is another stile that goes off to your left with a small grass car park. (This is the site of Lawn Farm). You should continue along the main path and carry on up the hill, through another stile, **F** as you walk on you will pass houses on your left and an assortment of bushes and a fern hollow on your right; continue up the incline to the top of the hill and your starting point. **A**

Long Walk (For a long walk, simply do the short walk, followed immediately by the medium one.)

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Distance:	Approximately: 3¼ Miles
Duration:	73 minutes
Total Steps:	4,033

Remember

All of these walks include some short hills, some of which are steep. If you are unsure about your level of fitness, please consult your GP prior to undertaking these walks.

Toilets were not available at Berry Hill Fields at the time of going to press.

Hazards to look out for...

There are small ponds which you will pass on all of these walks, if you have children with you please be mindful of the danger posed to children by open water.

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Points of interest

- The site is mainly grassland giving the area a rugged, open feel. There are some isolated blocks of scrub and the remains of former hedgerows containing hawthorn, elder and holly. Orchids are seen at Berryhill in the summer as are skylarks, brown hare and lapwings who also live here.
- Berryhill Fields Local Nature Reserve covers an area of 160 hectares and is located in Bentilee. It links the town and countryside and is connected to a number of greenways and cycle routes. The site is an important habitat for many plant and animal species as well as providing an ideal place for people to enjoy the fresh air and countryside.
- Berryhill Fields have enormous archaeological significance; The site is believed to be that of the 13th Century Medieval Manor house of Fenton-Vivian-Cum-Bottleslow. The ditch, which was originally fed by a stream, now retains rainwater. Several archaeological investigations by The Potteries Museum Archaeology Field Unit have revealed the substantial rectangular stone built structure of the hall with a cross wing, a circular stone structure though to be a dovecote and another stone structure believed to be a corn drier or malting oven.



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