

## Short Walk

### Fenton Park

Distance	Approximately: ¾ Mile
Duration:	18 minutes
Total Steps	1,762

Stage	A to B	B to C	C to D	D to E	E to A
Duration (Mins)	2	5	5	3	3
No. of Steps	159	514	482	312	295

#### What will I see...

At the main entrance to Fenton Park on Victoria Road, opposite Maud Street, enter the park **A** onto a wide path and walk on up the hill, the path curves to your right as you walk on. There is an excellent view of the TV mast on Berry Hill Fields, behind the park, from here. As you continue up the hill, you will come to a seat on your right beside a litter bin; you will see a children's play park just a little way off beyond the seat, and a path leading to it. At this point a number of paths converge together. You will see that one path goes off to the left of a small rockery. **B** You should take this path going off to your left.

After turning onto this path, if you glance over to your right, you will see some WCs and changing block. Continue on along the narrow path, past assorted rockeries, and you will meet a T junction with a path that leads down from the



WC's and changing block, leading off down the hill to a gate and a small housing estate. You should turn right onto this path and walk up the hill towards the WC's and the changing block. You will see a football pitch on your left as you ascend the hill. Continue up to the top of the path, keeping the buildings on your left until you meet with a wide, central path; this is the path that you left earlier. You should now turn left onto it and walk on up the hill with another football pitch on your right. You will come to a fork in the path; take the narrow left fork which goes alongside the green metal shelter. After a few minutes, you will come to a little crossroads; the path going off to the left leads to the WC's and changing block that you passed earlier. You need to turn right and walk on until you come to a landscaped garden where there is a small monolith in the centre of a circular path. **C**

Perhaps you would like to take a moment to enjoy the splendour of the shrubs and plants in this area; there are several magnificent bushes and Pampas Grass. Once you enter this path, follow it clockwise around the monolith; you will pass three exits before leaving the path on the fourth exit between two large trees. Walk straight through these trees and past a flower bed on your right. From here you will see a very bent and distorted tree off to your left. At this point you will rejoin the main wide central path. Walk on along this path, ignoring all smaller paths as you continue up the hill. Just after the brow of the hill, you will see a seat which will be on your right; you may wish to sit here and catch your breath. **D**

When you are ready; you should continue along the wide, main central path passing some stone steps, until you reach another path coming in from your left. Turn onto this path and walk down the hill and back to the sunken garden with the monolith. Once on the circular path that goes around the monolith; walk in an anticlockwise direction (turn right) and continue on until you return to the entrance where you first saw the monolith. **E** (This was point (C) earlier).

From here you should retrace your steps from **C** to **A**.

## Long Walk

### Fenton Park to Berry Hill fields

Distance	Approximately: 3½ Miles
Duration:	82 minutes
Total Steps	6,626

Stage	A to B	B to C	C to D	D to E	E to F	F to G
Duration (Mins)	5	5	9	3	15	5
No. of Steps	522	457	591	147	1,023	487

Stage	G to H	H to I	I to J	J to K	K to L	L to A
Duration (Mins)	10	10	5	5	5	5
No. of Steps	898	775	483	264	457	522

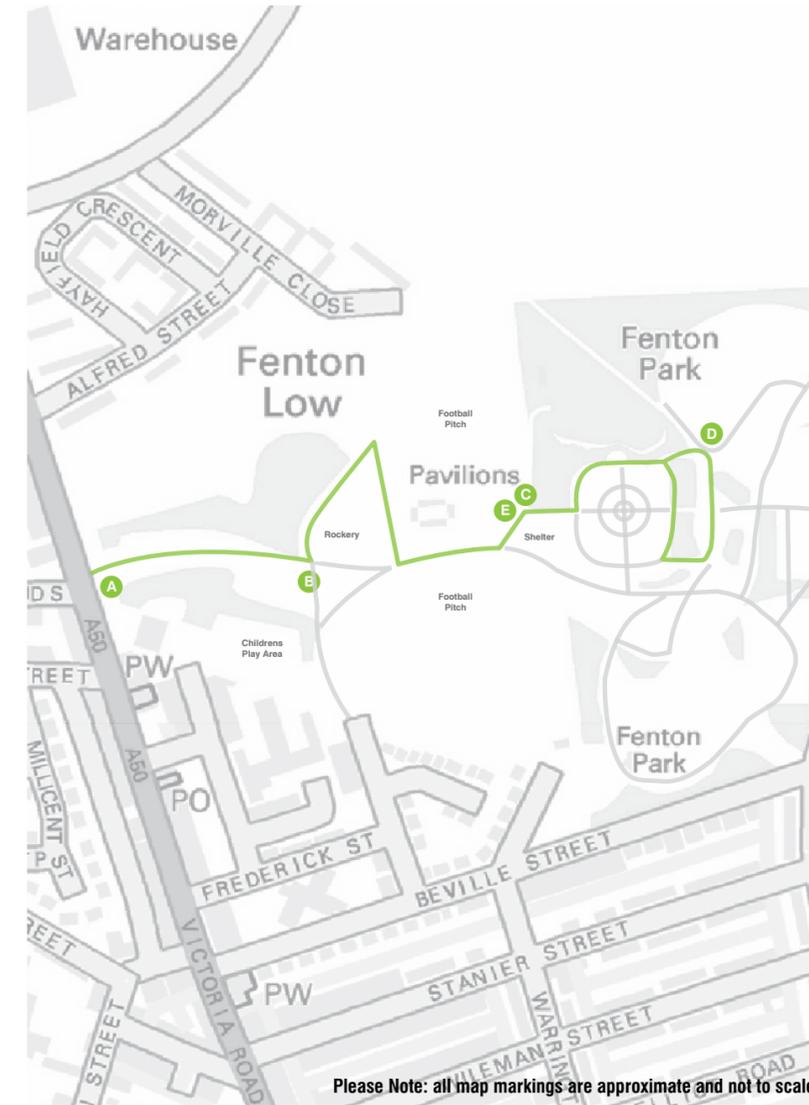
#### What will I see...

From the top of Beville Street, near the public phone box, outside Fenton Park, **A** looking uphill you will notice a public footpath going off to your left, beyond the park gates and railings. Take this footpath and walk on to another set of park gates on your left, some way along the footpath. **B**

Continue on past Fenton Park gates and on your left you will see the grey metal railings marking the boundary of Fenton Industrial Estate. Follow the path for some minutes. As you walk on, over to your right and up the hill, you will see Fenton Television Masts, Fenton Industrial Estate is on your left, beyond the grey fencing. Continue straight on along the public footpath ignoring any paths going off. You will come to a fork in the footpath at the side of a metal barn; continue on past the metal barn to a large metal gate and stile. **C**

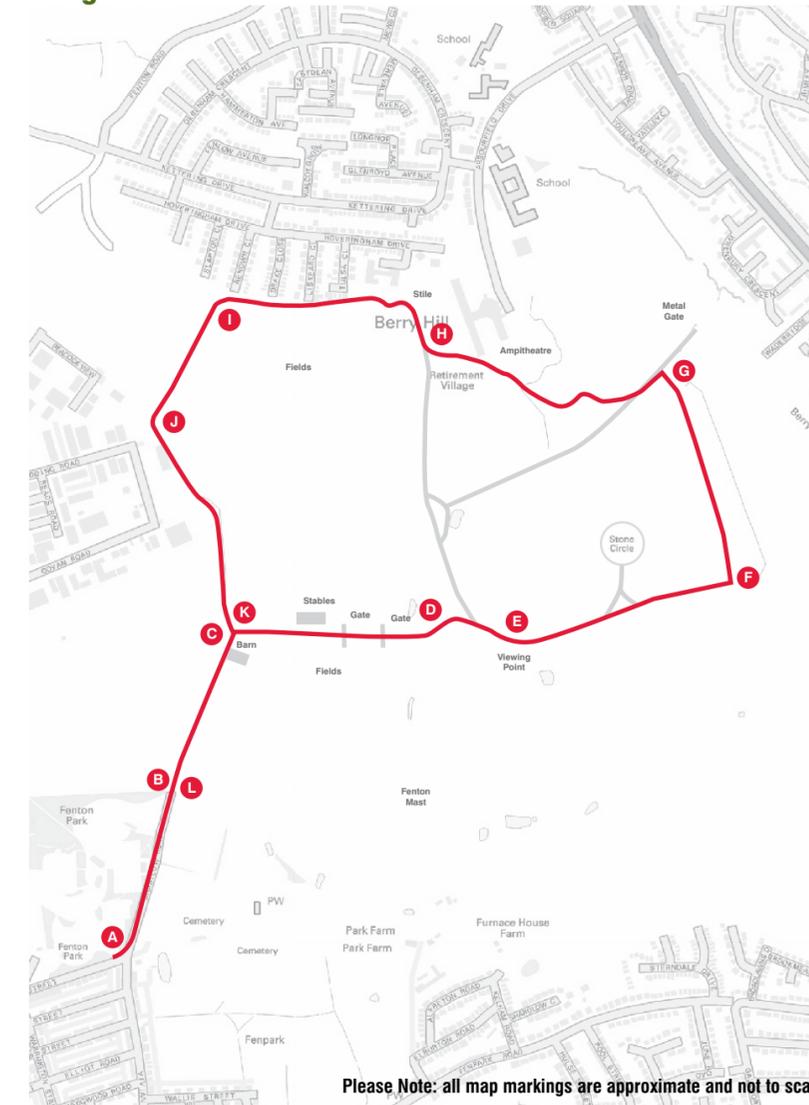
You should go through this stile and head off up the hill to your right, follow the wire fence up the hill, past the stables and through a gate. Continue on up the hill, through a second gate and still further up the hill until you reach a stile on your left. **D**

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From here, looking over to your left, you will see Fenton Trading Estate and beyond it Hanley Park and the twin housing towers of Dixon House and Hammond House. Sweeping your gaze across the horizon from left to right, in the distance you will see Hanley and Bucknall, and a little closer, Eaton Park Housing Estate, Berry Hill and Bentilee. Immediately in front of you, and to your left, you can see the grassy amphitheatre and some tarmac paths. From here, you should turn right and follow the grass path, beside the wire and wood fencing up the hill until you come to the main dirt path. At the end of the wire and wood fencing, which borders the field on your right, you will see some earth and wood steps. Walk on and ascend them to Berry Hill Viewing Point. **E** On the ground just here, you will see a number of inscriptions carved into the concrete platform at the top of the earth and wooden steps. Take a few moments to read them, if you will, as they speak of the views and of the history of the area. The inscriptions read...

1. Look down to the ground, Stoke's history scattered in fragments – Coal, Iron and Clay.
2. If we don't look out, grim progress may step on our dreams – Look out!
3. Look around, full circle, flattened pit, fifties housing, the countryside comes to town.
4. Look up to the sky where a skylark sings its heart out when the wind blows.
5. Look out across the field of Berry Hill to any horizon you want to see on a good day; these words are written around a circle with points of the compass indicating north, south, west and east and each of the Potteries towns which lie there.

From the viewing point, with your back to the television masts, take the gravel path ahead down the hill and back to the path you left prior to ascending the dirt and wooden steps to the viewing point. As you walk on, you will see a ditch on your right and you will come to a seat. This is a good place to rest, should you choose. Alternatively, continue on and you will cross a stone bridge with reeds on your left. Walk on up the hill to the top where there is another seat. From here you get excellent 360 degree views of Berry Hill, Bucknall, Hanley, Shelton and parts of Fenton.

Keep to the wide grassy path and walk on down the hill. As you come up the other side, you will notice a small path going off to your left; this takes you to a stone circle. However, you should continue on down the hill ahead of you; if you look out across the fields of Berry Hill, you will see the Bentilee Neighbourhood Centre on the hill across the valley. As you near the bottom of the hill, you will cross a second cobbled, stone bridge crossing a brook. Walk on across this bridge and up the next rise where you will see another seat. As you walk on past this seat and descend the hill you will notice a couple of black metal sign posts; one of them points up the hill to the viewing point, where you have just come from, and the other indicates the metal gateway. **F**

Just here you will see a tarmac path in front of you, take the tarmac path going off to your left as you are looking at the Bentilee Neighbourhood Centre, across the valley, and continue on until you come to some large stones and a T junction. **G** As you walk down the hill towards these large stones, you will see the stone circle at the top of the hill off to your left, and Berry Hill High School in front of you. From here you should turn left onto the tarmac path that you have just joined.

Walk on up the hill and you will come to a fork in the path, bear right and as you round the bend you will see the amphitheatre on your right; you will notice its grassy tiers and the metal steps that ascend in the centre and at each end. As you walk on up the hill, past the amphitheatre, you will have a ditch on your left. Continue on up the path which bears round to your left. As you ascend the hill, Berry Hill Retirement Village appears on your right and shortly after this you will come to a cross roads with a gate in front of you. **H**

You should take the path going off to your right, following the narrow path around a left handed bend. A few feet further on is a seat and just beyond the seat a very narrow tarmac path leading to a stile. You need to take this path and cross the stile. Once on the other side of the stile, you will notice a gap, and a trail ahead of you across the field between some trees. Follow this trail through the trees and uphill towards the bungalows on your right. Continue on past the bungalows, there are fields with horses in them on your left. Walk on down the hill passing

the end of several cul-de-sacs on your right, until as you near the bottom of the hill you pass an old broken seat. Just beyond this seat the path tends to be very boggy in seasons of heavy wet weather, and you may wish to keep as close to the bushes as possible to avoid getting your feet wet and muddy. You should continue on down the hill to the bottom of the wire fencing of the field on your left. **I**

At this point, you should follow the narrow path that goes off between the two field boundaries on your left. You should cross through the little metal stile and follow the path all the way down between the fields until you reach the path which comes from your right and the grey metal fence, which will be in front of you, bordering Fenton Industrial Estate. **J**

Turn left at this junction, joining the path coming from your right and keeping the grey metal fence bordering the Industrial Estate on your right, continue along the public footpath and you will arrive back at the metal barn beside the large gate and stile that you passed through earlier. **K** (This was point (C) earlier). From here you should continue along the public footpath until you reach the park gates; Fenton TV masts will be on your left and the grey metal railings will continue on your right until you reach the park gates to Fenton Park. **L** From here simply continue on along the public footpath until you arrive back at Beville Road, Fenton park gates and the public phone box will be on your right. **A**

## Remember

You do not need to be fit to do these walks, but you should be aware that they contain uphill stretches of varying duration and intensity; if you are unsure about your level of fitness, you should consult with your GP before doing the walks.

### Toilets are available in Fenton Park.

### Hazards to look out for...

Some of the paths in Fenton Park have potholes of various depths, so care should be taken to avoid twisting ankles.

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## Points of interest

- 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.

[www.stoke.gov.uk/ccm/content/et/environment-team/berryhill-fields](http://www.stoke.gov.uk/ccm/content/et/environment-team/berryhill-fields).

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### Two walks around

## Fenton Park

