

Short Walk

Park Hall Estate Lake Walk

Distance:	Approximately: ¼ Miles
Duration:	14 minutes
Total Steps:	833

Stage	A to B	B to A
Duration (Mins)	8	6
No. of Steps	468	365

What will I see...

Start from the bottom of Glandore Road opposite Ross Close **A** and walk clockwise round the lake, across the metal bridge and weir. Walk on around the lake and cross a stone bridge at the head of the lake. **B** You will pass a bench on your left looking out over the lake. When the path joins Glandore Road, turn right and continue on to starting point. **A**



Medium Walk

Park Hall Low Walk

Distance:	Approximately: 1¼ Miles						
Duration:	50 minutes						
Total Steps:	2,355						

Stage	A to B	B to C	C to D	D to E	E to F	F to G	G to A
Duration (Mins)	5	3	2	10	2	20	8
No. of Steps	283	231	173	530	90	690	358

What will I see...

Enter Park Hall area via Hulme Road, go past the 1st car park on your right and continue up this road until you see the sign for Park Hall Visitor Centre; where there is a Car Park.

With your back to the rear of the Visitor Centre and WC block, **A** set off from marker labelled point 1. Keep to the left hand path up the incline and follow it round to the right. At the top of the hill, **B** you will see the marker labelled point 2. Bear right and you will pass a fenced off cliff area to your right with buildings to your left; leave the path and bear left across a piece of grass and past marker labelled point 3. **C** Continue on down the hill to marker labelled point 4. **D** (Take care here; the grass is very slippery when wet!) Continue past marker labelled point 4 (which can be wet and boggy), the path is uneven and sandy; continue on the main path for 10 minutes to marker labelled point 7. **E** Follow the path up a steep incline past marker labelled point 8, to the top of the hill. **F** (From here you can see a panoramic view, sweeping all the way around from Park Hall to Weston Coyney, Meir, Longton, over to Trentham Woods, round to Shelton, Hanley and Berry Hill). Keeping to the path; bear left along the high ridge (seating is available here if you need to rest) and follow on round to your left and down a dip. From here, you should continue up a steep incline to the marker labelled point 9. **G** With marker 9 on your left, bear left and join the path coming from your right up to marker 2. From here, descend the hill and follow the path round to the left then bear right back to the Visitor Centre and marker 1. **A**

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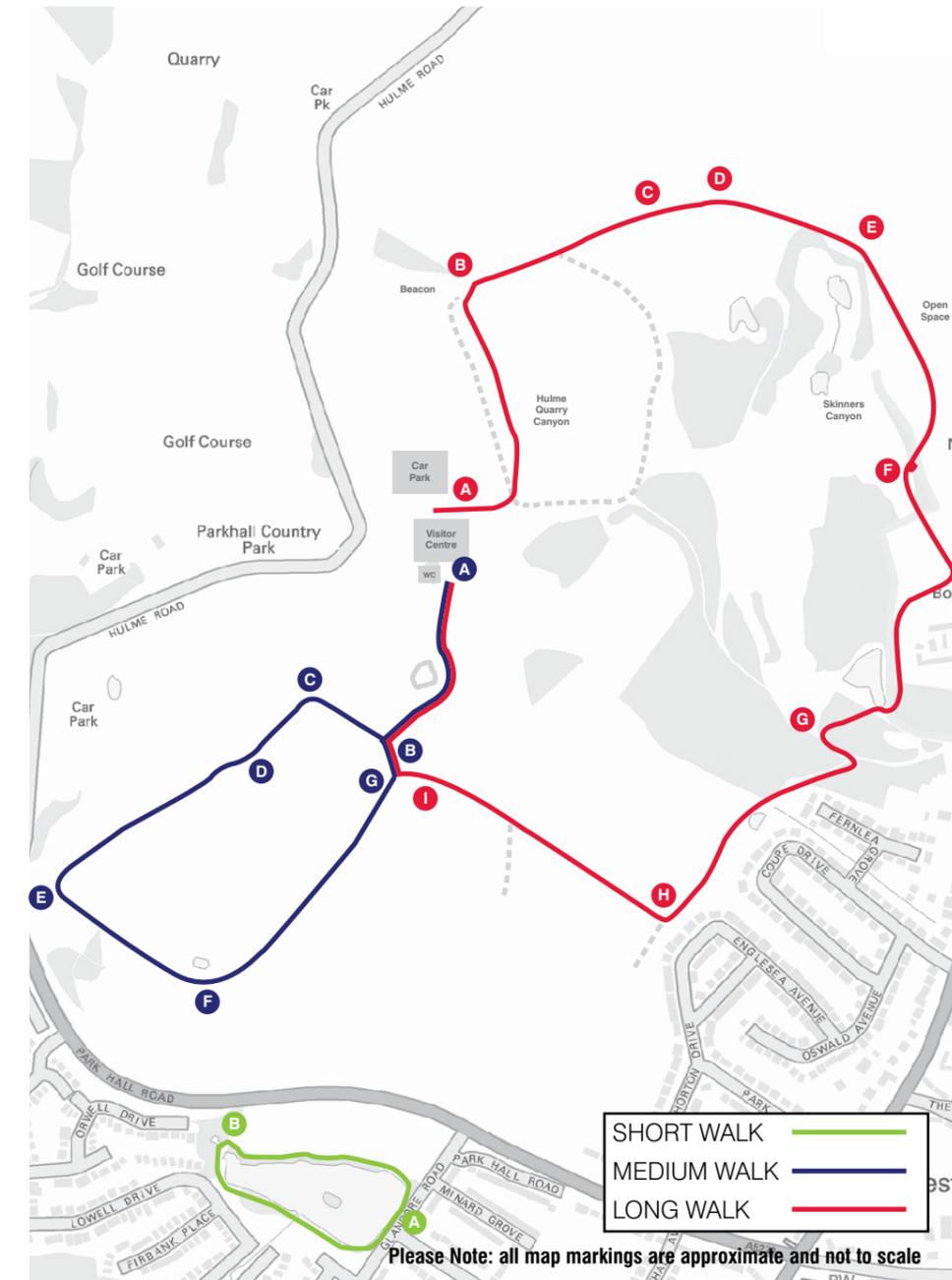
You do not need to be fit in order to do the short lakeside walk; however, if you are unsure about your level of fitness, you should check with your GP before engaging in either the medium or long walks.

Toilets are available at Park Hall Visitor Centre, and light refreshments can also be purchased from the Centre. The Visitor Centre is open on Thursday and Friday between 9.30am and 4pm and on Saturday and Sunday between 9am and 4pm.

Hazards to look out for...

Paths can be muddy in dipped areas during rainy seasons or after showers. Some paths are pitted and uneven and some have loose gravel. The short walk goes through areas where half house bricks are partially buried in mud; care should be taken not to trip over these.

Note: These walks are not suitable for people with prams, pushchairs or wheelchairs.



Long Walk

Park Hall, Hulme Quarry Walk

Distance:	Approximately: 2½ Miles
Duration:	52 minutes
Total Steps:	4,023

Stage	A to B	B to C	C to D	D to E	E to F
Duration (Mins)	10	4	5	4	10
No. of Steps	515	247	304	280	557

Stage	F to G	G to H	H to I	I to A
Duration (Mins)	5	4	5	5
No. of Steps	575	449	579	517

What will I see...

With the Car Park behind you and the Visitors' Centre to your right you will see a Plaque about Park Hall Country Park to your left; **A** proceed onwards, keeping the plaque on your left and bear left along the path. Just on ahead, you will see an information board showing details about the quarry on your right. Keep the quarry canyon on your right and take the lower footpath. Walk on; bearing right at the top of the hill and you will see another information board on your right. Continue straight on past this information board and at the top of the slope you will see a Beacon just off to your left. You should continue up the next rise past a small pond on your left, keeping the canyon on your right. **B**

At yellow marker post 20, follow the quarry round to the right and continue on round the edge of the quarry; until you come to some seating. Keep on the main path, and when you reach the fork in the path bear left away from the quarry. You will come to a blue post; **C** continue ahead down the slope into the dip (Hulme Road is off to your left), then continue on the left hand path keeping the fence on your right to yellow marker post 19, where you will bear round to the right of a seat (rest here if you wish). **D** You will see a lovely panoramic view in front of you. At the bottom of the grassy path you come to yellow marker post 18. **E**

Follow the path around to your right past the blue marker, with bushes on your right and open space on your left. Pass yellow marker post 17, on your right, and follow the path round to your right. A wooden fence will appear on your right as you continue on past Skinner's Canyon, and there are trees on your left. You will see a wood in front of you as you pass the blue marker post. At the wood, bear round to your right to yellow marker post 16, **F** and follow on round to the right keeping the trees on your right. There is a field on your left. Follow the path round the edge of the field bearing left and towards a farm on your left – the wood and pond will be on your right as you continue on down a slope. The path bears right, past a blue marker and around a pond and a number of picnic benches to yellow marker post 14 which is in front of you with the pond on your right.

Bear left at the fork in the path with the sign for the Visitors' Centre on your left. Walk up the sharp incline keeping the yellow marker on your left to yellow marker post 12. **G** Here, you should join the new path and turn left. Continue on past the trees marked with blue to the next junction; there is another blue marker your right. Bear right as you pass the blue marker and you will see a wood on your right and houses on your left. You should continue on up an incline. You will see some tall stones at the top of the hill ahead of you.

Follow the path round to the left, up the hill and through the hedge to a blue marker on your left. **H** Turn right here and follow the hedge up the hill past the old stone gateposts which will be on your left as you approach them. From this point off to your left you can see St. James' Church, Longton. Walk on up the hill to a bench on your right; yellow marker post 10 will be behind you. Just on ahead and off to your left you will see yellow marker post 9, and yellow marker post 2 is round the path which goes off to your right. **I** Turn right past yellow marker post 2. Follow the path round to the left, down the hollow and up the incline past yellow marker post 1 back to the WCs and Visitor Centre. **A**

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Points of interest

- 16th Century Park Hall was very similar to today's Cannock Chase; it was used as a deer park. By the early 19th Century, Coal mining and quarrying had begun and by 1939 major gravel extraction was underway. Initial extraction was done without planning permission which severely damaged the landscape. Later quarrying was planned and woodlands were planted. Extraction ended completely in 1970.
- Notable features of Park Hall are its sandstone and pebble beds deposited in desert conditions, in the Triassic period, some 230 million years ago. The pebble beds are the result of flash floods; geologists can tell the direction of these floods by examining the way in which the pebbles have been deposited.
- Heathlands and sandstone canyons are important nesting sites for kestrels and for little owls. The heathland and woods are home to short-eared owls, skylarks, meadow pipits and partridge and linnets can be seen in the gorse.



Three walks around

Park Hall

