

Short Walk

From the A34 to Michelin Athletic Club, round the lake beyond SCFC practice pitches & back.

Distance	Approximately: 1 ¾ Mile
Duration:	33 minutes
Total Steps	2,983

Stage	A to B	B to C	C to D	D to E	E to D	D to A
Duration (Mins)	5	2	5	1	7	13
No. of Steps	475	180	480	90	533	1,225

What will I see...

From the junction with the A34 and Riverside Drive, **A** keeping the shops on your right, walk along the pavement to the junction with Rosetree Avenue. Turn left into Rosetree Avenue **B** and walk on past the houses on your right; you will come to a little bridge crossing Lyme Brook. Just beyond this point Michelin Athletic Club is on your right. There is a stile marking the start of the public footpath which goes through the car park on your right between the MAC and Lyme Brook (though the gates to the car park are usually open); walk across this car park and at the other side you will see a football field ahead. **C** You should follow the dirt path beside the fence around the football field, keeping the fence on your left, and shortly after rounding the top of the field you will come upon another stile. **D** Just before this stile is a path going off to your right which leads up to a slabbed area in front of a lake. Take this path up to the clearing in front of the lake. **E** Follow the lakeside path clockwise around the lake. There are a number of fishing stages along the edge of the lake. This is a very pleasant and relaxing spot, but due to flooding after heavy rain, is unsuitable for people with prams, pushchairs or for people in wheelchairs. As you skirt around the lake, you will come across clumps of bulrushes and reed grasses. Walk on and after 7 minutes you will return to the open space at the front of the lake, where you entered the clearing. **D** From here, you should retrace your steps back to the A34 and your starting point **A**.

Medium Walk

To the Lake, beyond SCFC practice pitches.

Distance	Approximately: 1¼ Miles					
Duration:	35 minutes					
Total Steps	3,381					

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	4	3	3	3	7	10
No. of Steps	475	380	291	274	253	533	1,175

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see a lane going off to your left; take it and you will come to a clearing in front of a lake. **F** Follow the lakeside path clockwise around the lake. There are a number of fishing stages along the edge of the lake. This is a very pleasant and relaxing spot, but due to flooding after heavy rain, is unsuitable for people with prams, pushchairs or for people in wheelchairs. As you skirt around the lake, you will come across clumps of bulrushes and reed grasses. Walk on and after 7 minutes you will come back to the open space at the front of the lake, where you entered the clearing. **G** You should now take the path that you took earlier leading back in the direction of the Michelin Athletic Club Sports Field. With the field in front of you, and the stile you passed through some minutes earlier on your right, you should turn left and with the wire fence on your right, follow the main path up onto the higher ground at the side of Michelin Athletic Club. Keeping left, cross through the car park and back to the lane by Lyme Brook. (This was between points (B) and (C) earlier). You should retrace your steps back to the A34 from here. **A**

Long Walk

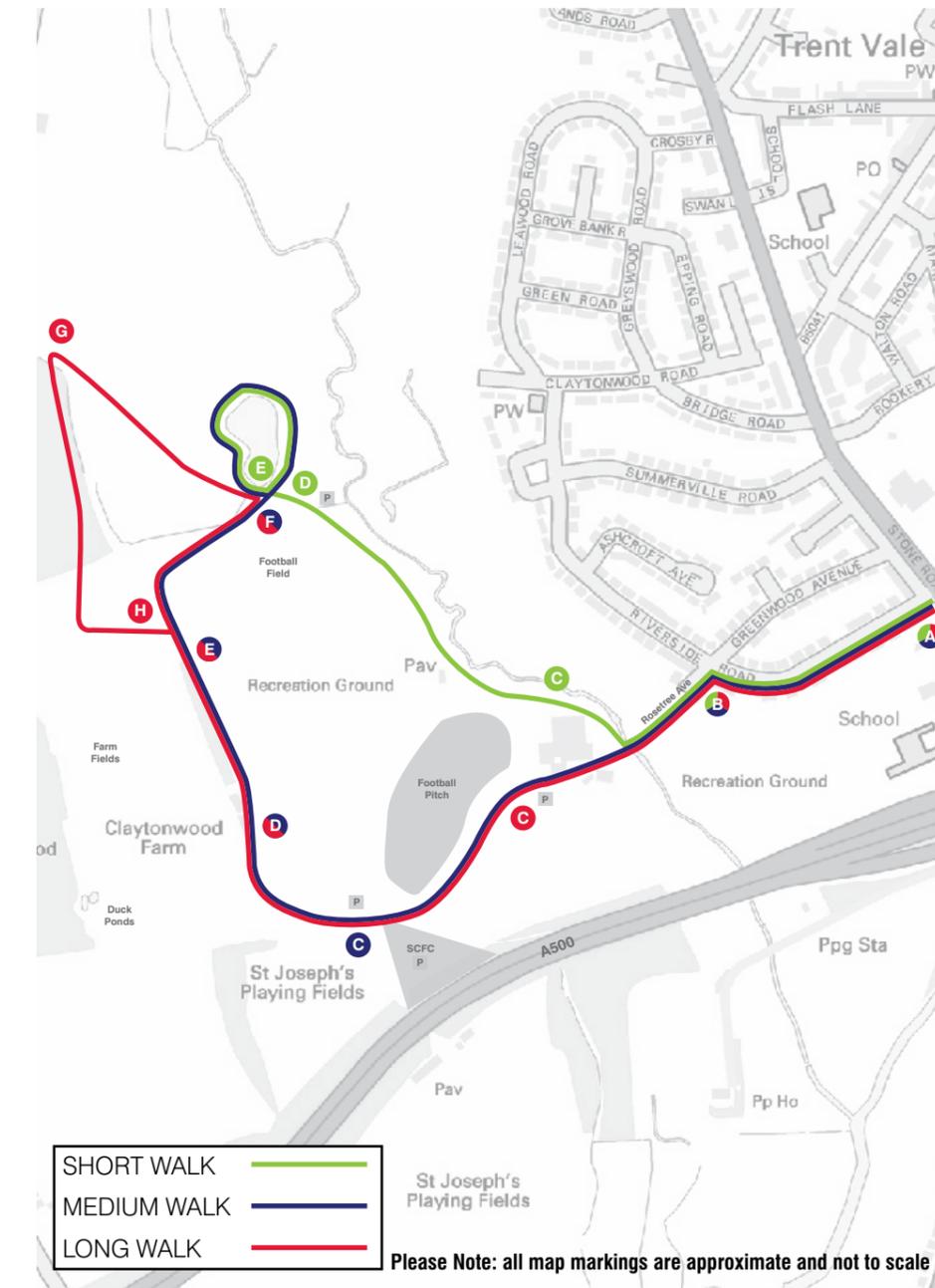
Lakeside & woodland walk

Distance	Approximately: 2½ Miles							
Duration:	48 minutes							
Total Steps	4,570							

Stage	A to B	B to C	C to D	D to E	E to F	F to G	G to H	E to A
Duration (Mins)	5	4	3	3	3	5	10	15
No. of Steps	475	380	291	274	253	479	998	1,420

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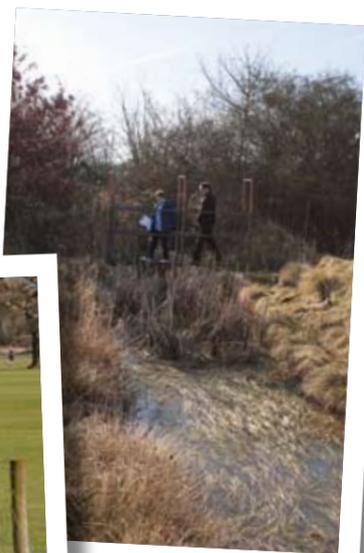
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Walk down this drive towards the small adjacent car park onto the dirt and grass path which follows the wire fencing off to your left. With the green huts behind you, and a sports field on your right, walk on along the path towards Claytonwood Farm. After a few yards you will come to a stile, pass through this stile and continue on with the sports field on your right and the drive leading to Claytonwood Farm on your left. You will begin to round a right hand bend when you come to a second stile, at the side of the farm, **D** you should pass through this stile and continue on between the farm and the sports field keeping the wire fence on your right. Follow this fence down the side of the farm and as you round the back of the property **E** you should continue up the side of the field which goes up to your right. As you near the top of this field the fencing bears round to your right – follow it up to the next stile, keeping the fencing on your right. Pass through this stile and you will see a lane going off to your left; take it and you will come to a clearing in front of a lake. **F**

Once in the clearing, you will notice a path going around the lake and another one going off to your left. Take the path going off to your left which skirts the shrub land beyond the lake then crosses the field diagonally to an opening in its



top left hand corner. **G** Go through this opening and follow the path for a few yards until you come to a dirt track crossroads beside a wood. At this crossroads, turn left and follow the woodland track for around 10 minutes, passing, and ignoring, several tracks going off to your right and left until you come to a gap in the hedge on your left. **H** (This was point (E) earlier, you will have returned to the farm which is now on your right).

From here, you should turn right and with the fence on your left, follow the dirt path alongside Claytonwood Farm and all the way back through the two stiles that you came through earlier to point **C** and then follow the tarmac path back along the lane past the Michelin Athletic Club, over the Lyme Brook bridge and along Rosetree Avenue until it meets with Riverside Drive. **B** Turn right into Riverside Drive and return to the A34 and your starting place. **A**

Remember

You do not need to be fit in order to do these walks. All walks are on flat or near flat ground; however, if you are unsure about your level of fitness, you should check with your GP before engaging in them.

Toilets were not available to the public at the time of going to press.

Hazards to look out for...

There is no pavement for most of Rosetree Avenue, so please be aware of traffic. Paths and tracks can be muddy, particularly around the lake, during rainy seasons or after showers and some paths are pitted and uneven. Parts of the woodland walk can also be very wet with water collecting into pools at the side of the paths, due to natural drainage from the hills and woodland so care should be taken especially if you have young children with you. People walk their dogs through the area; please be mindful that not all dog owners are responsible and that dog fouling is present in the area. Despite this, these are very pleasant walks.

Note: These walks are unsuitable for people with prams, pushchairs or wheelchairs.

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Points of interest

- The walk is situated next to the site where Stoke City Football Club (SCFC) has unveiled plans for a new £5m training facility which will be sited at the Michelin Sports Ground at Trent Vale. Proposals for the redevelopment of the club's current training ground have just been announced.
- The scheme includes the construction of a new two-storey, 1,800sq m (19,375sq ft) building, which will accommodate changing rooms, medical facilities, a hydrotherapy pool and a gymnasium, as well as a kitchen and refectory area and office facilities incorporating a media suite.
- In addition, two full-size football pitches, to be used by SCFC's first team and academy, will form part of the new development, while long-term plans are also in place for a floodlit pitch and an all-weather outdoor playing surface.
- The walk runs alongside the existing practice pitches and continues up to a small lake, before winding around the edge of woodland and returning, via a farm track to Michellin Athletic Club.

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