

## Short Walk

### Bucknall Park & Finney Gardens

Distance:	Approximately: ¼ Mile
Duration:	14 minutes
Total Steps:	1,186

Stage	A to B	B to C	C to D	D to E	E to A
Duration (Mins)	2	3	5	3	1
No. of Steps	220	241	388	241	96

#### What will I see...

Starting from the car park on Bucknall Park, off Northfleet Street, **A** with the WC block on your right leave the car park on the path directly opposite, past the dog waste bin. Turn right at the bottom of the path, alongside the bowling green and continue on past the offices on your right and another bowling green to a T junction. **B**



Turn left at this junction heading towards Finney Gardens, you will cross a metal bridge as the path bears round to the right, and off to your right is a Sensory Garden; continue straight on along the path, passing a cow paddock on your left. Stay on the main path past a goat pen, followed by a pig pen on your right and an aviary on your left with budgerigars and chickens roaming wildly around you as you walk on along the path. A little way off to your left is an aviary with green parrots and just before the next T junction, on your right, is a rabbit warren. (WC's are available here, just off to your left). **C**

You should now turn right, passing another large pig pen, on your left. Walk on past the 'Princes Trust' shed, a pen with goats in it will be on your left. Bear right by the llama and follow the path around to your right, keeping the llama pen on your left; you will come out facing a goat pen where you should bear left and continue on. This path leads you back to a Tarmac path; turn left – leaving Finney Gardens' farm area. **D**

Continue along this Tarmac path and back over the metal bridge you crossed earlier, into Bucknall Park. On your left you will pass a corral with horses and donkeys (Note: this was point **B** earlier); continue on straight ahead towards the long brick building. At the building **E** turn right, and as you near the end of this building you will see the car park ahead, on your left, you should return to the car park and your starting point. **A**

## Medium Walk

### Bucknall & Hulton Abbey Parks

Distance:	Approximately: 2¾ Miles
Duration:	51 minutes
Total Steps:	4,679

Stage	E to F	F to G	G to H	H to I	I to J
Duration ( Mins)	8	5	6	4	5
No. of Steps	548	494	530	438	458

Stage	J to K	K to L	L to M	M to N
Duration ( Mins)	4	10	4	5
No. of Steps	397	943	441	430

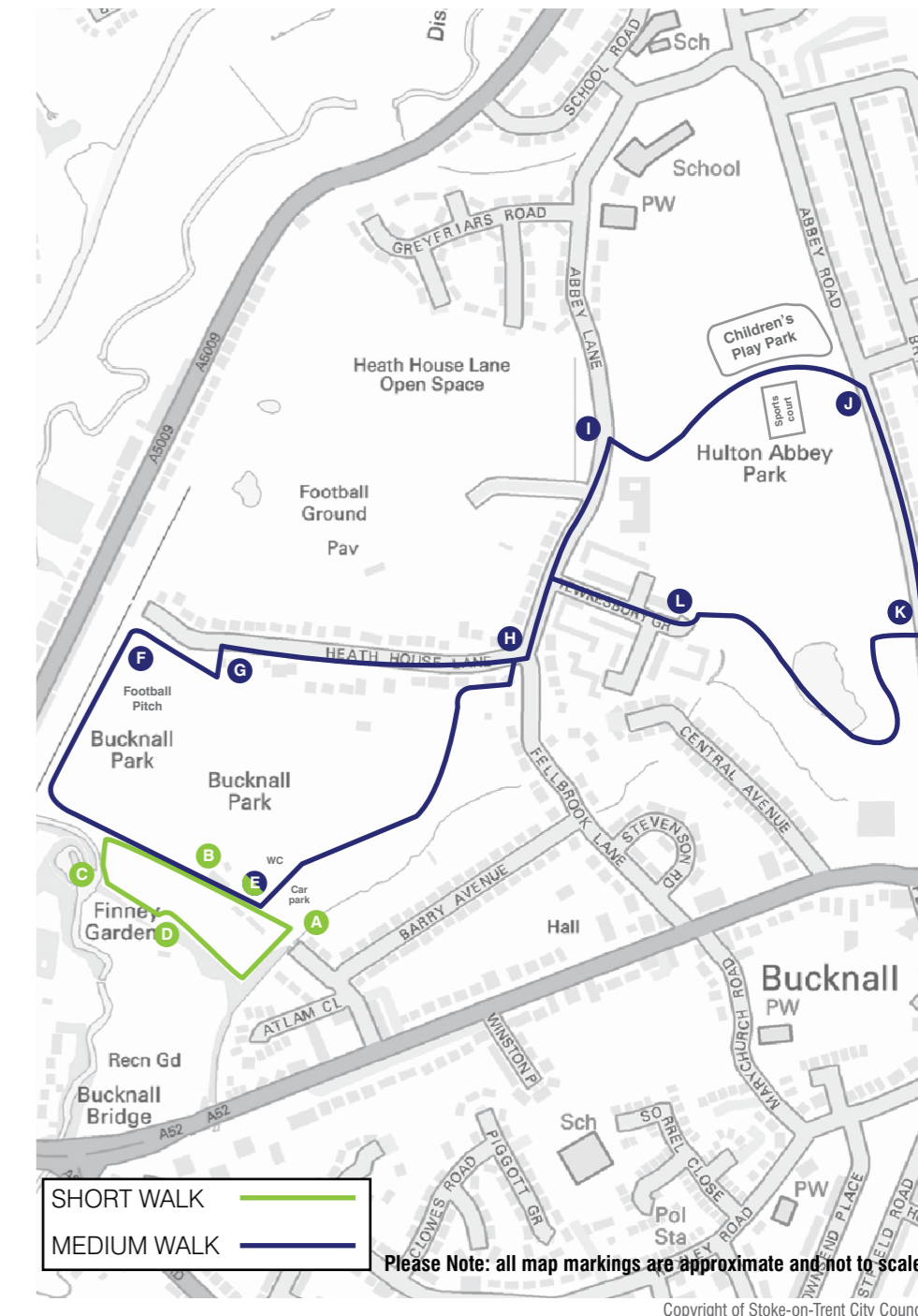
#### What will I see...

From point **E**, on the short walk, turn left and walk on along the bottom of the football pitch. Continue to the edge of the field and bear right, keeping the broken fence on your left. When you get level with the goal post, turn left through the hedge and follow a dirt path round to your right and up to a junction with the football pitch and Heath House Lane, next to a big tree. **F** Follow on along the dirt path to the top of

the lane and turn right, heading towards some houses. Just before the houses you should turn left, past the hedge onto the Tarmac path and walk up crossing the cobbled stones to the park gate. **G**

Turn right onto Heath House Lane and continue along the pavement past the houses all the way down to Abbey Lane, and turn left. **H** Walk on along Abbey Lane past houses on your left and bungalows on your right, you will also pass the now vacant former care home, Austin House, on your right. As you walk on, you will come onto a narrow path running along the edge of the sports ground. Continue on along the path to the second lamp post. **I**

Turn right across the grassy strip and cross Abbey Lane to enter Abbey Park by a dirt track. Follow this path up to the lamp post ahead of you and continue on along the dirt track with Austin House on your right. Follow the dirt track over towards the children's play area, there are bushes and open fields on your left and a large Council Housing Estate in front of you as you approach the children's play area. You will also pass a basketball court on your right, continue on past the children's play park to Abbey Road. **J**



Turn right along Abbey Road, keeping the houses on your left, Austin House will now be on your right on the opposite side of the Abbey Park as you walk along Abbey Road. As you near the end of the pavement, you will notice a small lake off to your right and a path leading to it. **K**

Continue on along the gravel path leading towards the lake to the junction with another path that goes around the lake; turn left onto this path and walk clockwise around the side of the lake, keeping the lake on your right. You will notice there are several fishing stages round the edge of the lake which has bulrushes and swans. As you round the top left corner of the lake, follow the main path around to the right; ignore the small path going off to your right, this takes you to the fishing stages. The lakeside path continues on through some bushes, shrubs and trees, and some housing appears on your left as you walk on. There will be a ditch on your left and further on you will see it contains a brook.

Cross the small metal bridge over the brook and bear right and out onto another path. Follow this path to the junction and turn left. Just beyond this point, you will see the top of a cul-de-sac (Bayham Walk) on your left, this is point **L**.

Enter Bayham Walk and continue along into Tewkesbury Grove follow on down to the junction with Abbey Lane. Turn left and walk along Abbey Lane until you find a safe place to cross. Once on the other side continue on down Abbey Lane to the junction with Heath House Lane and turn right into Heath House



Lane. Shortly after entering Heath House Lane you will see an alleyway on your left; walk on to the bottom of this alleyway where you will see a small brick building on your left, **M** turn right here into an alley leading to Bucknall Park.

Follow the pathway along to the green metal gates of Bucknall Park. Once inside, bear left along the side of the football pitch, past the play swings and the tennis courts on your left and back to the car park. **A**

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

#### Bucknall Park, Finney Gardens & Hulton Abbey Park

<b>Distance:</b>	<b>Approximately: 3½ Miles</b>
<b>Duration:</b>	<b>64 minutes</b>
<b>Total Steps:</b>	<b>5,769</b>

### Remember

None of these walks are particularly taxing, but if you are unsure about your level of fitness, check with your GP before undertaking them.

**Toilets are available within Bucknall Park, next to the Car Park. Toilets and café available at Finney Gardens City Farm April to September 10am to 5pm and October to March 10am to 4pm.**

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

Paths can be muddy and slippery after showers, particularly those around the lake on Hulton Abbey Park. Some other paths are pitted and uneven and some have loose gravel.

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#### Bucknall Park & Finney Gardens

## Points of interest

- Located within Bucknall Park, The Finney Gardens City Farm is a totally free family attraction; the farm, currently funded by Stoke-on-Trent City Council, affords the ideal opportunity for City based families to experience the sights, sounds and smells of the countryside without ever leaving the City.
- Amongst the many animals and birds cared for at Finney Gardens City Farm are Cows, Pigs, Sheep – and in the springtime, lambs, Goats, Rabbits, Chickens, Ducks and Geese. As well as these traditional farmyard animals, there are a number of other animals also living on the farm; these include: Llama, Donkeys, Parrots and Budgerigars and a Horse.
- Access to City Farm is through Bucknall Park. This is an interesting attraction for children and somewhere local where they can learn about a wide selection of animals and their needs. Finney Gardens is open to the public every day that Bucknall Park is open; including school holidays. A visit to Bucknall Park and Finney Gardens makes for a very pleasant afternoon out, especially when included a part of one of the 'Closer to home, Circular Walks'.

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Three walks around

## Bucknall Park & Finney Gardens City Farm

