



Mid Cheshire Bridleway Association

Aston Ring Bridleway



An attractive off-road 8 mile loop
Part follows the River Weaver

Parking

Park at either the Leigh Arms next to the A49 swing bridge, but please telephone the landlord first (01606 853327) and park away from the pub or directly on the bridle path at Davenport's Farm Shop (please book your horsebox space on our yard (01606 853241).

The Route

Follow the road to the rear of the Horns Pub and cross the A49 to a lane, taking extreme care. After 300 yards turn left after the caravan park and follow a track past Bartington Hall to the canal bridge. Go through a gate and cross a field diagonally towards the bungalow.

Turn left through a gate, follow a fenced track to another gate and pass through a Bluebell Wood. Follow the field edge to the right and bear left at the first hedge line. There are lovely views over the Weaver Valley.

Turn left through the next gate, head downhill to re-cross the canal and follow the fenced track down to a gate next to the river. Turn right and follow the road, crossing the Upper Horse Bridge and passing Dutton Locks and cottages. Follow the riverbank, crossing the Lower Horse Bridge to the next gate.

Continue along the riverbank under the viaduct to a gate at Pickerings Cut Cottages. Please **walk** past the cottages to the next gate. Keep to the riverbank until you reach another gate.

In the next field bear right and cross diagonally towards a gate at the wood.

The route follows a steep track up the valley side alongside the wood. Continue along the track past Aston Grange Farm. The road bears left towards Aston, but take the right turn past Weaver View cottages and a copse on the left. This section has been surfaced as part of the National Cycle Route.

Follow the track through a gate and continue downhill under the railway viaduct and through two more gates.

The route goes through Dutton Lodge Farm. At the road, turn right and at the fork bear right and then turn immediately left at a bridleway sign. Go through a gate and cross a field to another gate. The bridleway then follows the base of a wooded escarpment.

(Past the wood an alternative route can be taken to the right of the fishing pond and under the viaduct to link back to the route already described along the river. Take care near the viaduct as the ground can be boggy).

The main route carries straight on through a gate to the Lower Horse Bridge. Go back over the bridge, past the locks and cross the first bridge. Follow the road alongside the river back to Acton Swing Bridge. Dismount and lead your horse under the A49 to return to your vehicle.

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