

Trail Trips - Dunham Massey run - Lymm to Ashton upon Mersey

Lymm to Ashton upon Mersey and return - 17 miles (27.4km)

Suitable for walkers and cyclists - most of this section is suitable for families who can shorten the route accordingly by turning back at any point

TPT Map 1 West: Irish Sea - Yorkshire



Ranger Service Information Centre, Lymm



Lymm bridge and canal through the village



Lymm Dam

Before starting out on the Trans Pennine Trail from the Ranger Service Information Centre at Lymm, take time out to visit the village centre, where there are shops and pubs, etc. Visit the canal and also Lymm Dam where you can actually access the TPT via the Lymm Heritage Trail. The entire Heritage Trail is three and half miles long but can be shortened if staying on the TPT.

Otherwise, start the route at the Ranger Service Information Centre and from the car park turn right in front of the information centre and proceed towards Altrincham. Head out towards Heatley and Dunham Massey (National Trust). Once underway there are some fairly short stretches which are broken by crossing points but in each case just proceed straight ahead. You will soon be heading out into the countryside and towards Dunham Massey.

You may well like to break the journey and take a visit to the National Trust centre of Dunham Massey Hall which is well worth a visit. Also worth a visit is the old church at Warburton which is near to Heatley.

Follow the Trail around Altrincham but you can actually visit the town with a population of around 70,000 which of course has all the attractions of a town of this size. Anyway, you will leave the off



On the Trail near Heatley



Visit the Church at Warburton, a village just off the Trail near Heatley, on the B5159



Dunham Massey Hall - National Trust

TPT route maps can be obtained from the Trans Pennine Trail office if required:

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Scenic route around Dunham Woodhouses



Go straight across into Dairyhouse Lane



Turn left in Sinderland Road

road section of the Trail for a short while. Cross the road from the off road section onto Dairyhouse Lane (the road section is very well sign posted), where you will eventually turn left into Sinderland Road for another road stretch until you turn right when you see the sign taking you into Woodcote Road. Keep straight forward past the equestrian feeds establishment through to the next off road section.

You will now pass through Dainewell Woods which is planted with trees. The old mossland provides acid pools attracting rarer dragonfly species.

Follow the way signs carefully at this point and eventually you will reach the end of the route at the A6144 near to Ashton upon Mersey. If you turn right onto the main road at the hairpin you can continue into Ashton.

Alternatively the Trans Pennine Trail continues at this point on through Stretford, the Sale Water Park and Chorlton Water Park Local Nature Reserve to Didsbury and the TPT east.

Getting there: Take the A56 or the A6144 into Lymm, from Eagle Brow on the A6144 near to Lymm centre proceed into Brookfield Road, turn left into Whitbarrow Road and then take the first turn left into Statham Avenue, the Ranger Service Information Centre is on the right.

Useful information: There are many attractions to visit which are just off the Trail. Lymm village is well worth a visit and so is Lymm Dam. You may want to visit the National Trust centre at Dunham Massey or drop into the town of Altrincham. Ashton upon Mersey at the end of the route has all the amenities you might need at the half way point of your day out. Also worth remembering is that from the Ranger Service Information Point at Lymm turning left instead of right will take you through to Warrington in approximately 5 miles.



Picturesque route through Dainewell Woods



Altrincham Old Market Place



Church of St Martin, Ashton upon Mersey



Trail heading back to Heatley



End of the route at the A6144 (turn right on the road into Ashton upon Mersey)



Almost back but cross the main road by the disused pub