

Trans Pennine Trail



Trail Treasure Hunt - Chorlton and Sale Water Parks



	<p>Question 11: Continue along the path and across the small car park to pick up the Trail again. Local wardens call this next stretch the 'health walk'. What are four healthy effects of walking?</p> <p>Answer</p>
	<p>Question 12: We pick up the Mersey again before taking a short steep path down to Hawthorne Road. This area is known as Broad Ees Dole. Dole is an ancient name for land given to the poor. This area is now a bird reserve. How many different types can you see?</p> <p>Answer</p>
	<p>Question 13: In the past, regular flooding caused problems for the aqueduct carrying the Bridgewater Canal over the Ees and a man was permanently placed on watch. How many arches does the aqueduct have?</p> <p>Answer</p>
	<p>Question 14: If you take the steps up the side of the aqueduct, you can see the canal and the watchman's house. In the past the watchman looked after the aqueduct in times of flood by damming the canal. What is Watch House used for today?</p> <p>Answer:</p>

You have the choice to either return to Jackson's Boat by the way you came or to continue a short distance down Hawthorne Lane, turn left at the car park, through the stile and then another left turn will take you back under the aqueduct. Follow the path for about ½ mile back to the River Mersey where you can take either side of the river to return to Jackson's Boat.

Refreshments and toilets are available at both Jackson's Boat and Sale Visitor's Centre. Please be careful near the water's edge because the lakes are extremely deep. Throughout the walk you may spot bluebells and daffodils in spring. Mink have taken residence in the parks and you may see them from time to time. There is always a wide variety of birds. My favourites are the Kingfisher and Great Crested Grebe.



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How to do the Treasure Hunt: On your way look out for the object in each photograph. When you spot it, simply answer the question next to the photograph. All the questions can be answered from the Trail, although they may be about things you can see in the distance rather than things on the Trail.



Approach is from the M60 in either direction. If you are travelling eastwards take Junction 6 signed Sale and turn left at the roundabout. If you are heading west, use the same Junction 6 but you will need to bear right under the motorway before taking the left turn signed Trafford Water Sports Centre. Continue straight down the lane for Jackson's Boat.

	<p>Question 1: 1a. Jackson was a farmer who supplemented his income by providing a public service with his boat before the bridge was built. What do you think he did?</p> <p>Answer:</p> <p>1b. The river is flowing south-east to north-west at this point. What direction are you walking as you cross the bridge?</p> <p>Answer:</p>
	<p>Question 2: Turn right along the river bank after the bridge. Keep your eyes peeled for these strange looking things on the far bank. What do you think they are for?</p> <p>Answer:</p>
	<p>Question 3: . About 3/4 of a mile from Jackson's Boat you reach Chorlton Water Park. The lake was created by excavating for gravel in the 1960s. If you listen carefully you will be able to hear what the gravel was used for. What do you think it is?</p> <p>Answer:</p>
	<p>Question 4: The water parks may freeze along their edges during winter. What hazard does the sign warn us about?</p> <p>Answer:</p>

	<p>Question 5:The water park is home to many species of water birds but the Mersey Valley Wardens have been busy trying to encourage this bird. They have a sign telling you all about it. What is the bird?</p> <p>Answer:</p>
	<p>Question 6: Follow the lake in a clock wise direction. Look out for the underwater project. What three species reproduce as tadpoles?</p> <p>Answer:</p>
	<p>Question 7: . Return to Jackson's Boat. Look out for the sign which tells us the name of another local farmer. What is it?</p> <p>Answer:</p>
<p><i>The second part of the route continues west along the northern bank of the Mersey past the Jackson's Bridge. Follow the TPT signs.</i></p>	
	<p>Question 8: As the TPT turns away from the river you will notice these young poplar trees which like damp conditions. This is Chorlton Ees. Ees means wetlands. Count the number of poplars you see on this ride/walk.</p> <p>Answer:</p>
	<p>Question 9: A gap in the trees allow us to take a short cut left. Here you will find the only metal seat in the park. Who is it dedicated to?</p> <p>Answer:</p>
	<p>Question 10: Close by you will spot this 'bird house' except that is not what it is. What does it warn us about?</p> <p>Answer:</p>