

Revised Walk Directions for Hutchison Way

These revised directions have been created to give greater clarity to the original instructions, to update changes to the route, and to amend some errors on the previous guide. As the pdf file of the original leaflet does not print sufficiently well to follow the route directions and some map details have changed, you are advised to use this easy-to-print revision to follow the trail. Please note that the original map is misleading in the following areas:

- Around point 4 – Steeraway Farm
- Around point 13
- *Between point 13 and point 14 – the original route climbed a pit mound near to the lake. The revised directions omit this mound.
- Around point 15
- Approaching point 21

1 Start at Wellington Civic & Leisure Centre. Exit the car park to the left of the vehicle entrance via Larkin Way. Cross the road and turn left, then turn right opposite Tan Bank.

2 Take the first footpath on the right. Cross the first road and continue to the main (Holyhead) road. Cross the road and turn right. After about 300m turn left up Erccall Lane. Cross the motorway bridge then use an undulating path through the trees alongside the road for about 850m. Re-join the road opposite the Buckatree Hotel. Continue to the road junction.

3 Follow the road to the left for 550 metres, past Dairy Pits Coppice, until an obvious track on the left. Follow this track then turn left just beyond a barn/store next to several large boulders. Continue through the woods, then alongside the golf course. Turn left to follow a line of small trees across the golf course. Continue until the end of a wooden-fenced area on your left. Turn right, then turn left at the T-junction. Ignore a path coming in from the left and about 100 metres afterwards fork right downhill to a T-junction.

4 Turn right and follow the track to a gate. 20 metres beyond the gate turn right. Then fork left to eventually reach a stile into a field. Walk across two fields, passing a pool on the right, to a stile into woodland. Cross a forestry track, over a stile, then ascend steeply to a rough track. Cross the track then over another stile. Take the right fork and follow the path as it bends to the left and right. Turn left onto a wide stone track. Continue straight to the car park.

5 Cross the road and walk down the field to the main road (Dawley Road).

6 Turn left, after 15 metres cross the road onto a footpath up a grassy bank through trees. Turn left and follow the winding path, then cross a concrete track with a caravan park on the right. Follow the path, cross Ketley Brook, then bear right and walk up the track to the road (Arleston Lane).

7 Cross the road and continue along the path. Go over a footbridge, cross a road and pass a pool. Go through the metal kissing gate and cross over the main road.

8 Follow the tarmac path and cross a road keeping straight ahead past the play area. At a T-Junction turn right onto Bell Pit Road. At the T-junction, turn left onto Colliers Way.

9 Walk along the pavement for about 700 metres to the first of three small roundabouts. Turn left. Bear right at the next roundabout staying on Colliers Way. Go straight over the third roundabout to reach a major roundabout at the end of Colliers Way.

10 Go straight over via the pedestrian crossing into the car park. Turn left, heading towards Blount House. Turn right just before Blount House and follow the pavement past the cinema to a road. Turn left and continue straight on at the roundabout.

11 Cross the main road when opposite the Park Inn and walk down Ironmasters Way. Turn left after Windsor House. Cross the footbridge towards Telford Railway Station. Follow the ramp down to the tarmac footpath straight ahead running alongside the motorway. Pass under a road bridge.

12 Turn left at the next junction and cross the motorway via the footbridge. Cross the road (Shifnal Road) and continue along the lane. Cross the next road (called Priorslee Village) and walk to the junction. Cross the road and turn right to walk along Priorslee Avenue.

13 Turn left onto the next road after Derwent Drive, then cross the road to follow a footpath alongside the School and Community Centre. Bear left at the next junction. At the T-Junction turn right towards the lake (Priorslee Flash). Continue alongside the lake and over the boardwalks.

(*If you would like to explore the pit mound in the original route, turn off the path just before the boardwalks and climb up through the trees. Turn left at a T-junction and follow the path up to the high point. Continue down the other side and re-join the trail by going straight ahead onto Woodhouse Lane*)

14 Take the first tarmac path on the right, past a play area. Take the first left down a tarmac lane (Woodhouse Lane). Cross the road and continue through the trees until the path meets a major road.

15 Cross the road and turn right. Follow the pavement round to the left as far as Checkley Lane. Cross the lane and follow the footpath ahead through the trees until you reach a footbridge. Cross the bridge then follow the path to the left.

16 Continue straight to the road. Turn right then immediate right again to enter Granville Country Park. Follow the track through the trees for about 600 metres until you reach a gateway. Take the left fork and walk through the trees to open ground. Continue to follow the narrow path to a bridleway on the left. Follow the bridleway. Keep left past a pool then pass the disused canal on the right.

17 The path exits onto a tarmac road, turn right. Take the first left and walk to the rear of the car park. Follow the footpath on the left all way through the Park, passing a red-brick building to another car park.

18 Turn left down Muxton Lane. After about 700 metres turn right onto a footpath just before Halcyon Court. Walk straight ahead to a stile, then straight across the next field and over the bridge onto a track. Follow the track to the road. Turn left (Lilyhurst Road) and then turn right into Church Road. After about 350 metres take a footpath on the right just after Old Hall. Go through the kissing gate and walk across the field keeping roughly parallel to the hedge on your right. Ensure you walk under the overhead cables to reach the stile in the middle of the fence next to a field gate. Follow the same line across a second field to a stile. Then follow the same line across a third larger field until you reach the field boundary. Turn right and follow the boundary for a short distance to another stile. Follow a line to the left of the line of poles until you exit onto a lane.

19 Turn right, then turn left along 'The Incline' to an opening on the left between the garage and the house. Walk down the slope, over the stile, and continue towards the pool. Go over the stile and follow the path beside the disused canal, over more stiles to a field. Follow the field edge, then follow the rough track across the field to a gap in the hedge. Cross the lane and bear left. Continue along the canal towards a farm. Keep to the side of the yard and turn left up a narrow path alongside the first farm building and onto the farm access road.

20 Go through the kissing gate almost opposite and enter the woodland full of old quarries and limekilns. Continue straight along the path and ignore a path on the left. Continue straight, then down the slope. Cross the boardwalk and up through the trees to a track and kissing gate. Keep right through the kissing gate. Cross a stream and turn left to follow the field edge to a kissing gate to the A518. Turn right. When you reach the roundabout turn right into Pitchcroft Lane.

21 Follow the lane for 1.25 kilometres, until you reach the top of a rise.

22 Turn left through a metal kissing gate, cross the tarmac farm road and follow the footpath northwards approximately half way between the two poles, until it joins a track.

23 Turn left and cross over the main A518. Take the footpath into the trees and bear immediately right. Go through a kissing gate and follow the path alongside the hedge on the left. Continue along the grassy track across the field and bear right at the fork. Go through a metal kissing gate and follow the fenced footpath around the side of the field. Keep right and walk to the road.

24 Turn left and walk towards the centre of Newport along Station Road.

25 After about 75 metres turn right through a covered alley, signed for Waitrose, into Stafford Street Car Park.