

SANDBACH FOOTPATH GROUP

Winterley Figure of 8 walk

4 miles, No Stile,
2 to 2.5 hours

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8. Go across the small field, keeping the boundary a little way to the left, and through a KG.

9. Now keep the boundary to the left. *More views of Mow Cop and The Cloud.*

10. Through a KG and turn right onto a hedged farm track.

1. START, Winterley Pool lay-by on Crewe Road

2. Leave the lay-by with the Pool to the left and turn left onto the tarmac road past Winterley Pool Fishery and Winterley Pool Farm.

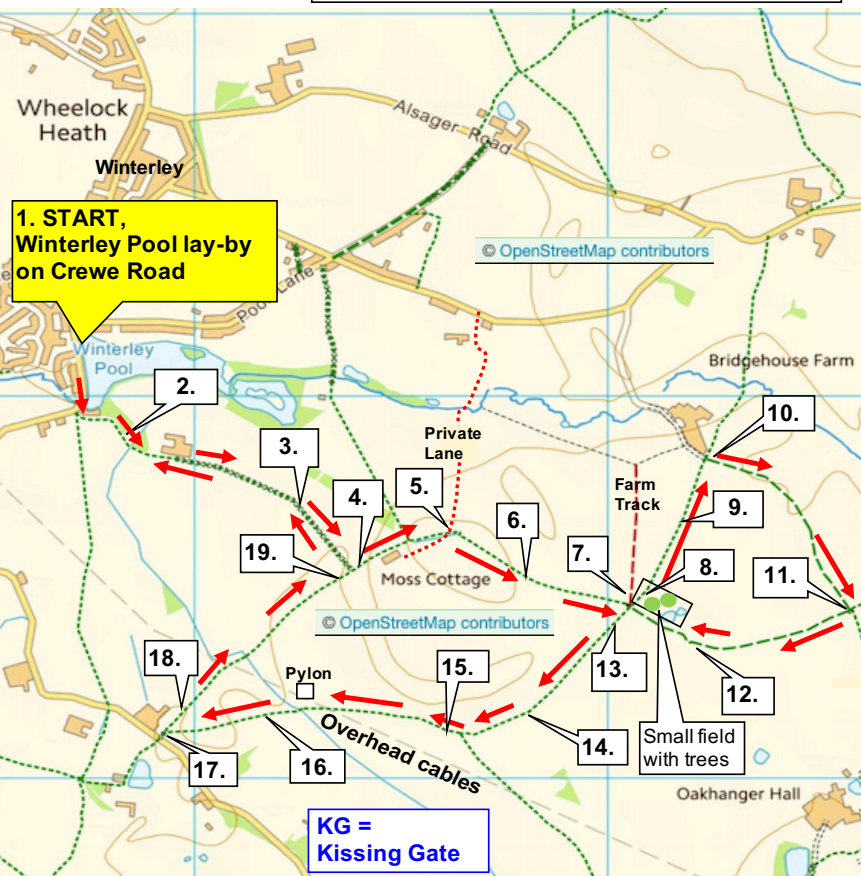
3. Stay on farm track, now unsurfaced. Moss Cottage comes into view.

4. Go left, hedge to the right on the obvious permissive path, ignoring stile into caravan site. Ignore the field path to the left and keep the hedge on the right.

5. Through two KGs (Kissing Gates) to cross a lane. *Views ahead of Mow Cop, on a clear day.*

6. Keep the boundary to the right and through a little gate.

7. Then through a KG to cross a farm track and through another KG to turn left into a small field with trees.



11. Go to the end of the hedged track, and right through a KG into a field, keeping the boundary to the left.

12. Through a KG, turn right, now with the boundary to the right. Soon the small field with trees from earlier on appears over the hedge. This is the crossing point for the "Figure of 8" walk.

13. Ignore the KG to the right but turn left, keeping the boundary on the right, and go through KG. *Look back for the views.*

14. Leave the boundary to go slightly right across the field and through the KG in the opposite boundary.

15. Now go slightly right of the previous line across the field corner and through a KG.

16. Head slightly left of an electricity pylon, going under the cables to a farm gate and through the little gate-within-a-gate.

17. Go towards a farm house but 100m before, go through a KG and pass a pool to the left. Head towards another KG well to the left of the farm house, but stop here.

18. Turn sharply back, keeping the boundary a little way to the left, through a KG and then through a little gate-within-a-gate, but take care on the rotting sleepers on the ground and continue with the boundary to the left.

19. Moss Cottage comes into view and at the farm track go left to retrace the route back to Winterley Pool and the lay-by.

The Dog Walking Code - For safe and happy walking with dogs:

Ensure your dog is under effective control, by using a short lead around sheep and other livestock. Give cattle a wide berth, but if they become agitated you may have to release your dog for your own safety; never run, keep calm and don't shout.

Keep your dog with you on rough land where there could be nesting birds, such as the

beautiful lapwing, 1st March to 31st July, and don't let it stray into crops including fields of grass, fruit and vegetables. Always bag and bin your dog's poo wherever you are. You can use any public waste bin or your bin at home.