



**Arclid Quarry from St. John's, about 4 miles (red arrows).** **KG = Kissing Gate**

*(A. Alt start nr Hawthorne Drv or Wrights Ln, via FP14, to Church Ln, left over M6, map blue dash arrows)*

1. Start from Church Lane, near St John's Church, there is a layby for a couple of cars, otherwise, there is the church car park, if you make a suitable donation. From the layby go through a **KG** and turn immediately left in the field to follow the hedge on your left.
2. Go through **KG** and turn left on a track. Follow the track for about 500m to approach busy A534.
3. Near the busy road, ignore the **KG** leading to the A534, but turn right and continue on the track.
4. At a permissive path sign go left through a **KG** via woods, a fenced field, through a **KG**, and turn right onto **Hemingshaw Lane**.
5. Follow **Hemingshaw Lane** for about 400m, then right at a yellow/black waymark sign, by a large gate. Take the broad track downhill.
6. Follow the broad track, fenced off from the quarry workings for about 500m.
7. The broad track bears to the left, going uphill.
8. The track levels out. Ahead, look for a **KG** and go through, leading into a field. Keep on, in about the same direction, with the boundary a few paces to the left (this is the official legal right of way, the trodden path by the right hand boundary is unofficial).
9. At the end of the field by an electricity pole, and a waymark, go right, keeping hedge/boundary to your left, then straight through a **KG**.
10. Left through a gap to follow more yellow/black waymark signs.
11. Follow the boundary hedge on your left, ignoring a stile to the left. Continue straight to follow the boundary hedge on your left. Stay following this boundary as it bends right/left a few times for about 750m via a metal **KG**, then a wooden **KG**.
12. Eventually, go through a wooden gate and turn left on a track, called **Hood Lane**.
13. After about 150m on Hood Lane, go right at a brideway sign to follow a stony track.
14. Follow this track as it bends left and right a few times, for about 750m. Continue past an old track that would have joined from the right, now fenced off. Then, ignore a stile on the left, bear left and right. *(B. the stile on left (plus two more) would be a route to Gravel Bank Fm, then left passing Cottage Farm, over M6 to return to Sandbach Heath, map blue dash arrows).*
15. Then sharp left and stay on the obvious track as it bends right after about 150m. After about 100m arrive at a large farm gate on the left, with a footpath gate to the side.
16. Go through the footpath gate, on a tarmac road, passing Arclid Cottage Farm on right. Keep straight, ignore stiles left and right *(stile to right is alt., to St John's Church, but adds 3 or 4 stiles).*
17. At a T-junction, go right. The M6 traffic noise is intrusive to the left, so march on quickly, passing Reynolds Farm to the right. At a T-junction, go right to return to St. John's Church.