

## 1. START, Winterley Pool lay-by, 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. Go left, hedge to the right on the obvious permissive path, ignoring stile into caravan site.

4. Leave the hedge and go left across the field, with some trees over to the left.

5. The path moves away from the trees towards a house ahead. Just to the right of the house, turn slightly right to follow a track to a road. Turn right and then cross over a road to follow Sandy Lane.

6. Sandy Lane becomes an unmade road emerging onto Alsager Road, opposite Wheelock Heath Farm and Business Court. If the gates are open, go through, but if closed, go left and through a KG (Kissing Gate) into the yard. Go across the yard between the vet's practice and St Luke's Hospice (Winterley Grange) and follow a farm track to two KGs. Go through the KG on the right and continue roughly in the same direction, gradually diverging from the boundary on the left towards a beautifully shaped oak tree.

*Nice views all around with Mow Cop to the right.*

7. To the left of the oak, go through the KG and continue in the same line through another KG to follow the boundary with hedge on the right. Keep the boundary to the right as it bends left and downhill, all the way down to a footbridge and through the two gates. Then continue, on the same line as before the footbridge, across the field going uphill, then down towards the Jacobs Ladder KG, but stop here.

## SANDBACH FOOTPATH GROUP

### Winterley & Hassall walk

4.5 miles, No Stile, 2 to 2.5 hours

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8. Now, turn back with the KG behind and go uphill slightly left on another field path. Then down to a KG, across a footbridge in trees, and through another KG.

The PRoW goes slightly left from the KG, but if an electric fence obstructs, go straight from the KG keeping the electric fence to the left. At the end of the fence, go through a gap, using the insulated handle, replacing it afterwards. Then go left on a grassy farm track.

9. At the end of the track, go through a KG and then diagonally left uphill across the field to the left of a large cowshed on high ground ahead.

10. At the top field corner go through gaps in the electric fences using the insulated handles as before. With the cowshed on the right, go slightly left, through more gaps in the electric fence perhaps with two elastic stretchers and insulated handles. Replace when through and bear left of a silage mound, then round to the right to go through two little gates and at the road turn right.

11. Walk along the road for about 50m, taking care to give way to traffic and when safe cross over go through a KG into a field and very soon through another KG.

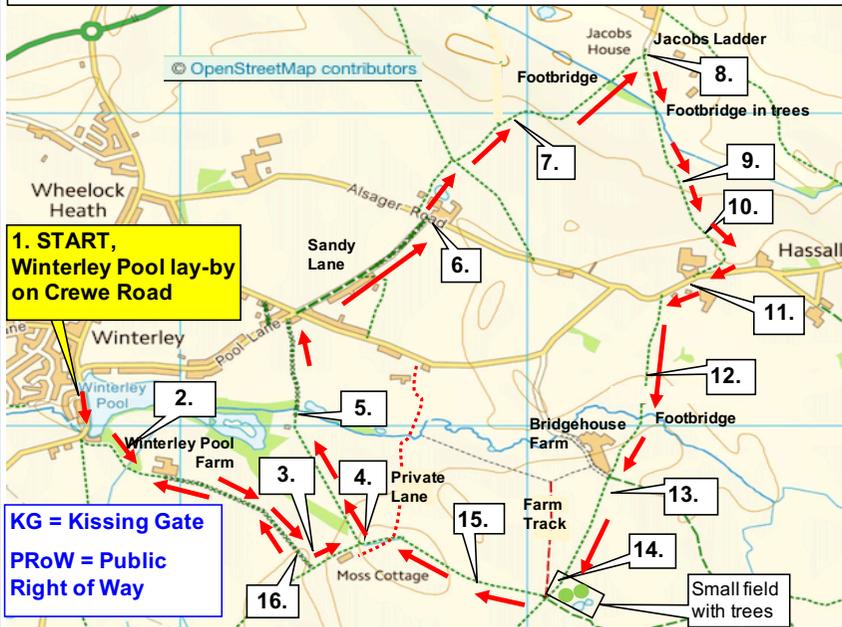
12. Continue in the same line to the next KG and go slightly downhill and over a footbridge with two little gates. Then turn right and walk uphill with the boundary on the right.

13. With Bridgehouse Farm and all the buildings on the right, go through a KG to the left of a large farm gate, across a farm track and through a KG opposite to continue straight on with a hedge on the right.

14. At the end of the hedge, go through a KG into a small field with trees. At the opposite boundary, go right through a KG, across a farm track, immediately through another KG, and continue with the boundary fence on the left.

15. Go through a little gate and continue with the fence to the left, through two KGs crossing a lane and continue with the boundary to the left. Some people may prefer to use the stile and the public footpath on the left, but others may prefer to avoid the stiles and follow the boundary bending left with hedge to the left. (To the right is the outward going path, but ignore it this time and stay left).

16. At the end of the boundary where the public footpath comes over a stile turn right and follow the farm track all the way back to the start at Winterley Pool 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.