

**SANDBACH FOOTPATH GROUP**  
**Betchton Heath walk**  
**5 miles, 6 Stiles,**  
**2 to 2.5 hours**

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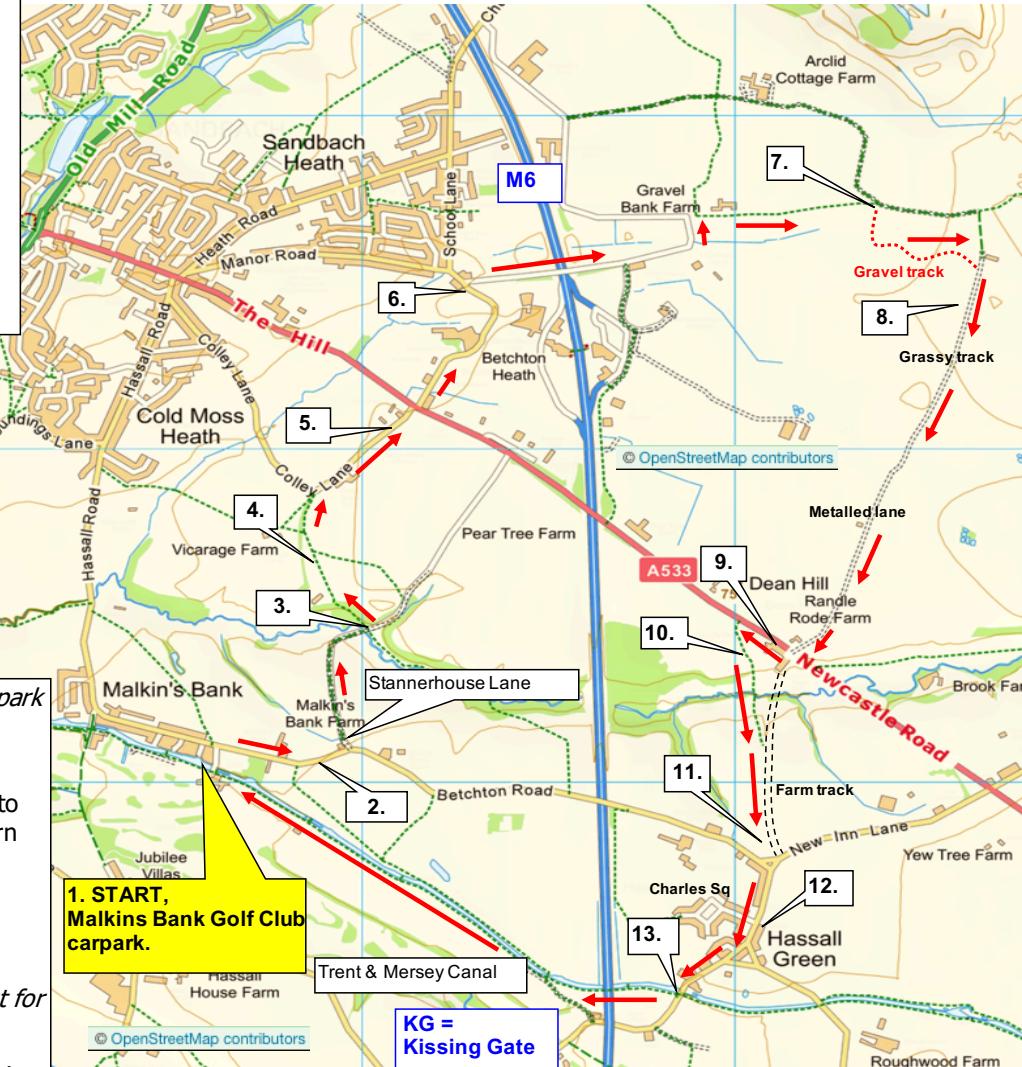
**1. START, Malkins Bank Golf Club** (park in the bottom overflow carpark, or on Betchton Road)

2. Leave the Golf Club and turn right onto Betchton Road. After about 0.25 mile turn left into Stannerhouse Lane. Follow this track downhill to the brook.

3. Turn left through a KG and follow the path uphill to Tall Chimneys (the old vicarage for S.t Mary's Church). *Look out for the tulip tree, in flower June/July.*

4. Go through a KG, head for an old leaning-over oak tree and pass to its left. Then go through a KG and turn right onto a drive.

5. The drive joins a lane. Bear right and follow the lane to reach the busy A533. Cross with care and continue in the same direction on Dubthorn Lane.



**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.

6. Ignore a farm drive to the right and at a road junction go right on Reynold's lane and over the M6, pass Winter Cottage/Cottage Farm to the right, bend left and then turn right onto a track to pass Gravel Bank Farm to the left.

7. Keep going on the track in the same direction, through or round farm gates, and over a stile into a field. Then continue in the same direction over a stile in the opposite boundary and turn immediately right to follow a winding gravel track.

8. At a junction, go right through a gate and follow a grassy track, ignoring a gate on the left. Continue on this track, as it becomes a metalled lane, all the way to the busy A533.

9. When safe, cross the A533 to the opposite verge, turn right and after about 150 yards, go left over a stile and into a field, keeping the boundary on the left.

10. Go downhill in the field, keeping the boundary on the left, over a stile then through a gate and down to a footbridge. Continue over an easy stile, then an awkward stile, then uphill and over another stile to meet a farm track.

11. Continue on the farm track in about the same direction as before to emerge at Hassall Green with a tree in the middle of a green triangle.

12. Continue in the same direction, passing Charles Square to the right and ignoring minor roads on the left to arrive at the canal.

13. Turn right to follow the towpath with the canal to the right all the way to Malkins Bank Golf Clubhouse (open to all). You could call in for some well-earned refreshment.

**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.