

South Cheshire Way – westwards: from Mow Cop to Grindley Brook

Route update March 2011

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Little Moreton Hall (A34) to Canal

Replace paragraph 3 with the following:

Pass into the field at the end of the track and keep close to the hedge on the right. At the end of the field, turn right into the next field with the copse of trees on the left. Follow the field boundary, turning left at the top corner, to Boden Hall buildings.

Haslington Hall to Weston Church – continued

Replace paragraphs 4 & start of 5 with the following:

Angle slightly right up the field and over the crest, meeting up with the right-hand hedge just before a fence at the top. Turn right through a gap by a stile and continue along the fence to another stile. Cross this and follow the fence round into an enclosed footway across a bridge over the A500. At the end turn left down steps and over a stile.

Continue along the left-hand fence to a metal finger post. Turn right across the field, passing to the left of a remnant of hedge, to a footbridge in next hedge, just to the right of a small wood. Across the footbridge,

Weston Church to A51 by Lea Forge

Replace paragraph 5 with the following:

Cross the stile in the field corner and turn right alongside wire fencing to reach a kissing gate. Go through this and turn left along a track through woodland behind Hough Common to the end at the tarmacked Birch Lane.

A51 by Lea Forge to River Weaver

Replace paragraph 3 with the following:

Continue alongside the hedge on the right for about 15 metres then forward to a stile in a fence (short distance). Cross this and angle right to a further stile in the next hedge.

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Aston Village to River Weaver – continued

Replace final paragraph with the following:

Follow the hedge on your right, across a further stile, then descend towards the river bank, bearing left to a stile in another hedge on the right (sometimes tall growth obscures detail in this area). Continue along the riverbank and over a farm track bridge across the River Weaver.

A51, near Lea Forge, to Weston Village

Replace paragraphs 1 & 2 with the following:

Leave the A51 to take the track to Lea Forge, over Forge Brook. Continue past an open area and into a bridleway that diverges from the track as it starts to go uphill. After a short distance pass through a bridle gate and turn sharp right up a bank to cross a stile in the hedgerow.

Turn left, walking close to the hedge on the left and crossing a further stile, to arrive at a kissing gate in the hedge, just as it finishes. Go through this and bear left across the corner of a field to another kissing gate. Go through and join a driveway, following it to the road.

Replace from last sentence of last paragraph to first sentence of paragraph 3 next page with the following:

Out on to a tarmac access road and along to the second track off to the right, into woodland.

If continuing along Cobb's Lane, walk a further 250 metres to the first turning on the right (Birch Lane). Go along this, beside Hough Common, to a track on the left into woodland, just before a 'Private Road' sign.

Continue: Follow the track through woodland behind Hough Common. At the end, turn right then go through a kissing gate to a path alongside wire fencing. In 80 metres, cross a stile on left.

Weston Village to Haslington Hall

Replace paragraphs 2, 3 and first sentence of 4 with the following:

Continue across the field in a straight line to a footbridge. Cross this and continue forward, passing to the right of a remnant of hedge, to a finger post by the far fence line. Turn left along the fence and cross a stile in the corner. Go up the steps and turn right, just before another stile, into an enclosed footway across a bridge over the A500.

Turn right at the end and exit by a stile on the left. Continue along the fence to a stile by a broad gap in the next hedge. Turn left and descend the field beyond, moving gradually away from the left-hand hedge to cross a stile in the hedge at the bottom, about 100m from the corner.

Little Moreton Hall (A34) to Mow Cop

Replace last four lines of paragraph 3 with the following:

..left (Yew Tree Lane – cul-de-sac) to top. Go through a gate on the right to pass through a tunnel under the railway and rejoin the tarmac road. After a short distance, turn right at a fork up a track (signed Mow Cop 1¼ miles).