Permanent Closure of Giant's Castle Bridge, Quarry Bank (June 16th 2025)

North Cheshire Way diversion
Eastbound description on p81 - River Bollin to Wilmslow
Revised path description from #3 (entrance to Styal Estate) to #7 (Quarry Bank car park)

After crossing the A538 at #2, climb up the old Altrincham Road opposite. In 50m turn sharp right into Loverose Lane, go past the first path into the Styal Estate and just before the River Bollin bridge turn left through a wooden swing gate onto the second path into the Styal Estate at #3. Note that a new estate map board has been placed next to the first path. Follow the woodland trail along the river bank for ca 840m to reach a large bridge over the river (referred to locally as the 'bridge to nowhere'). Turn left onto the track climbing the incline. [This is the start of the diversion, approximately half way along the riverside path to #4 Giants Castle Bridge.]

Follow the track up the incline, initially keeping the field on your right. As the track flattens out the field is now on your left. After 400m (from the turn by the river bridge) go through the gap in the fences alongside the wooden gate and, after a further 50m, turn right onto the airport perimeter access road, which is now designated as a bridleway (part of Laureen's Ride). Head east along the old Altrincham Road for ca 720m to reach the junction with Moss Lane and the old-style finger signpost (signed to Styal Village).

Continue straight on along the Altrincham Road into Styal village. Be careful of traffic, as on several sections of this road there is no pavement. In ca 850m and after passing several NT signs on side entrances look for a small cobbled road with signs to Farm Fold and the Methodist Chapel. Turn right and walk down Farm Fold, bear left at the Methodist Chapel and, as the road forks, continue along the left-hand fork which is Apprentice Lane. At the crossroads with Holts Lane, turn right and pass the Apprentice House on your right. In ca 120m, pass behind the visitor centre to reach the paths diverging at #7. On an angle to the left, take a narrow, inclined path up into the original car park. Continue south along the right-hand side of the car park to a gate and finger post at the far end.

NB #s used in the above description refer to the map on p80 of the NCW Guide



Map of North Cheshire Way diversion at Quarry Bank estate

Key intermediate Waymark Points shown on this map:
2) Bridge to nowhere
3) Wooden gate west of Oversley Lodge Farm
4) Junction of Moss Lane and Altrincham Road
5) Signpost to Farm Fold and Methodist Chapel
6) Apprentice Lane crossroads next to Apprentice House