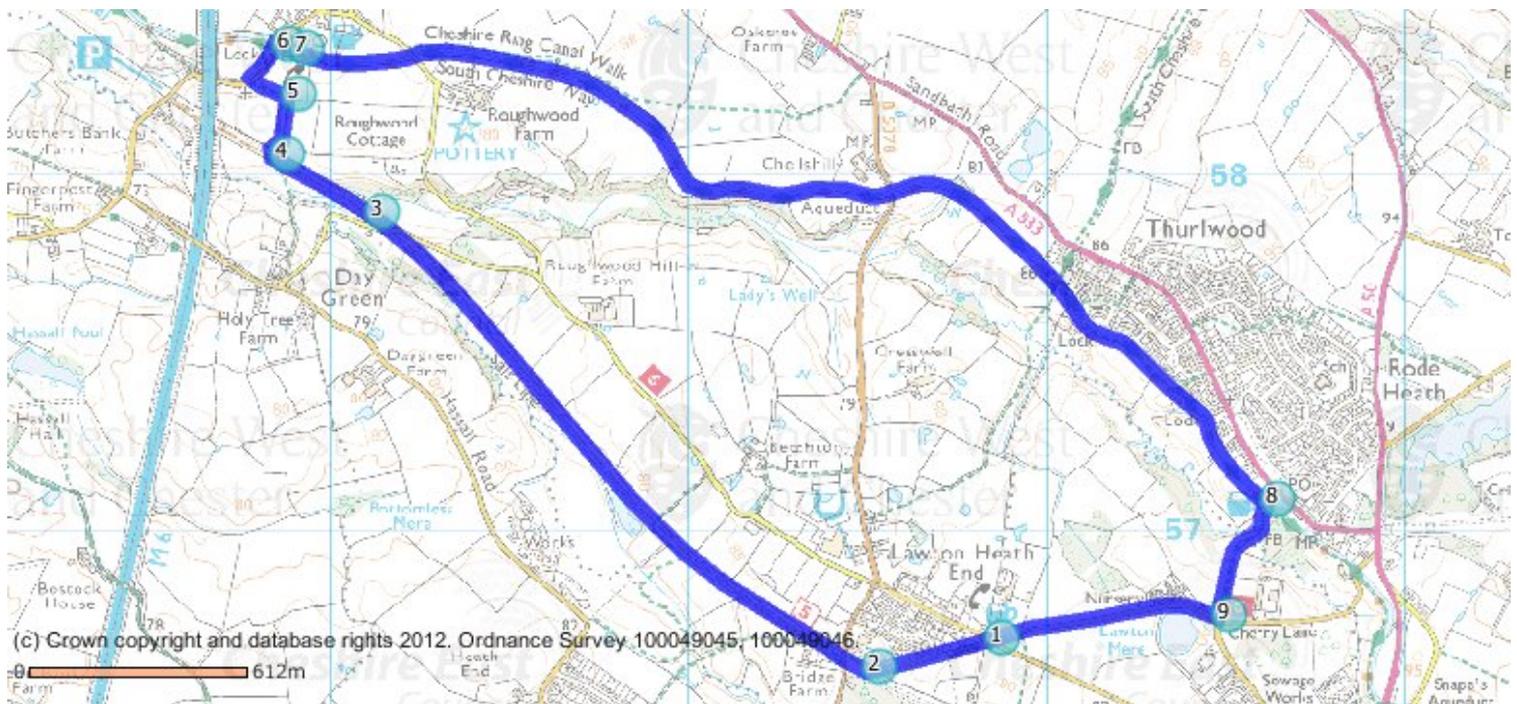


## Alsager Series No. 5 – Salt Line and Canal

Explore the legacies of train and canal transport around Alsager

Grade	Easy
Distance	10 km / 6 miles
Time	2 – 2 ½ hours
Start	New Horse Shoe pub, Lawton Heath End, Alsager
Map	OS Explorer 268
Terrain	Country lanes, canal towpath, off-road trails and footpaths
Barriers	1 gate, 1 stile
Toilets	At pubs for patrons only
Contact	Public Rights of Way: tel: 01270 686029 Email: <a href="mailto:pro@cheshireeast.gov.uk">pro@cheshireeast.gov.uk</a>



## Route Details

Explore the train and canal transport legacies of Alsager

This route, devised by Alsager Chamber of Trade, is one a series of walks in the Alsager area. The walks have been published in leaflets entitled 'It's all about Alsager - Walking Maps of Alsager'.

Train and canal transport was the mainstay of our industry and now they are a source of leisure offering pleasant, off-road walking and cycling routes.

## Visitor Information

**Location:** Starting in Lawton Heath End, just to the north of Alsager. The Horseshoe Inn is located on Sandbach Road. Postcode for Sat Nav: ST7 3RA

**Public transport:** Alsager is well served by buses and trains direct from Crewe and Kidsgrove.

**Parking:** Parking for patrons is available at the New Horseshoe public house

**Toilets:** Toilets for patrons are available at the New Horseshoe and Wilbraham Arms public houses

**Refreshments:** refreshments are available at the New Horseshoe, Broughton Arms and Wilbraham Arms public houses and Lock 57 café.

**Further information:** for further information on the route, contact the Public Rights of Way team on:-

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## Directions

1. Cross over the road from the new Horse Show and turn right into Cherry Lane. Go past the no entry sign and look out for a gated entrance on the left.
2. Go through the gate and follow the path down to the main road (Sandbach Road North) and turn right until the entrance to the Salt Line can be seen on the opposite side of the road (take care when you cross this road).
3. Follow the Salt Line trail. The Salt Line path is split by a road and, when you get to this point, continue on across the road until you reach a way marker pointing to the right just before the M6 motorway bridge.
4. Follow the way marker through the gate and up to the stile into the corner of a field.
5. Keeping the hedge on your left follow the path until you join a track down to Smithy Grove where you see the pink church of St Philips. Turn right up the road (take care because there is no pavement) until you reach the canal bridge and Lock 57.
6. Lock 57 is a good place to rest your legs and have a tea/coffee or something more substantial.
7. Join the towpath opposite Lock 57 heading left. Continue on this towpath until you come to The Broughton Arms.
8. Leave the towpath at this point taking the path to the right, following the path down and over a bridge and on past Lawton Valley Kennels & Cattery.
9. At the top of the lane turn right into Cherry Lane. You are now returning back to your starting point at The New Horse Shoe.