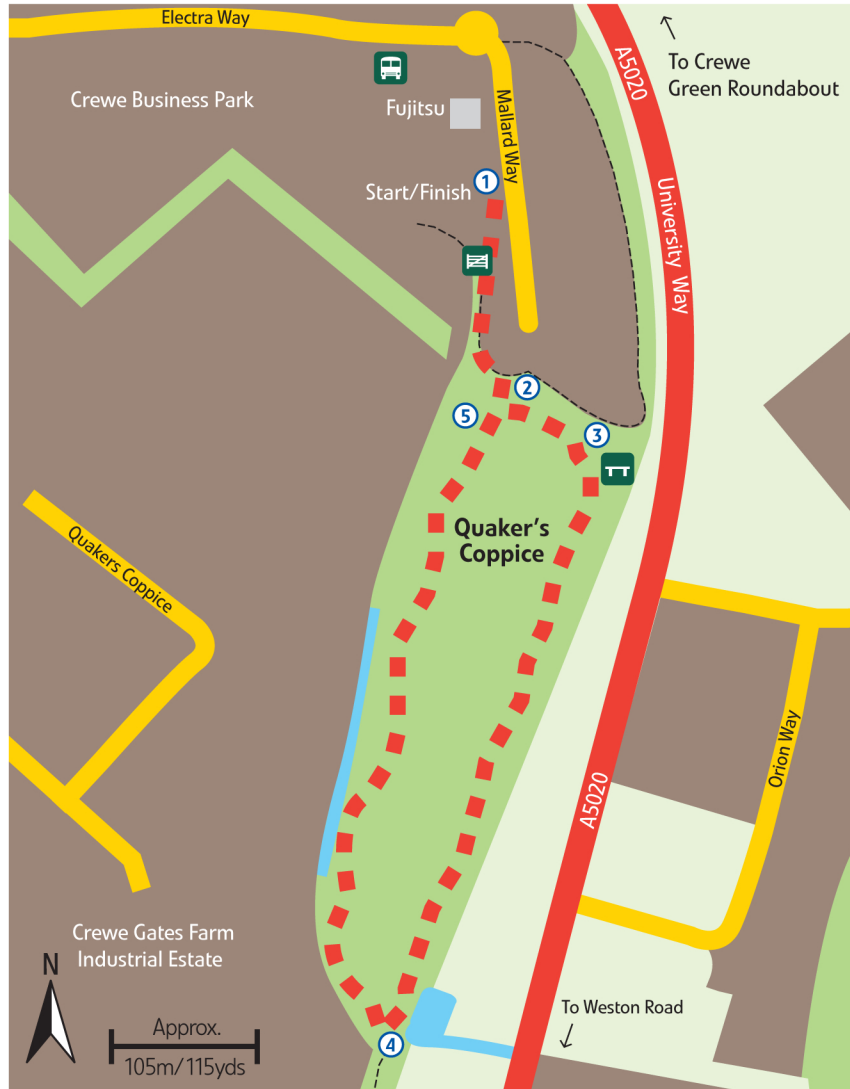


Quaker's Coppice Crewe



Right on the edge of Crewe, enjoy this short and generally level, winding walk through a haven of deciduous woodland. You'll meander through a mix of oak, silver birch, holly and twisted hornbeam trees, get glances of ponds and be able to listen to the variety of birds that inhabit this wood.



Suggested Route

DISTANCE: A circular route 1km (2/3 mile).

TIME: 45 minutes.

SURFACE: Natural woodland floor. Paths generally 1.75-2.0m (5¾' - 6½') wide in the woodland, narrowing to 1m (3¼') on tarmac, near the road.

GRADIENTS: Generally level.

GATES, STEPS, BENCHES AND BARRIERS:

1 hand gate which opens in both directions and has no latch. No steps or other barriers on the route other than a 2cm (¾") dropped kerb and similar steps onto some bridges. The 1 bench is at a height of 39cm (15") with a backrest. You can also take a rest by leaning on the handrails of the 12 bridges which have a minimum width of 119cm (47").

DESCRIPTION:

1. Join the tarmac footpath at the electricity substation on Mallard Way, at the side of the Fujitsu office building, Infinity House. Follow the footpath to the left for about 200m (220yds), alongside a brook, to a gate on the right which leads into the wood. Enter here to begin the walk.
2. From here you can see a pond with a viewing platform immediately on your left. After this, take the left fork in the path and head for two bridges and a seat visible ahead beyond a slight rise in the path.
3. The path forks again about 20m (22yds) beyond the seat. Continue on the edged path as it snakes through the woodland.
4. At the point where a narrow gate leads to a bridge and footpath to Weston Road, bear right.
5. Rejoin your outward route just before the pond. At the gate, turn left to go back along the footpath to Mallard Way.

VISITOR INFORMATION

LOCATION: On the eastern edge of Crewe, accessed off the A534 Crewe Road. Turn at the roundabout into Electra Way (signposted Business Park), then turn right into Mallard Way. Approximate postcode: CW1 6HA.

PARKING: Limited roadside parking in Mallard Way where you would be lucky to find a space during office hours. Outside of these times, you should find a spot.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT:

Bus route: D&G Bus No. 1 Crewe Business Park – Train Station – Bus Station – Leighton Hospital.

Bus stop: Electra Way, Crewe Business Park.

Distance to start of walk: 255m (245yds).

TOILETS AND REFRESHMENTS: There are no facilities on site. There are two pubs on University Way, nearby.

FURTHER INFORMATION: The site is owned and managed by Cheshire East Council.

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