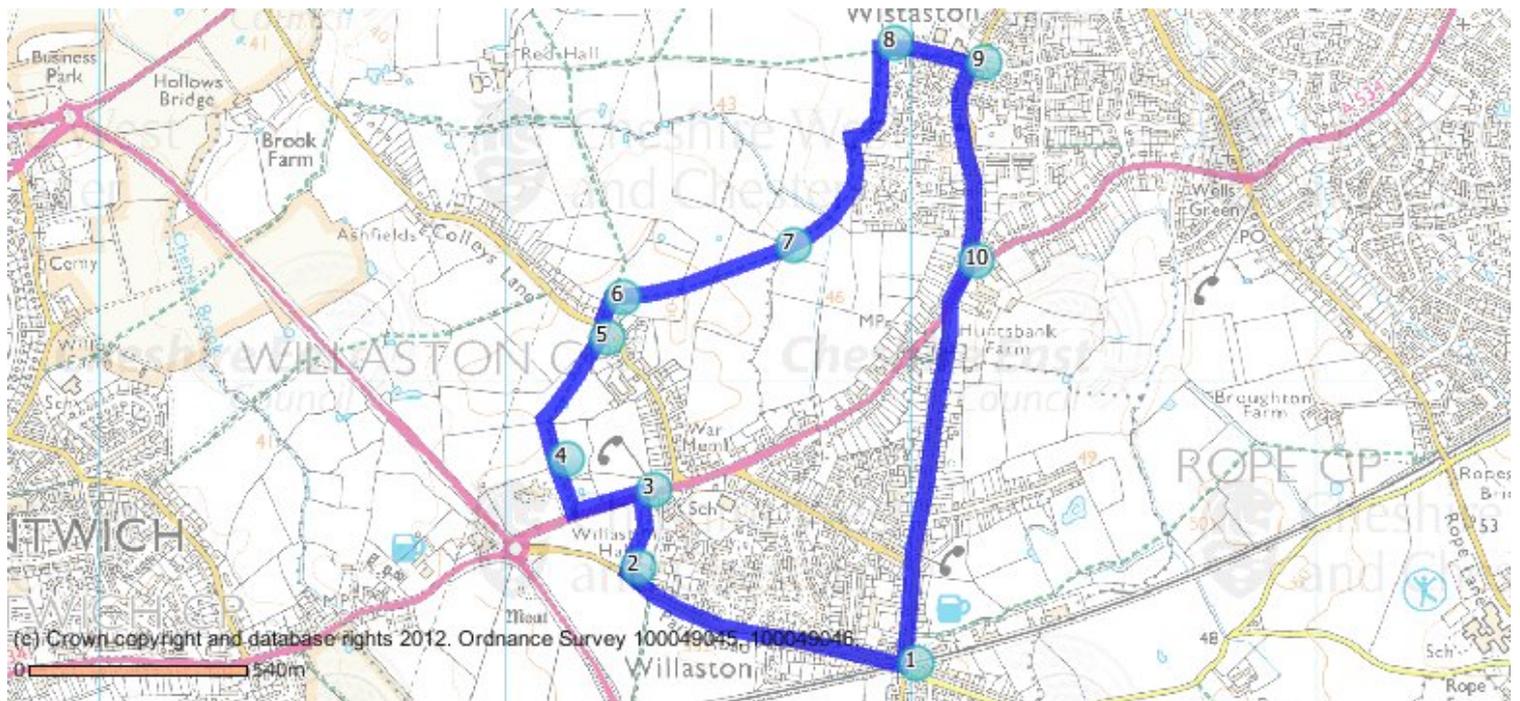


Willaston Kissing Gate Circular Walk

A pleasant circular walk to help you get to know the village

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| Grade | Easy |
| Distance | 2 ½ miles / 4 km |
| Time | 1 hour 20 mins |
| Start | Willaston Social Club, Wistaston Road |
| Map | OS Explorer 257 |
| Terrain | Pavements and rural field paths |
| Barriers | 1 stile and 12 kissing gates |
| Toilets | None on the route |
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Route Details

The second in a series of walks published by the Willaston Community Opportunities Group, this route offers a pleasant circular walk to help you get to know the village.

Distance and time

2 ½ miles / 4 km, allow 1 hour 20 mins.

Start

Willaston Social Club, Wistaston Road, Willaston, shown on Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 257.

Terrain

Following fairly level terrain on a mixture of pavements and rural field paths.

Barriers

1 stile and 12 kissing gates.

Toilets

None on the route, though nearby pubs and cafes will have facilities for patrons.

Refreshments

There a number of refreshment options in Willaston..

Further information

Contact Public Rights of Way, 2nd Floor, Old Building, Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 2BJ, pro@cheshireeast.gov.uk, 01270 686029.

For more information on Willaston Community Opportunities Group, please contact willastonplan@hotmail.co.uk.

Directions

1. Start from Willaston Social Club in Wistaston Road. With your back to the club go right along Wistaston Road. Just before the railway crossing turn right into Park Road.
2. Walk past all the houses on the right and look for a footpath sign into a field on your right in front of Willaston Hall. (It's opposite the road sign thanking careful drivers.) Go through the field to a stile and cross the next field, where horses often graze, to the first kissing gate by the side of Crewe Road.
3. Cross the road (with care, it's busy) and turn left. Pass the bus stop and just before the Redsands building, go right by the side of a hedge, on a signed footpath, and keep straight ahead to reach a kissing gate.
4. Continue forward by the side of the hedge through the field to another gate in the field corner. Head across the next field (where cows graze) to pass a telegraph pole and reach another kissing gate.
5. Continue by the side of a hedge to cross a smaller field to reach another gate. Here the path goes between hedges (watch out for nettles) to emerge in Colleys Lane. Cross the road and go left briefly before going right on a signed track to a gate. Here there are two paths.
6. Take the path to the right which is well defined and goes diagonally across the field to a kissing gate. The path then veers slightly left through the next field to another gate.
7. The well defined path veers left again through another field where maize is grown in the summer. At the next kissing gate turn immediately left and go through another kissing gate a short distance away. Then go slightly right across the field and over a footbridge with two kissing gates. Go forward through the next two fields and two more kissing gates.
8. The path then follows the line of a hedge on your right to a kissing gate just before a farm gate on your right. Go through the kissing gate on a path between fencing and a hedgerow to emerge by the Eric Swan Sports Ground in Wistaston.
9. Follow the driveway into the road alongside Wistaston Primary School to emerge into Church Lane. Go right here and pass St Mary's Church and the Church Hall to the junction with Crewe Road, opposite Huntsbank Business Park.
10. Go right and then cross Crewe Road by the bollards and go right then first left into Wistaston Road. Walk up the road, passing the Nags Head and the memorial garden now known as Mike Heywood Green, to arrive back at Willaston Social Club.

Did you remember to count the kissing gates?