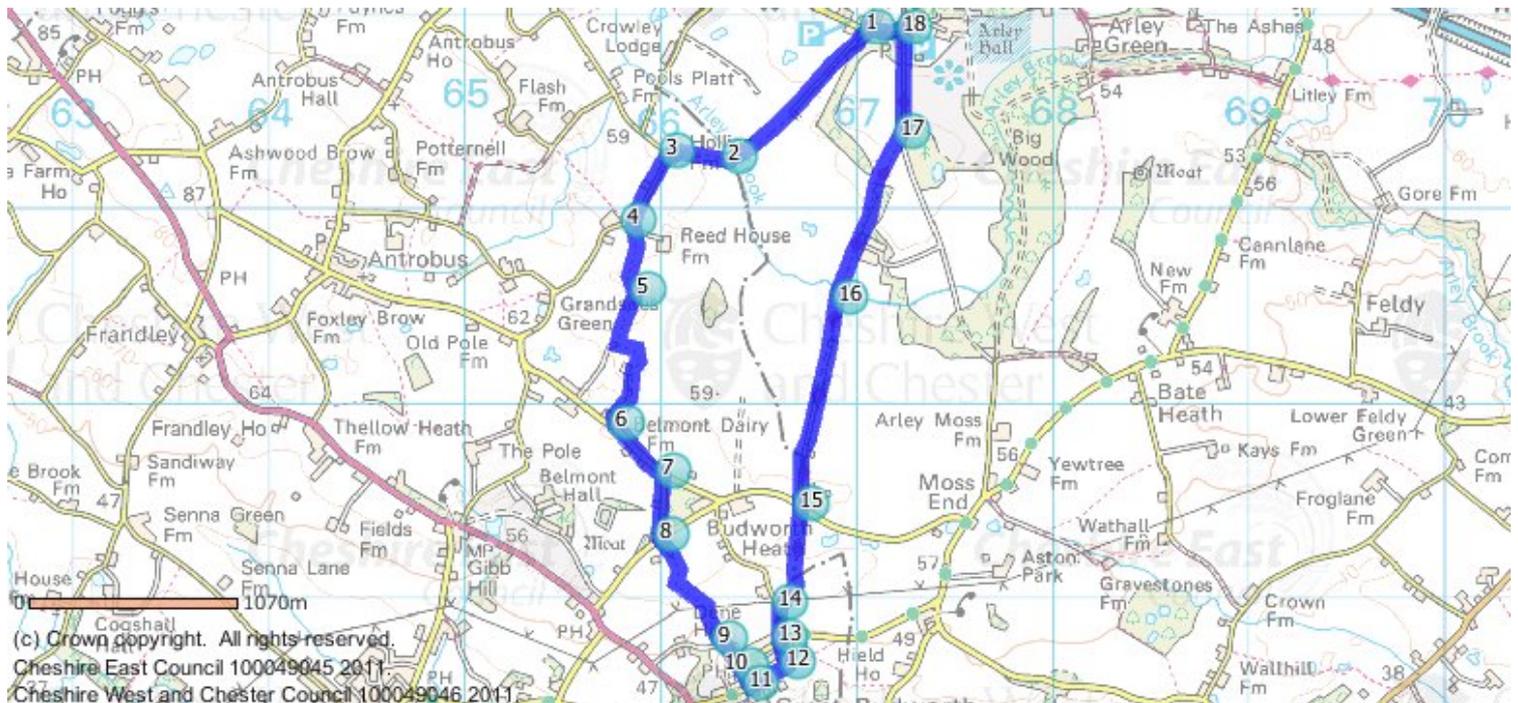


Arley Hall Circular Walk

Enjoy this Cheshire Garden Walk, sampling the delights of the countryside surrounding the magnificent landscaped park of Arley Hall.

Grade	Moderate
Distance	8.5km/5.5 miles
Time	4 hours
Start	Free walkers' car park in Arley Rd (in village) - not gardens.
Map	OS Explorer 7
Terrain	Unsurfaced and semi-surfaced paths and some minor roads. Some terrain will be muddy in winter. Fairly level gradients throughout.
Barriers	11 stiles, 2 bridle gates, 2 kissing gates, wooden footbridge with parapets, metal footbridge with handrails.
Toilets	Available at Arley Hall (entry fee applies) the George and Dragon PH, Great Budworth (patrons only) or the Ice Cream farm (patrons only)
Contact	01270 686029



Route Details

This Cheshire Garden Walk takes you from the quaint estate hamlet of Arley to the charming village of Great Budworth, with its historic estate cottages, and back again.

Rich in history and beauty, Arley's award-winning gardens, beautiful Victorian Jacobean hall, specialist plant nursery, Tudor Barn Restaurant and exciting events programme offer a great day out for all the family throughout the changing seasons.

The gardens, recently voted in the Top 50 in Europe and in Britain's Top 10, are celebrated for one of the finest double herbaceous borders in the country and the avenue of giant Ilex columns are truly a plantman's paradise, with a breathtaking array of roses, perennials, exotic trees and flowering shrubs.

For further information about Arley Hall and Gardens - including opening times - www.arleyhallandgardens.com.

Directions

1. Start at the free walkers' car park in Arley Road, Arley village (not Arley Hall car park). Turn left out of the walkers' car park and walk along the road for 70m or so. Take the first restricted byway on your right. Continue along the track.
2. Cross the bridle bridge and follow the route around Hollie's Farm.
3. After Hollie's Farm, turn left and walk along Hollins Lane.
4. Take the footpath on your left and follow the waymarked footpath crossing 4 stiles.
5. After the 4th stile the path veers right along the field edge. Follow the path along the field edge to the next field corner where you turn left along the stream/ditch, whilst the cinder farm track continues on a dog leg ahead. At the next field boundary, cross a stile and turn right on a rough track which follows around a copse and pool on your right. Pass over 2 further stiles and keep the field boundary on your right hand side.
6. Continue along the path over a stile to reach the Knutsford Road. Turn left.
7. At the next junction, turn right onto Quebec Road, keeping the woodland to your left.
8. At the next junction, go straight on along the footpath.
9. Follow the footpath over the fields until it turns into a semi-surfaced track.
10. Continue along the track until it brings you out onto the road in the village of Great Budworth.
11. Turn left at the village church (or call in at the George and Dragon PH for refreshments) and continue along the path in front of the cottages. The path becomes a tree-lined avenue.
12. Take the restricted byway on the left (waymarked North Cheshire Way).
13. Go straight on at the road junction (Heath Road).
14. Take the first footpath on your right, up a slight bank (or continue along the road for 80m or so if you want to call in at the Ice Cream farm and cafe).
15. Follow the footpath over the fields until it brings you out on the road (Knutsford Road). Cross straight over and continue along the concrete farm track (which turns into a semi-surfaced track).

16. Cross Arley Brook via the metal footbridge in the trees and continue along the path (now a semi-surfaced track).
17. After about 1km you will reach the junction with the tarmaced driveway to Arley Hall; turn left and follow the driveway.
18. Take the first turning on your left to return to the walkers' car park in Arley, where you started.