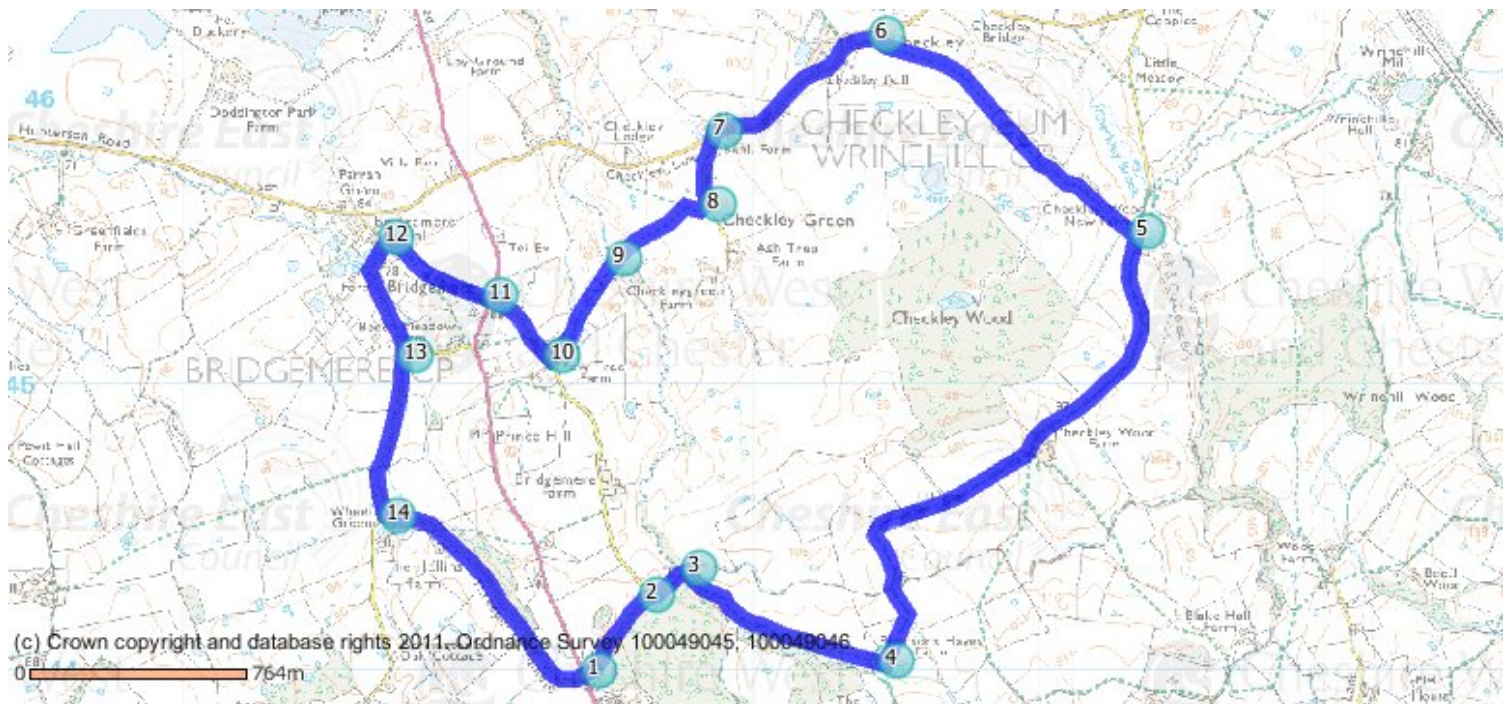


Bridgemere Walk This walk explores the peaceful countryside of South East Cheshire.

Grade	Moderate
Distance	6 miles / 9.3 kms
Time	3 hours
Start	Bridgemere Garden World
Map	Crewe and Nantwich Explorer Sheet 257
Terrain	Farmland paths and tracks, minor roads, A51 road crossing
Barriers	8 stiles
Toilets	Bridgemere Garden World (customers only)
Contact	01270 686029



Route Details

This walk explores the peaceful countryside of South East Cheshire. The ancient woodland called Checkley Wood can be viewed across the fields during the walk. This wood is 40 hectares in size and although containing new plantings of conifers, in parts it retains many of the classic indications of its ancient status. It is thought to be at least 400 years old.

The walk passes Checkley Hall a grade II listed building. Checkley Hall was built by the Delves family of Doddington in 1694. It replaced an earlier timber framed house.

Nearing the end of the walk, Prince Hill can be seen, where a Wellington bomber crashed during the war whilst on a training mission.

The small linear woodland called Threepers Drumble is a site of Biological Interest and contains some interesting wild flowers, some of which can be seen from the lane during the walk.

Directions

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Cars can be parked at Bridgemere Gardens during weekdays only. At other times look for safe parking in the quiet lanes near either the start or end of the walk.

1. From Bridgemere Gardens turn out right out of entrance towards Nantwich and turn right into Yew Tree Lane.
2. Take first footpath on right down and across a stream.
3. Bear right and follows Phynsons Hayes woodland edge to the right towards the hall.
4. At the hall follow the track to left around the buildings. Turn left along track, walking away from hall and follow for about 2kms passing derelict Checkley Hall Farm.
5. Turn left towards Checkley Wood New Farm and follow the track through the farmyard and straight ahead across the fields to Checkley Lane.
6. Turn left and walk past Checkley Hall, for about 500 metres.
7. Turn left into the dead end lane leading to Checkley Green .
8. Take first footpath on right which leads across the fields down to a little brook.
9. Once across brook aim almost 45 degrees left to cross the cattle track using the electric fence gateway. Head away from the cattle track in the same direction and cross a stile in a dip by some bushes. Follow footpath along a hedge lined track to emerge on Yew Tree Lane.
10. Turn right here, (unless you want to shorten your walk, in which case turn left back to Bridgemere Gardens) and follow to the road junction.
11. At the A51 cross with care and take the stile directly opposite. Walk across the field aiming for the stile in the hedge next to the metal hut. Once at the stile do not cross but turn right and follow the field edge.
12. Once just past the garden of the cottage turn left to follow the boundary of the property through some trees. Cross stile into lane and turn left. Cross a ford by the footbridge and continue along the lane ahead.
13. Do not take the first left, but continue ahead.
14. At the next junction take the road to the left and follow back to Bridgemere passing Threepers Drumble woodland on your left. At the A51 cross with care and turn right back to your parking.