

Lindow Common Wilmslow



Lindow Common is a small area of heathland on the outskirts of Wilmslow. It might be small, but it is special in a number of ways: it is a Local Nature Reserve, has national recognition as a Site of Special Scientific Interest and is a leftover of a previously much more widespread landscape - ancient lowland heath. On the site, many information boards, at a good height for wheelchair users, detail the special flora and fauna of the reserve.



Suggested Route

DISTANCE: About 1.2km (¾mile), mostly circular, around the small central Black Lake.

TIME: About 30-45 minutes

SURFACE: Level, 150cm (5") wide with a good surface of compacted stone and gravel.

GRADIENTS: The route is largely level.

GATES, STEPS, BENCHES AND BARRIERS:

Gates open from car parks at both ends of the reserve. The gates are 139cm (51") wide and are not sprung. The latch height is 100cm (39") off the ground. There are many seats around the lake.

DESCRIPTION: Paths run from both of the car parks and lead on to the circular path around the lake. The fenced lake is only partly visible for wheelchair users, especially in summer due to growth of vegetation. Narrower paths branch off the main circuit but have less access suitability.

VISITOR INFORMATION

LOCATION: Both car parks are accessed off Racecourse Road, which leads off the A538, Altrincham Road, between Wilmslow and Manchester Airport.

PARKING: There are free car parks at both ends of the common, open and accessible at all times. Approximate postcode: SK9 5NQ.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT:

Bus route: GHA Coaches Connect Bus No. 88 Knutsford – Wilmslow – Altrincham.

Bus stop: Altrincham Road, Gorsey Road.

Distance to start of walk: 295m (320yds) (note, you may need to cross Altrincham Road).

TOILETS AND REFRESHMENTS: Public toilets in Wilmslow town centre. Refreshments at the Boddington Arms opposite the most northerly car park, and in Wilmslow town centre.

FURTHER INFORMATION: A detailed leaflet is available from the Cheshire East Council Ranger Service at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/rangers.

