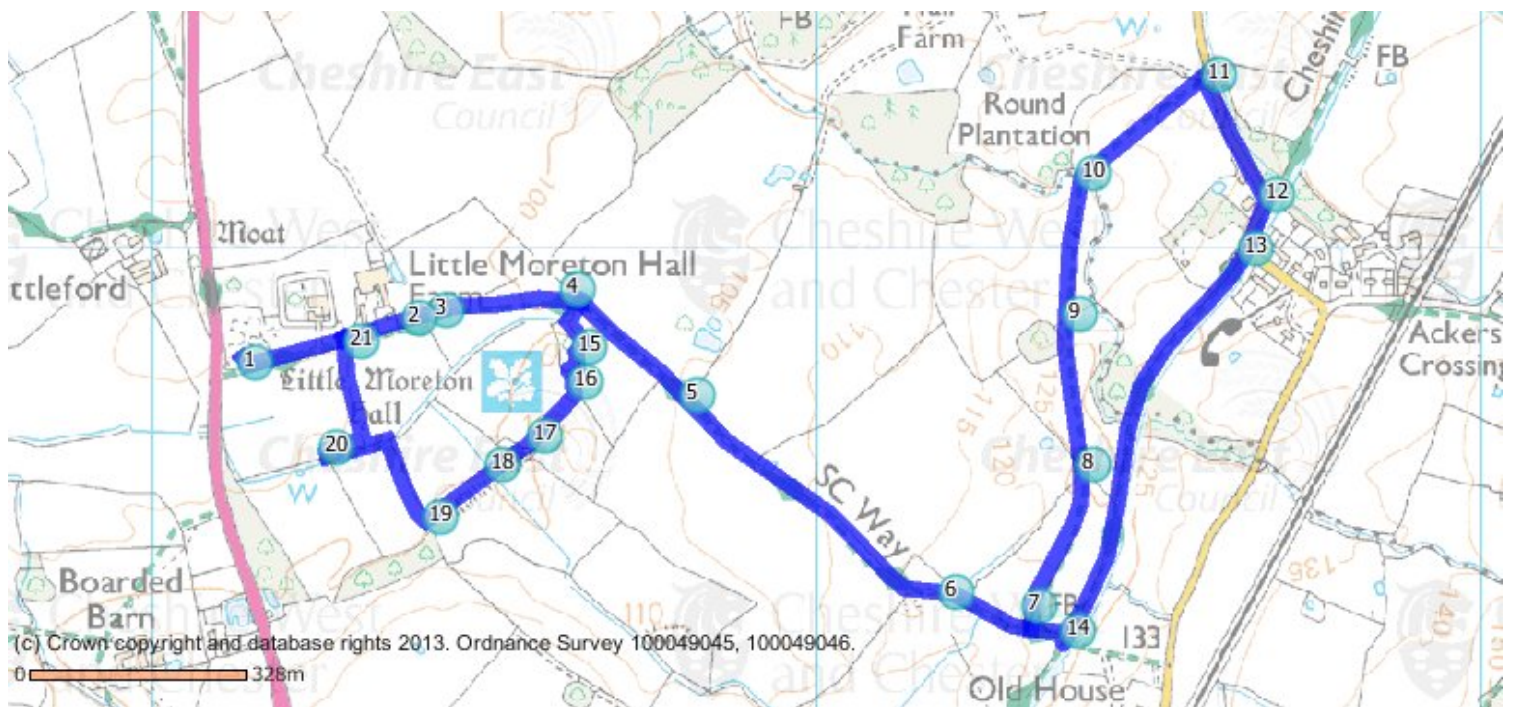


Little Moreton Hall Circular Walk

Enjoy this Cheshire Garden Walk in Cheshire's rural heartland, close to the unique half-timbered Little Moreton Hall.

Grade	Easy
Distance	4.8km/3miles
Time	2 hours
Start	In lay by near Little Moreton Hall, off A34.
Map	OS Explorer 268
Terrain	Unsurfaced tracks/paths and one minor road. Some terrain will be muddy in winter. About 30m of this route has gradient greater than 1:6
Barriers	9 stiles, 7 kissing gates 2 field gates on longer route. 1 stream crossing without bridge (stream less than 1m wide)..
Toilets	Little Moreton Hall (but you must pay for entry - National Trust members free)
Contact	Cheshire East Council tel: 01270 686029



Route Details

Enjoy a walk in Cheshire's rural heartland – a landscape shaped by centuries of farming.

Linking up with the Macclesfield Canal allows you to enjoy a gentle stroll along this picturesque waterway, before returning once again to cross the fields back to the unique half-timbered Little Moreton Hall.

This timber framed, moated manor house dates from 1450 and was originally only two storeys tall. Between about 1570 and 1580 a large 'long gallery', was added to the south wing – giving the house its distinctive, top heavy, appearance.

By the beginning of the 18th century this iconic Cheshire building was let as a farmhouse – and many of the rooms were used for storage. Within a century it was derelict, with the roof subsiding and windows boarded up.

During the 19th century the house was restored and it was given to the National Trust in 1938. Little Moreton Hall's Elizabethan Knot Garden was recreated by the Trust in the 1980's.

The route takes you through the tranquil Cheshire farmland and along a pleasant stretch of the Macclesfield Canal.

For further information about Little Moreton Hall - including opening times -[click here](#).

Directions

1. Turn left out of the National Trust car park and proceed along the drive towards the Hall. Follow the public footpath sign for the South Cheshire Way, passing through a field gate with the Hall on your left.
2. Pass through a kissing gate and continue along the field edge past Little Moreton Hall Farm.
3. Pass through another kissing gate, cross the farm track and pass through another kissing gate, then continue diagonally right across the field towards the next stile.
4. Cross stile and continue along the edge of the field.
5. Cross stile and continue with hedgerow to your left.
6. Continue along farm track.
7. Take public right of way sign to your left, cross stile and continue straight across the field.
8. Cross stile and bear diagonally across the field.
9. Cross stile.
10. Cross stream and cross stile, then continue diagonally right across the field.
11. Cross stile and turn right along New Road.
12. Take turning to your left across the field onto the Macclesfield Canal towpath and turn right.
13. Pass under canal bridge and continue along towpath.
14. Pass under a second bridge and turn right through a kissing gate, waymarked for South Cheshire Way. Pass through another kissing gate and turn left back along the farm track, retracing your steps back to the Hall.