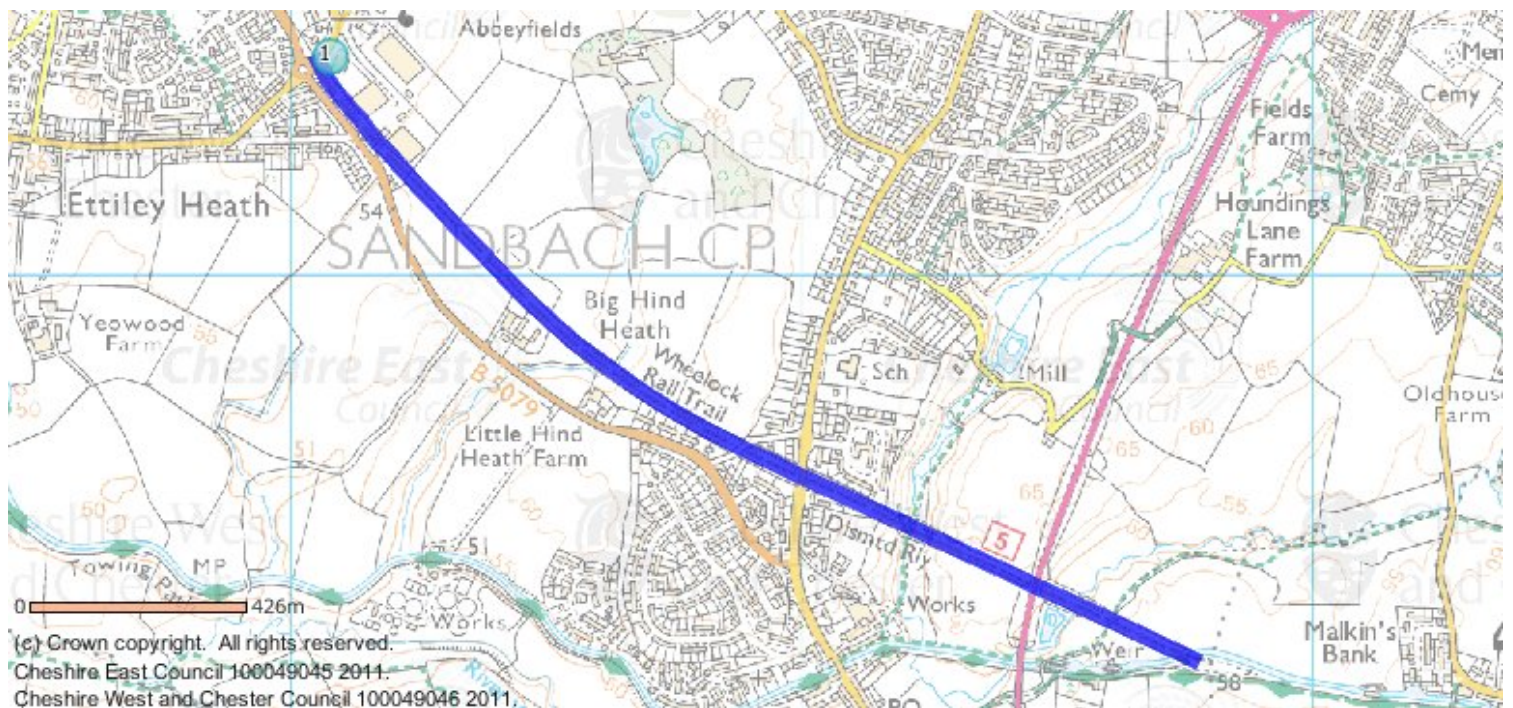


## The Wheelock Rail Trail

A level trail along a disused railway line now a rich haven for wildlife and wild flowers

Grade	Easy
Distance	4.4km / 2 ¾ miles
Time	1 - 1 ½ hours
Start	Lodge Road, Elworth NGR SJ 741 604
Map	OS Explorer 268
Terrain	Level, wide and firm surface
Barriers	3 bridlegates and horse stiles
Toilets	None available on route
Contact	01477 534115



## Route Details

The Wheelock Rail Trail near Sandbach follows the route of a disused railway from Ettiley Heath to Malkins Bank. Today the trail is a rich haven for wildlife and wild flowers and provides a pleasant level and wide route through the Cheshire East countryside.

After the railway closed in 1966 the track lay derelict for many years, gradually becoming more and more overgrown. After February 2000 the then County Council worked closely with the local community through the Wheelock Rail Trail Association to develop the track into a multi-user trail. It was officially opened in September 2002.

The whole route has now been upgraded with improved access points, better surfacing and new information boards to provide a high quality facility for all users.

Horse riders cannot cross the A534 Wheelock Bypass so riders will need to turn around and retrace their steps back to Elworth at this point.

## Visitor Information

**Parking:** The Wheelock Rail Trail can be accessed from several points. The easiest for riders is at Elworth where you can park on Lodge Road - please park considerately. Postcode for satnav: CW11 3HD.

**Toilets:** There are no facilities on the route.

**Refreshments:** There are no refreshments on the route.

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