

Trip Report: Cheshire

Date: 30th January 2015

Group: Mike H (leader) Lynn, Ann, Jim, Sarah, Selina, Jeff, Colin, Amanda, Bob

Route: Not The Not The Sandstone Trail

Total Distance: Unknown

Total Ascent: Unknown

Weather: Unknown

Apologies for the delay in writing this report - life is hectic when one is retired.

This local walk was a last minute substitute for the planned walk to Lathkill Dale in the Peak District. Heavy snow made the planned journey impossible, so despite planning walks closer and closer to home we finished up in our own backyard. The route was chosen as we had a planned series of routes starting from the Yew Tree which needed to be walked so that all the data can be put onto GPX files. The files will be used to produce route maps for the Yew Tree to entice more rambling customers!!

Despite being a well-trodden local walk we had a good turnout. In fact the route was welcomed as no-one had to do any driving, and we had a 10.30 start!

Starting from the Yew Tree car park, our first task was to negotiate the muddy fields between Panama Hatties and Stonehouse Farm. Thick mud clinging to walking boots made the going tough, so it was a relief to get onto the tarmac of Stone House Lane. On reaching Bulkeley Woods a slight diversion was added along Coppermines Lane onto Raw Head, and from there along the Sandstone Trail, over Bulkeley Hill, passing Table Rock to Moathouse Farm. The route continued passed Willis's Wood and Peckforton Mere, across Beeston Moss, through the disused racecourse at Haycroft, before reaching the road taking us back to the Yew Tree. The intended 10 mile route became 12.5 miles due to the diversion. The length together with the muddy slog at the start made it quite a challenging walk. So the drinks back in the Yew were welcomed as per usual.

Mike H