






















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 From	 To	 Bearing	 Leg Distance	 Alt Gain	 Alt Loss	 Information
1 (SJ942 778)	2 (SJ944 779)	060 Degs	0.3 km	14 m	1 m	Turn right up the road (Smithy Brow) from the Poachers Inn. There is a pavement on the left hand side.
2 (SJ944 779)	3 (SJ945 781)	012 Degs	0.2 km	3 m	10 m	A short distance further on, a crossroads is reached. Turn left along Spuley Lane (signposted to Pott Shrigley).
3 (SJ945 781)	4 (SJ953 781)	091 Degs	0.8 km	52 m	4 m	Turn right up a lane (Hedge Row). Continue past several buildings. Do not take the first footpath on the right.
4 (SJ953 781)	5 (SJ953 781)	139 Degs	0.1 km	6 m	-	Take the second footpath on the right. There are 6 stone steps up to a stile. Follow the footpath, which bears left and goes slightly uphill (up the side of Billinge Hill). After a short distance, the footpath follows an old wall (which is on the left).
5 (SJ953 781)	6 (SJ956 778)	132 Degs	0.4 km	47 m	1 m	Cross a stile over a wall and continue in the same direction.
6 (SJ956 778)	7 (SJ957 775)	154 Degs	0.4 km	12 m	11 m	Cross another stile, and bear right, slightly uphill, along a bridleway. Follow the bridleway, which passes under some trees, and then goes downhill to a metal gate.
7 (SJ957 775)	8 (SJ958 775)	128 Degs	0.0 km	-	0 m	Pass through the gate and turn left along the road (Blaze Hill).
8 (SJ958 775)	9 (SJ955 773)	240 Degs	0.4 km	4 m	7 m	Turn right after a short distance down a bridleway (signposted as a "Restricted Byway").
9 (SJ955 773)	10 (SJ954 771)	211 Degs	0.2 km	-	7 m	Eventually the bridleway forks. Take the right fork, downhill into Rainowlow (signpost "Access to Rainowlow Only").
10 (SJ954 771)	11 (SJ953 771)	213 Degs	0.1 km	-	7 m	After a short distance the bridleway forks. Take the left fork to pass between some buildings in Rainowlow.
11 (SJ953 771)	12 (SJ953 771)	311 Degs	0.1 km	-	11 m	After the houses, you will see a signpost, indicating directions to Billinge (where you have just come from), Rainow and Bollington. Take the right hand direction, signed to Bollington, passing through a gap in the stone wall. Cross a stile shortly after, down a narrow footpath.
12 (SJ953 771)	13 (SJ950 772)	303 Degs	0.3 km	-	30 m	Cross a stone stile, bear slightly left, and follow a wide grassy path, to the left of a hedge.
13 (SJ950 772)	14 (SJ950 772)	264 Degs	0.1 km	-	3 m	Soon you will see a sign (two yellow arrows), indicating that you can continue straight on or turn left. Turn left here, and follow the path down to a stile and a stream.
14 (SJ950 772)	15 (SJ948 772)	258 Degs	0.2 km	6 m	0 m	Cross the stream, and follow the path, in the same direction, up the middle of a field. The White Nancy obelisk can be seen in the distance, straight ahead.
15 (SJ948 772)	16 (SJ946 772)	282 Degs	0.2 km	1 m	11 m	Cross a stone stile to a bridleway (Oakenbank Lane). Cross straight over the bridleway (slightly left), to pass through a gate. Continue straight on down a field towards the white building amongst trees. This is Savio House (a retreat Centre).

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16 (SJ946 772)	17 (SJ942 771)	256 Degs	0.4 km	5 m	36 m	At a crossroads of paths, go straight on (through a gate and downhill), with the grounds of Savio House on the right. You are now following the Gritstone Trail. Follow the Gritstone Trail as it descends through a few kissing gates, and eventually emerges onto a lane.
17 (SJ942 771)	18 (SJ942 771)	174 Degs	0.1 km	2 m	4 m	Turn left along the lane.
18 (SJ942 771)	19 (SJ937 771)	275 Degs	0.7 km	47 m	15 m	Soon the Gritstone trail (and our route) turns right up a bridleway. The bridleway goes uphill, and then down again to meet a road (Redway).
19 (SJ937 771)	20 (SJ935 770)	231 Degs	0.2 km	-	22 m	Turn right along the road, which takes you into Kerridge.
20 (SJ935 770)	21 (SJ935 768)	191 Degs	0.2 km	-	6 m	At the end of Redway, turn left.
21 (SJ935 768)	22 (SJ930 770)	285 Degs	0.6 km	-	27 m	Take the bridleway off to the right. This is signposted as a Private Road (to Beehive Cottage amongst others). Follow the bridleway downhill.
22 (SJ930 770)	23 (SJ930 770)	274 Degs	0.0 km	-	1 m	Bear left at the bottom of the lane (to the left of Beehive Cottage), crossing the canal over a bridge.
23 (SJ930 770)	24 (SJ933 781)	017 Degs	1.3 km	12 m	8 m	Turn right straight after the bridge, down some steps and along the canal towpath. Continue along the canal towpath, passing Adelphi Mill on the left.
24 (SJ933 781)	25 (SJ934 779)	172 Degs	0.3 km	1 m	6 m	Eventually, Clarence Mill is reached (on the right). Cross the footbridge (26A) over the canal to Clarence Mill, and turn right, to follow the road downhill.
25 (SJ934 779)	26 (SJ935 779)	081 Degs	0.2 km	1 m	7 m	Turn left along the main road.
26 (SJ935 779)	27 (SJ936 780)	026 Degs	0.3 km	23 m	-	After a church on the left, turn left up Beeston Brow. This is a steep, cobbled lane uphill past several houses. At the end of the houses, Beeston Brow takes a sharp right turn.
27 (SJ936 780)	28 (SJ936 784)	005 Degs	0.4 km	31 m	-	A little further on, bear left up Long Lane.
28 (SJ936 784)	29 (SJ938 781)	147 Degs	0.3 km	4 m	7 m	Eventually, Long Lane becomes less steep. Look out for a footpath on the right. Take this footpath, which heads across fields, with fine views to the right across Bollington to the White Nancy.
29 (SJ938 781)	30 (SJ938 781)	220 Degs	0.0 km	-	4 m	At the end of the footpath, and just past a few buildings on the right, turn right down a lane.
30 (SJ938 781)	31 (SJ939 781)	095 Degs	0.1 km	1 m	7 m	A short distance down the lane, take the paved footpath downhill to the left. This footpath has a wooden handrail on the right, which is useful as it is slippery in places.
31 (SJ939 781)	32 (SJ940 781)	105 Degs	0.2 km	-	16 m	The footpath descends past some houses on the left, where it becomes a lane. Continue straight on down past more houses to the main road (Shrigley Road).

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32 (SJ940 781)	33 (SJ941 780)	141 Degs	0.0 km	-	4 m	Cross straight over the main road, into a short cu--de-sac.
33 (SJ941 780)	34 (SJ940 779)	183 Degs	0.2 km	2 m	8 m	At the end of the cul-de-sac, take the footpath that continues straight on down hill. Follow the footpath across a field, and then up to a road (Ingersley Road).
34 (SJ940 779)	Finish (SJ942 778)	113 Degs	0.1 km	5 m	-	Turn left along the road to return to the Poachers for a well-deserved drink!
Totals			9.3 km	279 m	282 m	