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|--|--|---|--|--|--|---|
| 1 (SJ942 778) | 2 (SJ944 779) | 059 Degs | 0.2 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 (not the bridleway which bears left and downhill). Follow the bridleway, which passes under some trees, and then goes downhill to a metal gate. |
| 7 (SJ957 775) | 8 (SJ958 775) | 126 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 (SJ953 765) | 193 Degs | 0.8 km | 20 m | 55 m | Eventually the bridleway forks. Take the left fork. This is the continuation of the "Restricted Bridleway". Follow the bridleway (which becomes Jumper Lane) past houses, down past Clarke House (on the left) to a fork. |
| 10 (SJ953 765) | 11 (SJ952 761) | 200 Degs | 0.4 km | 0 m | 13 m | Bear left at the fork to follow the lane which emerges at the main road (B5470) behind the Robin Hood pub in Rainow. |
| 11 (SJ952 761) | 12 (SJ951 760) | 205 Degs | 0.1 km | 2 m | 1 m | Bear right along Stocks Lane. Stocks Lane soon meets the main road (B5470) again. |
| 12 (SJ951 760) | 13 (SJ947 757) | 229 Degs | 0.6 km | 13 m | 23 m | Bear right, to walk along the main road down to the centre of Rainow, passing the Holy Trinity church on the left, then uphill again. Look out for the sign for the Gritstone Trail to the right. |
| 13 (SJ947 757) | 14 (SJ945 759) | 315 Degs | 0.3 km | 4 m | 15 m | Turn right down the Gritstone Trail, and follow the 'G' signs. Ignore a bridleway to the left. |
| 14 (SJ945 759) | 15 (SJ944 760) | 322 Degs | 0.2 km | 18 m | 3 m | Pass through a gate and bear left. |
| 15 (SJ944 760) | 16 (SJ941 762) | 306 Degs | 0.4 km | 51 m | 2 m | Pass through another gate and bear left uphill. This is a fairly steep, grassy path now. This will eventually take you up onto the 'saddle' of Kerridge Ridge. |

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| 16 (SJ941 762) | 17 (SJ939 771) | 346 Degs | 0.9 km | 10 m | 28 m | At the top of the hill, cross a stile and turn right. Keep following the 'G' signs along the top of Kerridge Ridge until you come across the White Nancy at the end of the ridge. |
| 17 (SJ939 771) | 18 (SJ938 772) | 320 Degs | 0.2 km | - | 39 m | After admiring the view across Bollington, continue straight on to follow the paved path down hill to Kerridge. There are other paths down hill here, but our path is the only one that is paved with stone slabs. |
| 18 (SJ938 772) | 19 (SJ937 771) | 226 Degs | 0.1 km | - | 6 m | When the path reaches a concreted bridleway, turn left. This descends to meet a road at Redway House (which used to be the Redway Tavern pub). |
| 19 (SJ937 771) | 20 (SJ935 770) | 231 Degs | 0.2 km | - | 22 m | Turn right along the road (Redway). |
| 20 (SJ935 770) | 21 (SJ935 768) | 190 Degs | 0.2 km | - | 6 m | At the end of Redway, turn left. |
| 21 (SJ935 768) | 22 (SJ930 770) | 286 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) | 260 Degs | 0.0 km | - | 0 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 | 9 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 | 2 m | 6 m | Eventually, Clarence Mill is reached (on the right). Cross the footbridge (26A) over the canal to Clarence Mill, then turn right down the road. |
| 25 (SJ934 779) | 26 (SJ935 779) | 082 Degs | 0.2 km | 1 m | 6 m | Turn left along the main road. |
| 26 (SJ935 779) | 27 (SJ936 780) | 024 Degs | 0.3 km | 27 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 | 27 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. |

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| 31 (SJ939 781) | 32 (SJ940 781) | 104 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). |
| 32 (SJ940 781) | 33 (SJ941 780) | 143 Degs | 0.0 km | - | 4 m | Cross straight over the main road, into a short cul-de-sac. |
| 33 (SJ941 780) | 34 (SJ940 779) | 185 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) | 116 Degs | 0.2 km | 7 m | - | Turn left along the road, to return to the Poachers for a well-deserved drink! |
| Totals | | | 11.1 km | 338 m | 339 m | |