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|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1 (SJ 931 781) | 2 (SJ 930 780) | 199 Degs | 0.1 km | - | 3 m | From the Vale Inn, walk up Adlington Road (turn left with the pub behind you). |
| 2 (SJ 930 780) | 3 (SJ 933 779) | 109 Degs | 0.3 km | 14 m | 0 m | Turn left into the recreation ground. Walk along the right hand edge of the recreation ground, with the River Dean to your right. Cross the bridge over the river, and turn left to follow the river. At the end of the recreation ground, bear right to walk up to the main road. |
| 3 (SJ 933 779) | 4 (SJ 933 779) | 106 Degs | 0.1 km | 3 m | - | Turn left along the main road, to pass under the canal bridge (it is probably best to cross to the pavement opposite). |
| 4 (SJ 933 779) | 5 (SJ 935 779) | 081 Degs | 0.2 km | 1 m | 7 m | Keep straight on at the traffic lights, to continue along Palmerston Street. |
| 5 (SJ 935 779) | 6 (SJ 936 780) | 025 Degs | 0.3 km | 24 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. |
| 6 (SJ 936 780) | 7 (SJ 936 784) | 005 Degs | 0.4 km | 30 m | - | A little further on, bear left up Long Lane. |
| 7 (SJ 936 784) | 8 (SJ 938 781) | 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. |
| 8 (SJ 938 781) | 9 (SJ 938 781) | 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. |
| 9 (SJ 938 781) | 10 (SJ 939 781) | 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. |
| 10 (SJ 939 781) | 11 (SJ 940 781) | 107 Degs | 0.2 km | - | 17 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). |
| 11 (SJ 940 781) | 12 (SJ 941 781) | 133 Degs | 0.0 km | - | 3 m | Cross straight over the main road, into a short cul-de-sac. |
| 12 (SJ 941 781) | 13 (SJ 940 779) | 184 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. |
| 13 (SJ 940 779) | 14 (SJ 942 778) | 116 Degs | 0.2 km | 7 m | - | Turn left along the road (Ingersley Road). |
| 14 (SJ 942 778) | 15 (SJ 944 779) | 062 Degs | 0.3 km | 15 m | 0 m | Keep following the road as it bears round to the left and passes the Poachers Inn. There is a pavement on the left hand side. |
| 15 (SJ 944 779) | 16 (SJ 945 781) | 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). |

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| 16 (SJ 945 781) | 17 (SJ 953 781) | 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. |
| 17 (SJ 953 781) | 18 (SJ 953 781) | 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). |
| 18 (SJ 953 781) | 19 (SJ 956 778) | 132 Degs | 0.4 km | 47 m | 1 m | Cross a stile over a wall and continue in the same direction. |
| 19 (SJ 956 778) | 20 (SJ 957 775) | 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. |
| 20 (SJ 957 775) | 21 (SJ 958 775) | 135 Degs | 0.0 km | - | 0 m | Pass through the gate and turn left along the road (Blaze Hill). |
| 21 (SJ 958 775) | 22 (SJ 955 773) | 240 Degs | 0.4 km | 4 m | 7 m | Turn right after a short distance down a bridleway (signposted as a "Restricted Byway"). |
| 22 (SJ 955 773) | 23 (SJ 954 772) | 215 Degs | 0.1 km | - | 5 m | Eventually the bridleway forks. Take the right fork, downhill into Rainowlow (signpost "Access to Rainowlow Only"). |
| 23 (SJ 954 772) | 24 (SJ 953 771) | 209 Degs | 0.1 km | - | 9 m | After a short distance the bridleway forks. Take the left fork to pass between some buildings in Rainowlow. |
| 24 (SJ 953 771) | 25 (SJ 953 771) | 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. |
| 25 (SJ 953 771) | 26 (SJ 950 772) | 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. |
| 26 (SJ 950 772) | 27 (SJ 950 772) | 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. |
| 27 (SJ 950 772) | 28 (SJ 948 772) | 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. |
| 28 (SJ 948 772) | 29 (SJ 946 772) | 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 wooden gate between a metal gate and a wall. Continue straight on down a field towards the white building amongst trees. This is Savio House (a retreat Centre). |
| 29 (SJ 946 772) | 30 (SJ 942 771) | 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. |
| 30 (SJ 942 771) | 31 (SJ 942 771) | 174 Degs | 0.1 km | 2 m | 4 m | Turn left along the lane. |

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| 31 (SJ 942 771) | 32 (SJ 937 771) | 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). |
| 32 (SJ 937 771) | 33 (SJ 935 770) | 231 Degs | 0.2 km | - | 22 m | Turn right along the road, which takes you into Kerridge. |
| 33 (SJ 935 770) | 34 (SJ 935 768) | 191 Degs | 0.2 km | - | 7 m | At the end of Redway, turn left. |
| 34 (SJ 935 768) | 35 (SJ 930 770) | 286 Degs | 0.6 km | - | 26 m | Take the bridleway off to the right. This is signposted as a Private Road (to Beehive Cottage amongst others). Follow the bridleway downhill. |
| 35 (SJ 930 770) | 36 (SJ 930 770) | 272 Degs | 0.0 km | 0 m | 1 m | Bear left at the bottom of the lane (to the left of Beehive Cottage), crossing the canal over a bridge. |
| 36 (SJ 930 770) | 37 (SJ 933 781) | 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. |
| 37 (SJ 933 781) | 38 (SJ 933 779) | 185 Degs | 0.2 km | - | 7 m | Eventually, Clarence Mill is reached (on the right). Turn sharp left, directly opposite Clarence Mill, down a bridleway. |
| 38 (SJ 933 779) | 39 (SJ 931 780) | 286 Degs | 0.3 km | - | 14 m | The main road is reached at the bottom of the bridleway. Turn right along the main road, and then immediately right into the recreation ground. Cross the recreation ground to Adlington Road. |
| 39 (SJ 931 780) | Finish (SJ 931 780) | 004 Degs | 0.1 km | 2 m | 0 m | Turn right down Adlington Road to return to the Vale, for a well-deserved drink! |
| Totals | | | 10.2 km | 299 m | 300 m | |