

Badger Walks.



THE BADGER INN
Church Minshull

Walk No 1

Church Minshull & Lea Green Circular.

- **START/FINISH:** THE BADGER
- **MAPS:** OS EXPLORER 267
- **DISTANCE:** 11.9 KM / 7.4 MILES ALLOW 3 HRS

- *GENERALLY FIRM EVEN SURFACE, SOME ROAD WALKING & CROSSING.*

About the Walk.

Starting & finishing at the Badger, the walk is a gentle 7 mile loop that takes in a picturesque stretch of the Shropshire canal before taking in the pastures & meadows of Lea Green & then returning home via paradise lane & further meadows & pastures.



The Shropshire Union Canal.

Walk out of the Badger car park, crossing the road & taking the lane (Eachus Lane) between the dwellings. Continue down the lane & when you reach the bridge (Hoolgrave Bridge), cross & take the stile on the left. Head across the paddock & up to the next stile, turn left and walk up the track. When you reach the bridge, turn left through the gate and then down & left along the canal tow path

You will now embark on a pleasant two mile stroll along the canal side, taking in the panoramic views of Church Minshull to your left, as well looking out for the varied wildlife that the waterway is an important habitat to. Eventually you will pass a former stable block that has been converted into a fine dwelling, made even more impressive by retaining the original stable doors to the canal frontage.

Your canal side journey ends, when you take the exit at bridge number 19.

Lea Green – Paradise Lane.

After exiting the bridge, cross over the stile on the right and head across the field to the right, to the next stile and then on to a kissing gate. Head across the field towards the wood & follow the path that skirts along the perimeter of the wood, crossing two stiles each situated in a field corner. Continue along to the left & cross over the iron bridge also on the left. Walk up to the wooden gate & continue along the track for some distance, past Lea Green Villa Farm & the static home park, before reaching the road.

Turn right at the road & walk a short distance before crossing over to the left and down Paradise lane. Continue for a distance (to your right you will see a radio telescope, one of six linked to the Jodrell bank observatory) and when you reach Paradise Farm / Old Coach house, follow the track around to the left.

The Last Bit!

Continue along the road until it turns again at right angles, this time to the right. Do not turn right but turn instead left into Paradise Green. Walk along the approach road to the farm and over a stile to the left of the house. Walk straight ahead through this narrow slightly undulating and boggy field and over the stile at the far end entering a large field. Continue through this field on a line approximately parallel with the first part of the left hand hedge. As the hedge bends to the left keep on the heading you are on, heading for the stile next to the second tree from the far end in the right hand hedge (ignoring the first stile).

Cross over this stile and bear left down to a narrow footbridge and on crossing the bridge bear slightly right up the somewhat overgrown bank. Keep going slightly right, head across the field at the top of the bank, aiming for a Junction in the farm track at the far side, by some large oak trees.

Go straight ahead down the track heading for the bell tower, of Church Minshull school visible in the distance.

On reaching the bottom of the field where the track turns right, go over the stile straight ahead and turn right, walk to the bottom of the field and follow the field edge around to the left. Just before the electricity pole, go over a stile on the right, down to the stream, across the footbridge and follow the path up to the road. Turn left at the road and The Badger Inn is approximately 200 metres away.

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