

Repton to Willington Walk

This is a much nicer way to walk to Willington rather than on the Causeway footpath, even if the object of the exercise is to visit the Doctors Surgery, Chemist or Co-op.



There are a number of stiles to be negotiated and it can be very muddy after prolonged poor weather. There are a few footpath signs to help on route.

Distance approximately 4 miles.

Commencing the walk from Repton Cross, cross the road by the traffic controlled crossing and walk in the direction of Willington. Soon after passing Repton School Chapel and adjacent playing fields is Jeremiah's Walk, take this path and at the top cross Tanner's Lane onto the footpath across fields, keeping on the crest with hedges to the left. Lovely views are had over the Trent Valley and the humps and hollows of the fields and multiple bushes.

After the field entered by a gate, take care to look for another gate in the fence on the right. Helpfully this also has a footpath sign on it. Down across the field diagonally to the right to reach the river bank, where the walker turns right. The way traverses the next 4 fields quite close to the river. A double stile is reached cross this and go diagonally right towards Willington Bridge which is visible. Two more fields to cross before climbing yet another stile adjacent to a 5 bar gate at the end of the footpath over Willington Bridge.

Cross the bridge on the path into Willington. Sadly at the moment the plaque concerning the history of the bridge when it was a Toll Bridge has been removed from the site on the Willington side. - Just imagine the traffic queues that would occur if we had to pay to cross it now!

Continue on the footpath to Kingfisher Lane where the walker turns left, crosses the road and takes the footpath by the notice board. Although this path is enclosed it is wide and lots of shrubs have been planted to give interest. It is tarmacked running eventually into a gravel path. This turns into a lovely wide grassy path by the side of the railway. Brambles abound, so perhaps it is a walk for the Autumn and blackberry picking.

At the end of the track lies the footbridge over the railway, leading to the canal. Cross and walk back towards Willington enjoying the lesser walked tow path. Go under the first bridge, taking care not to bump your head, and take the steps up to the road.

Cross the road when it is safe to do so, and look for the gap between the houses, this is not signposted but is approximately 50 metres from the bridge. This path leads into a Close. Follow the pavement downhill and look for the underpass on the right which takes the walker back onto the path which starts in Kingfisher Lane.

To vary the return walk a little turn right, and when a field is reached follow the path behind the houses to a track which is the extension of Kingfisher Lane, left here to join the outward route.

The return to Repton is the reverse of the way out or if tired the Causeway is an option but is busy and noisy, but always dry underfoot.

Jenny Thompson

It is important when out walking to respect the countryside code..

Respect other people

Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors

Park carefully so access to gateways and driveways is clear

Leave gates and property as you find them

Follow paths but give way to others where it's narrow

Follow advice and local signs

Protect the natural environment

Leave no trace of your visit, take all your litter home

Don't have BBQs or fires

Keep dogs under effective control

Dog poo - bag it and bin it

