

LOCKDOWN WALK 2

Venture into Prenton

Total distance: 2.9 miles. Time: 1.5 hours. A mainly hard-surface tour of suburbia from the late 19th century to the present day, with two forays into local parks, parts of which can be muddy in wet weather.

Start at the car park opposite the Queens Arms, 1 Storeton Road, CH43 5TL.

Turn into Ingestre Road and continue past the entrance to The Arno. As Ingestre Road becomes Mill Hill, take a track half-left downhill and at the bottom of the gradient, just before St. Saviours school, turn left along a signed footpath. This is Duckpond Lane.

Continue down the hill with Oxton Fields on the right and left and views of the Welsh hills in the distance. Walk between supermarkets on either side and cross Woodchurch Road at the traffic lights. Continue straight ahead along Bryanston Road with its substantial inter-war private properties, to the end. Turn right into Waterpark Road and take the second left into Glenavon Road, close to Prenton Methodist Church.

At the end of Glenavon Road cross over Prenton Lane and enter Walker Park, one of Wirral's smallest public parks, donated to the borough in 1928. Keep left along the edge of the park until you emerge on the left into Golf Links Road. (A mud-free alternative is to turn left into Prenton Lane and then right into Golf Links Road).

Turn right and after about 100 meters, opposite a cul-de-sac called Fairways, cross the road and take a narrow footpath with bollards at the entrance. Continue uphill on this path, emerging into Pine Walks, with the sandstone walls of Prenton Reservoir ahead of you.

Turn right, carry along Pine Walks to the end and turn left into Mountwood Road. The Mountwood Conservation Area contains a number of very substantial and architecturally fine detached houses, of broadly 'Arts and Crafts' style, mainly from the early decades of the 20th century.

Descend Mountwood Road until you get to the busy Storeton Road. Turn left and after about 100 metres turn left again into Burrell Road and climb up past some modern residences on the left. Continue to follow Burrell Road as it turns, with more large properties on the left in their wooded gardens, until you eventually come back into Pine Walks, where you turn right.

Continue downhill with Prenton Reservoir on your right. At the bottom turn right into Prenton Lane and take the first left opposite Prenton Parish Church into Reservoir Road North. Cross over Waterpark Road and enter Bryanston Road again. At the end, retrace your route between the supermarkets and into Duckpond Lane.

This time, just before you reach the houses on the right take a right turn through the gap in the hedge and enter the Oxton Fields on your right. Carry on along the top edge of the Oxton Fields until a narrow path takes you up through the trees on the left into The Arno. Continue through the award-winning Arno rose garden to emerge in the bottom corner into Storeton Road with the starting point of the Queens Arms car park on your left.

