

## PLACES TO EAT:

Coffee Shop, Glynne Way, Haw.	01244 533446
Gladstone's Library Bistro	01244 532350
Church Lane, Haw. (10.am – 4pm)	
Fox & Grapes, The Highway, Haw.	01244 532565
White Bear, Mancot	01244 539077
Crown & Liver, Ewloe	01244 531182
Plough Inn, Aston	01244 812722
St David's Park Hotel, Ewloe	01244 520800
The Running Hare, Ewloe	01244 535860

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This walk traverses the fields of Mancot and Moor by old rights of way, green lanes and the quieter roads, in two interlinking loops.

An option for a shorter walk completing one loop only is indicated at the appropriate point.

Most of the terrain is level, however the ground may be muddy and so appropriate footwear is required.

TIME: approximately 1¾ hours.

STARTING POINT: Tinkersdale Car Park



St Deiniol's Ash Farm

## **Directions:**

- (1) From car park proceed to top of hill; turn right continuing along Glynne Way to the junction with Cross Tree Lane and just before (2) the school on the right take signed public footpath with chain link fence to the left. Continue to end of pathway. (Note overhanging limes, hazel and sycamores)
- (3) On reaching open fields at end of path, a long hedge runs immediately ahead down the field. Continue down the field, keeping the hedge to the right, past large mature oak.
- (4) When hedge ends head across field to a white cottage. Cross stile, bearing hard left along boundary of field with dwelling to far right. Turn right onto track, through farmyard to end of lane.
- (5) At end of track turn left into Moor Lane (beware traffic)

AT THIS POINT the first shorter loop can be completed by continuing along Moor Lane to the next turning on the left hand side by a farm and following directions at \* below.

Otherwise, continue to footpath on right opposite farm and cross stile at side of double gateway into a green lane (note ash, blackthorn, hawthorn and hazel hedge)

Continue to next gateway and straight ahead, keeping hedgerow on the right, (6) to far stile in fence.

Cross stile turning immediately right along edge of ditch to stile in corner of field. Cross and turn sharp left, walking along the perimeter of a large field with hedge to the left. (Note open landscape to the left, overlooking Sealand and Chester)

Continue to next hedge and over stile, keeping hedge to left all the time.

(7) On reaching the roadway cross stile and turn left into Rake Lane (bungalow to right) and proceed for some way.

(Note to the right "Engine House Cottage") Immediately before the agricultural buildings of Rake Farm on left and right hand sides of lane turn left over stile (8) alongside buttressed brick wall.

Follow line of hedge and ditch to far gate, over stile and continue, with hedge to right.

(Note to the right intermittent unevenness of ground which further indicates early industrial workings)

Over next stile continuing with hedge to right. Cross stile keeping hedge to right through young trees to stile. Again, proceed to following stile and cross, (9) keeping straight ahead to lane with stile adjacent to gate.

(Note white farmhouse ahead with yew tree)

Turn left into Moor Lane (beware traffic) continuing for some way to farm on right.

\*Pick-up point for continuation of first loop

- (10) Turn up tarmac road alongside farm, (caution traffic). Continue along the lane for some distance until reaching tall metal stile in left-hand hedge.
- (11) Over stile and follow grassy track with hedge to left, over piped brook. Continue to cross field on slightly raised track coming level with right-hand hedge.

(Note – this is the line of 'Rigby's Tramway' one of several in the area which carried coal and other goods from Hawarden to the quayside at Mancot – another relic of the area's industrial past).

(12) Ignoring path joining on right, continue to houses ahead, over stile and ahead again, bearing slightly to the left, over stile into copse.

Follow continuation of raised track of old tramway through oak trees. At the end cross stile into field and following right-hand hedge to road at kissing gate.

(Note to the right historic St Deiniol's Ash, 16<sup>th</sup> Century timber-framed farmhouse)

- (13) Turn left into Ash Lane, crossing road prior to junction with Cross Tree Lane, bear right along footpath almost to end of road. Cross the road.
- (14) Turn into the churchyard, through lych-gate and follow avenue of limes through to the Church.

Bear right at Church and through the Church gates to end of Church Lane.

(15) Turn left onto the highway and at Memorial Fountain turn right again into Tinkersdale and car park.