

The Chelford Round Route

The entire route appears on the Ordnance Survey Explorer 268 – Wilmslow, Macclesfield & Congleton.

Leg 1: The Egerton Arms to Astle Farms

Start: Front door of the Egerton Arms, Knutsford Road, Chelford. Cross Knutsford Road, SW on Pepper Street, bridle way on right, through wood to right onto Snelson Lane. Immediate fork left on lane to Sandhole Farm. Left at T junction then bridle way on left to Water Tower. Straight on through pasture, following bridle way to join Stocks Lane by Colshaw Hall. Right to Furlane Ends. SW on bridle way, Peover village hall on right. Continue on over pasture to Peover Hall. Left on drive, left again at T junction. At joint with Grotto Lane, straight on WNW on short field path to re-join Grotto Lane. Right on Grotto Lane to crossroads. Right on Batemill Lane, under railway, over Peover Eye at Bate Mill. Field path on left to Bomish Lane. Left on Bomish Lane to A535, left (EXTREME CARE !) on A535 for short distance to cross to grass verge close to Dingle Bank Quarry. Proceed with care along grass, facing traffic to cross quarry entrance. Right into restricted bridle way through Chelford Quarry and Dairy House Farm to junction with Whitecroft Heath Road. Bridle way on left NNE to sand pit conveyor. Bridle way through sand pit to Foden Bank Farm. Right on Lapwing Lane, bridle way on left through the Mosses (E) to Congleton Lane. Cross Congleton Lane into Mill Lane. After approx. 0.8 miles, left on footpath past Mill Lane Farm (R) to footbridge. North to Astle Farms.

Leg 2: Astle Farms to the Wizard Tea Room, NT Car Park, Alderley Edge

Start: Astle Farms, N on farm drive to A537. Cross A537 (CARE!) then right to turn left into Stubby Lane. Follow Stubby Lane to T junction with Bollington Lane, to turn right. Follow Bollington Lane to T Junction to turn left and follow lane (NE) to A34. Cross A34 (CARE!) and take field path immediately on right of lodge. Skirt fields on left margin to Fernhill. With farm buildings on right, continue on path to east to enter a small wood. Turn left immediately after the wood, following field paths to track by Higher Park Farm. Turn left on track and go to joint of Hocker Lane and Slade Lane. Proceed N on Slade Lane for approx. 0.25 miles to field path (on left) leading NNW to Finlow Hill Lane. NNW on Finlow Hill Lane to junction with Bradford Lane then right onto Bradford Lane to junction with Macclesfield Road. Cross Macclesfield Road (CARE!) to take footpath into NT Car Park, Alderley Edge. Wizard Tea Room is on NE edge of car park.

Leg 3: Wizard Tea Room, NT Car Park, Alderley Edge to Green Lane near Chorley Hall

Start: Facing the Wizard Tea Room, take the track on the right, with the wood on your left, continuing to the point where the track turns sharp right. Close to this point by the angle of the track is the Golden Stone. Turn left into the wood along the broad track and follow this through the wood to the rock fall of Stormy Point (on right), Angle left into the little decline and follow the path to the Armada Beacon. From the top of the beacon, go down to the wall, turn right and follow the wall, turning left at the end to take the path running NW to Castle Rock. Follow the path through the wood passing the Wizard's Well (on left) and carry on down the hill to join the road (Squirrel's Jump) and continuing to the junction with the Mottram Road. Turn Left and follow this to the junction with the A34, London Road at the De Trafford Arms. Cross London Road and continue down by the right of the De Trafford Arms. After approximately 0.25 miles, turn left into Green Lane, close to Chorley Hall.

Leg 4: Green Lane near Chorley Hall to the Egerton Arms, Chelford

Start: Follow the Green Lane bridle way to Field's Farm, continuing on the right of the glasshouses by field paths running WSW to the junction with the A535, Alderley Road. Cross with care and continue W along Merryman's Lane. After about 0.5 miles, take the path on the right to go through the yard of the Baptist chapel. This path emerges at the junction of Merryman's Lane and Mill Lane. Cross here and proceed down Mill Lane past the Stag's Head (on right). After about 0.5 miles, take the bridle way on the left, just beyond the David Lewis Centre. Follow the bridle way (S) to the junction with Carter Lane. Turn right here, carrying on up Dixon Drive to finish at the Egerton Arms.