

## OVERTON WALKS

### Overton to Trench (via Lightwood Green) 5 miles/ 8 km

**A pleasant, easy, circular walk through fields and the occasional wood, covering some historic parts of the Overton area. The route, like all others in Overton, is fully waymarked. Follow the directional yellow arrows to find the next stile or gate.**

*This route is not suitable for wheelchairs, buggies and small children.*

**There is a good bus service to Overton. Information: 01978 266166.**

1. From the car park adjacent to Overton church, turn right (onto Church Road) and then left at the crossroads onto the main road (A539 Wrexham-Whitchurch). Immediately cross this road and go along the signposted gravel drive. Walk through the garden of Electricity House, keeping the house to your right, and enter the field over a low stile. Walk straight ahead across the fields over six more stiles.
2. Go ahead and climb the next stile where the waymarked path divides. Turn half-right. After 100 metres, cross the stile and head for the large circular concrete cattle-trough in the middle of the field. Beyond this, the path descends to a small area of woody scrub. Cross the stream, turn right along the concrete farm track and then left at the road (Musley Lane).
3. Follow Musley Lane to descend a dip and go over a small bridge. Take the stile on your right after walking past the small gate, also on your right. Walk along the right of the field and go over the stile adjacent to the house in the field corner. Cross the tarmac road and continue along the gravel drive opposite. Walk past Mayfield on your right and then turn left to pass in front of Meadowside.
4. Continue along the bridleway. At the next junction ignore the bridleway on your left and continue straight on. At the entrance to Lightwood Kennels and Cattery follow the tarmac road to the left. Continue walking past the old brickworks pond on your left and, on your right, a large, white house (Station House) where Overton-on-Dee station once stood.
5. Cross over the old railway bridge and at the point where the tarmac road bears left (at Oakleigh Cottage) turn right at the public footpath sign. Walk to the end of the lane through the right-hand gate and walk alongside the hedge on your left. Follow this hedge all the way to Trench Farm, whose twin silos can be seen half-right on the skyline.
6. At the field corner cross over the stile and follow the path to the left. After 20 metres go over the stile and continue straight on to cross the next stile by the fishpond. You have now rejoined the track of the former Ellesmere Railway, now sadly dismantled. Once over the stile bear right around the pond to cross the next stile. Walk across the field keeping to the hedge with the farm on your right. Cross the stile adjacent to a water trough and go over the stile amongst the conifers and onto the

house drive. At the end of the drive turn right onto the road and after just 30 metres go through a metal field-gate on the right and follow the path, bearing right, around the edge of the garden to a stile opposite former pig-sties.

7. Follow the waymarkers, keeping the farm buildings on your right, to the farm track running away from the farm. Turn left and walk along the farm track and over the bridge. Turn half-right, go past a pond and across the field to pass through the gap in the hedge by a water trough. Turn half-left and walk alongside the hedgerow on the left.

8. Walk to the corner of the field. Cross the stile and turn sharp left past the pond. Follow the hedgerow on the left to a group of 5 gates by an old sheep-dip. Go ahead through 2 gates and bear half-right across the field. Pass a pond, cross the stile in the corner of the wood and follow the path over a bridge and up the slope, leaving the wood through the bridlegate at the top. Walk along the hedge on your right on the stone path. Go through 2 gates and leave the third field by a stile onto the road. Turn left and follow the road past Musley Farm.

9. Go over the stile on the left, opposite the farm gates, turn half-right and continue to the next stile approximately 100 metres away. Go straight across to the next stile and bridge and then turn half-left up the slope. Bear to the left of the trees on the brow. Walk to the right of the former M.O.D. bunker to a stile, then continue straight on towards the bungalow to reach a stile to the left of a gate.

10. Walk across the field towards the bungalow. Pause at, but do not cross, the stile\* that leads onto the A528 and admire the best view in Overton before turning right of the pond, which is on your left, to follow the hedge back to Musley Lane. At the stile turn left onto Musley Lane. At the end of the lane turn right onto Salop Road. Go straight ahead at the crossroads and return to the car park.

\*During World War II the Overton branch of the Observer Corps had its headquarters by this stile, where it kept nightly vigil for enemy planes heading for Liverpool. The extensive views over the Dee towards Wrexham and Chester make it obvious why this spot was chosen.

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RESPECT - PROTECT - ENJOY

Be Safe - Plan ahead and follow any signs

Protect plants and animals and take your litter home

Consider other people

Leave gates and property as you find them

Keep dogs under close control