

Overwood Way

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Distance: 5½ kms (3 miles)
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Time: Allow 1½ to 2 hours
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Start: Outside the Egerton Arms, Hermitage Road
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Terrain: Flat but one short steep section, many stiles and kissing gates. Some roadside walking and on rough tracks, otherwise mostly over fields.

This walk explores the old manorial lands of Saughall Parva or 'Little Saughall'.
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Directions: Walk along the pavement towards Chester. After 300 metres, cross the road and over the stile onto a narrow footpath, following it to its junction with **Kingswood Lane**. Turn left along this lane and continue for 600 metres to the point where **Green Lane** joins from the left. Turn right into the field and aim for a gateway straight ahead. Once through this gateway bear slightly left for the far left field corner.

Pass through a gap in the hedge then walk along the field edge with the parish boundary hedge on your right as it bends first right and then left.

Pass through another gap into a dingle. Walk down the bank and over the footbridge into Mollington parish. Carry on with the hedge on your right and then over a stile. Continue in the same direction with the hedge to your left to reach the main A540 **Parkgate Road**.

Turn left along the pavement and verge for 400 metres then, opposite **Overwood Lane**, turn left down a short track to a gateway in a field. The path heads straight across the field for a bridge back over the brook into Saughall parish. Follow the waymarked path back to **Kingswood Lane**. Cross into a narrow footpath adjacent to 'Kings Acre' driveway, then cut diagonally left across the small field past a pond and follow the hedge to a footbridge and kissing gate. Head straight across the next narrow field to a gap, through the kissing gate and turn immediately left along the hedge line. Follow the path into a second field then, just around the field corner, to a kissing gate into a short section of enclosed track to bring you back onto **Hermitage Road**. Turn left to return to the Egerton Arms.

