

Saughall Round

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Distance: 12 kms (7½ miles)
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Time: Allow 3 to 4 hours
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Start: From the Golden Jubilee Park Playground Car Park on Fiddlers Lane
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Terrain: Two-thirds of the route is on good tarmac roads and farm track; the remaining third is on field paths which may be rough and muddy with some stiles; there is one rough short uphill (known locally as 'Primrose Hill') as you cross between the cycleway and Hermitage Road.

From the air, Saughall resembles an island of houses surrounded by a sea of green fields and trees; this walk circles the village on roads and paths, accompanied by greenery and wildlife throughout. Although for part of the way the route is adjacent to the main A594 road, the noise of the traffic is mitigated by superb views across the Dee valley and to the Welsh hills.

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Directions: Exit the car park, turn right and cross **Long Lane** into **Lodge Lane**. After 180 metres turn right into the entrance to Green Farm and continue in a straight line over stiles and through gates towards the trunk road. Just before the road, as you pass behind Woodside Farm, the footpath bears right to emerge at a roundabout. With care, cross the two feeder roads and the bridge over the **A494** to a footpath on the left; this quickly becomes the **Bypass Road** which takes few cars but beware of cyclists and tractors. Follow this road until you reach the next bridge over the **A494** and cross over it.

Turn right and then immediately left onto a farm track and, shortly afterwards, sharp right and sharp left to find yourself adjacent to the **A494** again. Follow the road until you reach **Green Lane East**, opposite the Ministry of Defence site, and turn left. Follow the lane until you reach the junction with the footpath/cycleway, which you swap onto, and follow under first **Green Lane** bridge and then **Sea Hill Road** bridge. At the second set of gates after the latter bridge, you come to a crossway of paths; take the stile on the left and then a footbridge and stile a short way further on. Bear a half-turn to your right and aim for the high-voltage power pole in the centre of the field. Pass the pole and, continuing on, reach a farm track which ascends the slope and continues to **Hermitage Road**.

Turn right and after a short way take **Green Lane** on your left; this gradually deteriorates and, when it meets up with **Kingswood Lane**, turn left. Immediately past 'Kings Acre' is a crossing of paths; turn left down a narrow footpath, then cut diagonally left across the small field past a pond and follow the hedge to a footbridge and kissing gate. Turn right and follow the field hedge until a kissing gate is reached, leading into Hey House's orchard; continue following the hedge line around to the opposite corner and take the waymarked cut-through to the farm driveway and **Fiddlers Lane**. Turn left and, being cautious of traffic, make the short walk back to the car park.