

# ABOUT THESE WALKS

These walks have been designed to allow those wishing to explore Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty to do so without the need for extensive equipment or vast walking experience. The walks are all self-navigational – which means it should be possible to accomplish them by simply following the instructions alone.

However the following points should be noted before commencing any of the walks.

- The walks often follow the routes of existing major footpaths to save on additional signage.
- Walks proceed along well-used routes; hence it should not be necessary to cross into areas that are densely overgrown.
- You'll need stout shoes or boots and a waterproof coat in case the weather turns.
- Follow any warning signs you see as ignoring them could endanger you and your party.
- Respect the wildlife on the Chase and in particular do not approach any snakes you may possibly come across.
- Follow the countryside code in general.

## The Countryside Code

Respect • Protect • Enjoy

### Respect other people

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors.
- Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available.

### Protect the natural environment

- Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home.
- Keep dogs under effective control.

### Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead and be prepared.
- Follow advice and local signs.

(In partnership with the Cannock Chase AONB and the Ramblers).

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE WALK PARTNERS CAN BE FOUND AT  
[www.ramblers.org.uk](http://www.ramblers.org.uk)  
[www.cannockchaseaonb.org.uk](http://www.cannockchaseaonb.org.uk)

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Cannock Chase was designated as an AONB in 1958 because of its beautiful landscape, its wildlife and its history. AONBs are some of our finest countryside and, as part of a family of 46 in England, Wales and Northern Ireland the Chase is important both locally and nationally. At 6800ha, it is the smallest mainland AONB and is much cherished and visited by local people.



# WALKING ON CANNOCK CHASE Cannock Chase AONB - Ramblers Walks - Walk 6

OVERALL LENGTH  
= 6.5 MILES APPROX





## Walk Outline

A circular route that leaves Seven Springs to pick up the Trent and Mersey Canal before crossing the Wolseley Estate. After passing alongside a working quarry, the route returns via Haywood Warren to Seven Springs.

## Walk Description

1. Leave the car park along the entrance road and walk back towards the main (A513) road and cross this carefully to continue onwards over the river bridge remaining alert to traffic passing both ways over this narrow bridge. Beyond the bridge continue along the pavement on the left hand side of the road and pass under the first railway bridge. Between this and the next rail bridge there is a canal bridge where access to the canal bank is gained on the opposite side of the road down a ramp.

2. Proceed along the canal towpath in the same direction as the ramp and the next section of the walk is relatively easy since it is a matter of following the canal until it reaches the A51 (Wolseley Bridge).

3. Here it is necessary to climb from the canal to the road and turn right along it, over the river bridge and on to the junction alongside the pub. From here cross the A513 (Milford Road) and bear left past the buildings museum and Antiques Shop.

4. Turn right immediately afterwards on a tarmac track that leads through iron gates on to the Wolseley Park Estate. Continue along this track, ignoring the continuation of the tarmac road to the farm, and continuing straight on through the gate onto a track.

5. Pass a large urn in a field on the right and then round two bends and a pond, and through a gate continuing along the farm track and ignoring the first footpath to the left over a stile.

6. Just before reaching a further gate take the footpath on the left which leads through a pedestrian gate, crosses the stream and passes through a further gate into a field. The route from here is towards the buildings on the right via another gate, before crossing a yard, going through a further gate and turning right adjacent to the barn beyond to walk towards the road.

7. Upon reaching the road turn right and continue carefully (there are no pavements here) along the road, past the junction with Chaseley Road and on around the corner where the road begins to climb gently. Ahead can be seen the entrance to Rugeley Quarry with red & white poles, where the road swings sharply left.

8. Leave the road at the quarry entrance and proceed into the quarry taking the fenced footpath/bridleway on the left hand side of the drive. Follow the horse-head signs for the bridleway (always observing any safety signs displayed by the quarry operators) and continue past concrete base and old weighbridge on left, and then large concrete structures on the right, before it descends and then climbs quite steeply as it skirts the quarry itself. The old quarry is on the left and the new quarry with quicksand warnings is on the right. Remain on this path ignoring other paths joining from right and left and keeping the quarry fence on the right to reach a path marker.

9. Go forwards here, ignoring options to the left and right, and walk along with the trees on the right until a wide forest road is reached.

10. Turn slightly right then left at a bridleway sign to cross the road and proceed through the trees. Continue in this direction and then downhill to the intersection

with another track passing left to right. Go straight on through a steep bank to descend and then climb again to another forest road.

11. Cross this forest road and climb the wide but quite rough track directly ahead, ignoring the steep path up to the right and at the end of this where a further forest road is encountered continue straight on again.

12. Pass straight through the next junction of tracks keeping to the main track, across a five way junction with a track uphill to the right and downhill to another junction of paths.

13. Turn sharp right and follow the track leading along the valley at the edge of trees on the right. Ignore any paths joining from right or left and stay on the wider track as it climbs up and down through the trees and eventually meets a narrower track which runs alongside the trees on the right. Where this path crosses the track proceed straight over it to follow the wide track as it climbs away to the right.

14. This is joined shortly by several other paths. Here it is necessary to turn right and take the path which passes between the newer plantation on the right and the older trees on the left. Where this path forks at the start bear left and continue to follow this virtually straight path until it meets another forest road. (See insert 4 on map).

15. Turn sharp left here and continue left along the forest road ignoring the fork to the right. Stay on this road as it descends gently, ignoring any path joining from left and right and this will eventually emerge at the car park at Seven Springs where the walk concludes.