

- The Adlington Circular Walk follows a route of approximately 9 km (5.6 miles) which was set out by the Adlington Conservation Volunteers in the 1990s, and refurbished with better access and new signage in 2006.
- It can be joined at many points: a good place to start and finish is where shown, adjacent to the Jubilee Playing Fields (J.PF), where there is an Interpretation Board (IB) and parking space.
- This is not far from Adlington railway station, and you can follow the towpath to point 1, where there is a second Interpretation Board.
- The third Board is where the path crosses the A673. All three Interpretation Boards give additional information, including photographs of the following points along the route as denoted by the numbers in yellow circles on the map:
- 1. Idle Bridge over the canal
- 2. Hall o' th' Hill
- 3. Slacks Lane;
- 4. Bay Horse Inn
- 5. Anderton / Heath Charnock boundary stone
- 6. Shawes Drive
- 7. River Douglas
- 8. Pincroft lodge
- 9. Canal aqueduct over the River Douglas.
- Part of the walk follows public rights of way. Please keep dogs on leads when crossing farmland and be prepared for the path to be wet underfoot in winter. The walk is easy for the most part, and almost all of the original stiles have been replaced by kissing gates for easier access. Please be aware that there are steep steps at point 6, where the route crosses the M61 motorway. There is some access for wheelchairs alongside the River Douglas, from points 8 to 7.

Look for the waymarkers such as shown below:



For further information contact Lancashire County Council, Public Rights of Way Dept. on 0845 053 0000. Passing through approximately 9 km of the varied scenery of Adlington, Heath Charnock and Anderton, the Adlington Circular Walk has been refurbished, upgraded with new gates and extensively waymarked. The project was financed by the Banks Foundation, Lancashire County Council, Chorley Council, Adlington Town Council, Heath Charnock Parish Council and Anderton Parish Council.

The complete walk takes you from the towpath of the Leeds-Liverpool Canal through open farm land, to the foot of the West Pennine Moors. Traversing the M 61 motorway and following the formar carriage drive, it takesyou throughurban areas, before going across country through Huyton Fields and along the bank of the River Douglas. Some of the scenery has not changed in centuries, but the tranquil spot below, Pincroft Lodge, is on the edge of a modern industrial estate which opened in the 1990s.

Friends of Adlington Circular Walk oversee the walk and developed this leaflet. Please join us to walk the circuit each first Sunday of June. The Leaflet has been funded by the Green Partnership Award.





or <u>www.travelline.org.uk</u> or visit the LCC website at <u>www.lancscc.gov.</u>

Adlington is served by bus services 125/126 to Chorley and Preston to the North and Bolton to the South and 3/3a from Chorley. There is an hourly train service from Adlington Station to Preston and Manchester. Details from: Travelwise on 0870 6082608



TRAVEL INFORMATION.















Follow the waymarkers, which all have a yellow band and disc, with the direction of the Walk arrowed. Look out as well for the fingerposts pointing to paths to other places of interest. Please take care at the junction of the A6 and A673 at Skew Bridge (lower picture).

The walk follows Shawes Drive Anderton., former carriageway from Anderton Hall.





The railway opened from Bolton to Rawlinson Lane in February 1841 and was completed to Chorley in December. It crosses the southern section of the Walk on a three-arch viaduct. This part of the Walk is suitable for wheelchair users.



Here is the boundary between Adlington and Blackrod, Lancashire and Greater Manchester, and the ancient hundreds of Leyland and Salford.

The Walk at Waterhouse Bridge, which carries the A6 trunk road over the River Douglas.

