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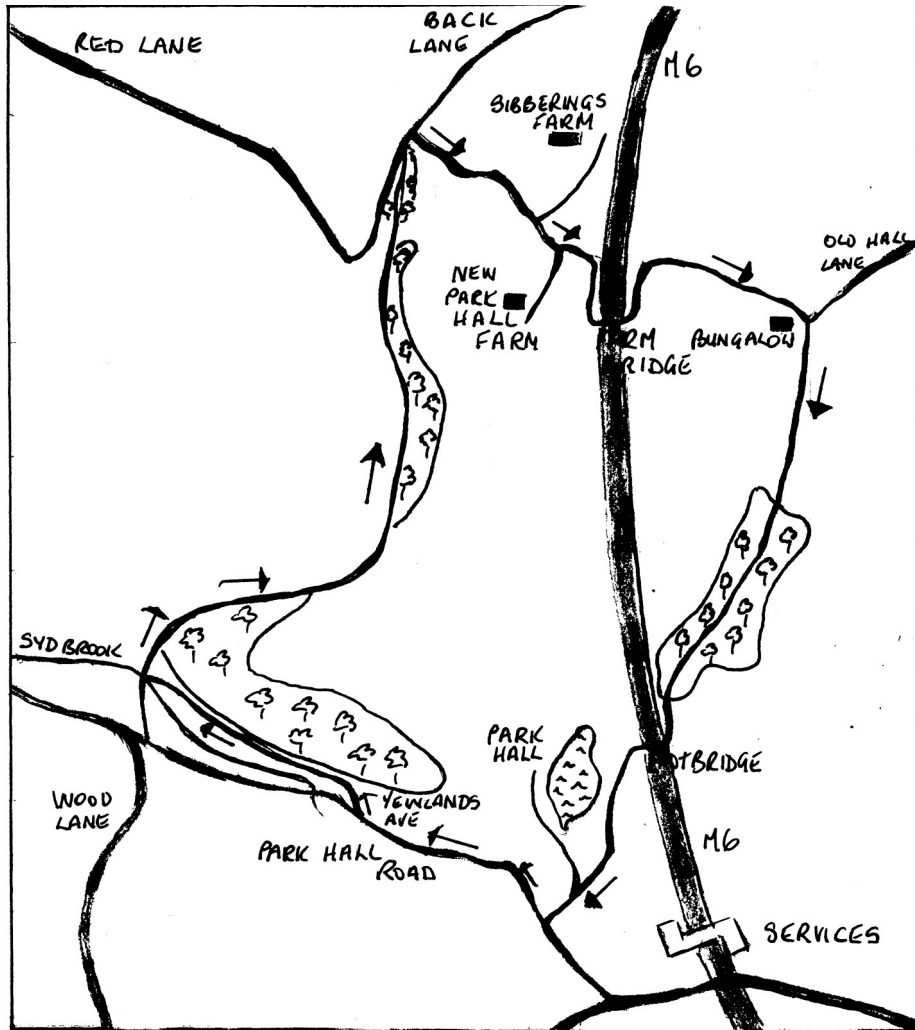


# Action for Ulnes Walton

## A walk through our countryside

### Walk Twelve

### Park Hall



PARK HALL WALK

**LENGTH:** approx.3.25 miles. **TIME:** 1hr.20 mins.

**WHY YOU SHOULD:** a varied walk through woods and fields, a variety of wild flowers in spring, stunning views.

**WHY YOU SHOULDN'T:** parts can be muddy in wet weather, some uphill sections, a few challenging stiles

Since Camelot Theme Park no longer operates it is possible to park inside, near its entrance.

#### Directions

**1. Leave the theme park and turn right onto the main road down the hill. Take care; the cars drive very fast and the pavement is narrow. This is the worst part of the walk and it's good to get it over with at the start of the walk.**

**2. Near the bottom of the hill turn right onto Yewlands Avenue which you follow until a gate takes you into a field. The field slopes down to the Syd Brook and horses often graze here.**

**3. Walk straight ahead keeping close to the hedge on your right. At the far end of the field the path goes down the slope and to the right to cross the Syd Brook by a footbridge.**

*As the Syd Brook cut its valley, seams of coal became visible and adit mining took place here.*

**4. When you come to the gravel path turn right along it, keeping the green metal fence on your left. Follow this bridle path through the woods.** *In spring bluebells, wood anemones, celandine, stitchwort, mustard garlic, dog's mercury and wood sorrel are abundant. Rhododendrons flower in June.*

**5. At the end of the woods go through a small gate. You'll see the M6 on the right. Keep straight on along the footpath beside the field.** *Here you'll get the first glimpses of the Fylde as you look left. The hedges here are full of Blackthorn blossom in early spring and sloes in autumn.*

**6. Eventually you will come to a wood which you enter via another small gate. Follow the track round to the right.** *You want to avoid walking on the road which is very narrow and where drivers, not expecting pedestrians, drive very fast. Keep on the woodland track to the very end near the stream then exit onto the road and turn right.*

**7. Almost immediately take the small road to the right with the cul de sac road sign. Follow this for its full length and you'll come to New Park Hall Farm.** *Look over the hedge at the start of the lane to see a small lake with a boat. Notice the Flagstone roof on the barn on the left at the house with the black iron gates.*

**8. Where the road swings round to the right look out for a large metal gate on your left with a stile beside it. It is marked with a public footpath pointer.** *Sometimes this area is very overgrown but it's only for a short way and you soon come into a grassy field.*

**9. Climb uphill towards the communications mast.** *Take a breather when halfway up the hill and turn round to see a great view. Once at the top of the hill you'll see the M6.*

**10. Go right over the metal ladder stile keeping the M6 on your left. Another metal stile takes you to the bridge.** *This is a good place to look at Harrock Hill to the left, the wind turbines at Mawdesley straight ahead and, slightly to the right of them on the horizon, the buildings at Southport. A little more to the right the white buildings are at Warton and just to the left of them is Blackpool Tower.*

**11. Go over the motorway.** *If you stop in the middle of the bridge and look left, you'll see Longridge Fell and to the right Pendle Hill.*

**12. Turn left towards the communications mast then right over a stile into a large field. Walk up the field keeping to the hedge/ fence on your right.** *Once at the top you'll get views of Rivington Pike, Winter Hill and Great Hill*

**13. Leave the field via stile beside a bungalow. Go right immediately over another stile into an arable field. A well-marked path takes you through the crops.** *This is the highest part of the walk and from here you'll get great views to the right (the west) and to the left (the east). The church to the left is at Charnock Richard.*

**14. The path leads into the woods an excellent place to see bluebells in spring and, later, rhododendrons. Follow the well-worn path. Keep high-** **don't be tempted to go downwards because it gets very muddy soon. Only at the very end of the woods, where you come close to the motorway, does the path lose height.**

**15. Follow the path besides a wooden fence as it bends to the left.** *It can be muddy here but keep to the fence as your guide. Exit the wood via a metal stile into a grass field.*

**16. Walk along with the hedge on your right and you'll come to a metal ladder stile onto the footbridge over the M6.** *Charnock Richard Services are on your left.*

**17. Over the bridge at the bottom of the steps a stile takes you into a wood.** *A great place to collect conkers in autumn.*

**18. Go straight ahead from the bridge and you come to a tarmac road.** *Notice the lake ahead of you where marsh marigolds and yellow flag iris bloom in spring.*

**19. Go left along the tarmac road and it will eventually lead you back to the entrance.** *Take care- drivers aren't expecting walkers*