

WALK 1 Storeton Village Circular

This is one of the shortest walks in this series. It takes in Storeton Woods, the small village of Storeton and the surrounding farmland.

Walking boots or wellies are recommended after wet weather and in winter as the farmland paths can get very muddy.

Start: Rest Hill Road entrance to Storeton Woods, off Mount Road, Bebington point ①, or Marsh Lane at the other end of Storeton Woods at point ②.

Distance: 3 miles. About 1 - 2 hours.

Parking: On Rest Hill Road, off Mount Road at the entrance to Storeton Woods. Mount Road is off the M53 Junction 4, or at point ② on the route which is Marsh Lane off Lever Causeway.

Buses and Trains: Buses stop nearby on Mount Road. Bebington Station is 1.5 miles away.

① Enter the wooden gate and head straight on along the main path through Storeton Woods to Marsh Lane. The path follows the old tramway track which was used when the area was a sandstone quarry.



Old tramway path in Storeton Woods

The Storeton stone was used to build many local buildings such as Birkenhead Town Hall and Birkenhead Priory. Storeton Woods is now owned and managed by the Woodland Trust.

② When at Marsh Lane, turn left, and at the T-junction turn left again and walk along the wide grassy verge of Lever Causeway.

③ After about 450 metres look out for a fingerpost on your left and follow the path across the field. Walk straight ahead keeping to the left of the hedge. *These fields usually have horses in them, therefore because they are large inquisitive animals, please ensure children and dogs are kept under close control.*

④ Walk along the edge of the field with the hedge on your right into another field and the path also skirts around the edge of the field, keep the hedge on your right.

⑤ Enter onto the road and turn right walking up the hill to the T-junction at Storeton Village.

⑥ Turn left and follow the track that is almost opposite, as indicated by the black and white footpath sign towards Brimstage.

⑦ This track gradually becomes a footpath and leading to a kissing gate. Enter the field aiming for the far corner of the field next to the motorway.

⑧ Keep to the right hand edge of the field parallel to the M53, pass between the motorway and the house.

⑨ At the road, turn left. Continue on the road which bends left, at the black and white signpost, go across the fields, following the path you will reach another black and white signpost.

⑩ Turn left onto the track, immediate right onto the road, up the hill a few paces and the footpath you need is on the left. Do not take the track which is a private drive, but to the left of the track is a well signed footpath.

⑪ Follow this path past the cottages keeping Hillside Cottages and Hillside Farm on your right to where the path opens onto a wide track with the woods on your right. Continue along this track back to the start. *Superb views across Wirral to the Welsh Mountains can be seen from here on a clear day.*



View from the edge of Storeton Woods across to the Welsh Mountains