

# Tatton Park Knutsford



Tatton Park, winner of Visit England's Large Visitor Attraction of the Year 2014, is steeped in history and memories of world wars. Herds of red and fallow deer roam freely in 400 hectares (1,000 acres) of parkland whilst the meres, woodlands and rough grassland provide a perfect habitat for wildlife. The parkland is a stunning setting for a leisurely stroll, as are the 20 hectares (50 acres) of beautiful gardens reflecting over 250 years of garden design. This route follows 'Billie the Beetle' on a signed trail through one of the quiet woodlands on the estate.

## Suggested Route

**DISTANCE:** ¾ mile (1.2km).

**TIME:** About ½ hour.

**SURFACE:** Grass paths and woodland floor so you may find mud or tree roots on your way. There is a low 30m (33yds) long boardwalk just before the wood, offering a minimum width of 1.2m (4').

**GRADIENTS:** Generally level, though the path can be uneven.

**GATES, STEPS, BENCHES AND BARRIERS:** No gates or barriers on the route. There is a step of about 2cm (¾") onto the boardwalk and gaps between the boards of 1.5cm (½"). There are 3 benches, without backrests and armrests, offering seating at about 47cm (18½") off the ground, one halfway and the others just as you enter or leave the wood. Picnic benches can be found in the Stableyard, picnic area (near main car park) and play area.



### DESCRIPTION:

1. From the main car park near the Mansion, you will see signs to the Mansion and Stableyard. Instead of following these, turn in the opposite direction to the roadway from which you entered the car park. Turn left away from the entrance to the park and away from the Mansion.
2. In a very short while, you'll see on your right a path leading off the roadway, under the banner 'Dairy Wood Way'.
3. Follow this path to the boardwalk by the pond and onwards into the wood.
4. The path forms a loop in the wood so follow the waymarks in either direction, coming back to where you started.
5. Follow the boardwalk back to the path to the roadway and back to the car park.

There are numerous options for more walks in Tatton Park: pick up a leaflet and explore the gardens by the Mansion (charge applies) and the extensive parkland from any of the car parks around the park.

## VISITOR INFORMATION

**LOCATION:** Tatton Park lies just to the north of Knutsford, signposted from Junction 7 of the M56 and Junction 19 of the M6, approximate postcode: WA 16 6SG.

**PARKING:** The parkland is open in high season every day from 10am to 7pm (last entry 6pm) and in low season from 10am to 5pm (last entry 4pm). Car entry charges apply, with a reduced rate for blue badge holders. Designated disabled bays are available.

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT:

Knutsford railway station, is about 4km (2½ miles) from the walk starting point.

Bus services in and around Knutsford include GHA No. 27 Macclesfield - Knutsford, GHA No. 289 Northwich - Altrincham, GHA No. 88 Knutsford - Wilmslow - Altrincham and D&G/Tomlinson No. 300 Knutsford Circular.

### TOILETS AND REFRESHMENTS:

Toilets can be found in the Stableyard, where there is an accessible toilet. There are a range of refreshment outlets onsite.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** Cheshire East Council manages the property which is owned by the National Trust. For more information and park entry prices, see [www.tattonpark.org.uk](http://www.tattonpark.org.uk) or phone 01625 374400.

