

# The Carrs Wilmslow



This walk follows the River Bollin for just under a mile from Wilmslow town centre to Twinnies Bridge. The river meanders through picturesque parkland with footpath links into Styal Country Park and the Dean Valley. At both ends of the walk there is a route map sign detailing the walk and making suggestions of things to look out for such as grey herons, kingfishers, pipistrelle bats and brown trout.



## VISITOR INFORMATION

**LOCATION:** The Carrs park surrounds the River Bollin from Wilmslow town centre north-westwards towards the National Trust's Quarry Bank estate at Styal.

**PARKING:** Pay & display parking with 2 disabled bays at the Parish Hall, approximate postcode: SK9 4AA. Free parking at the Twinnies Bridge end of the route, with a 2.1m (6'10") height barrier, off Styal Road, approximate postcode: SK9 4HW.

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT:

**Train:** Wilmslow, 800m (875yds) from start of walk via Station Road, Swan Street, Church Street and Chancel Lane.

**Bus route:** Arriva No. 130 Manchester – Macclesfield via Wilmslow • GHA Coaches No. 200 Manchester Airport - Styal - Wilmslow.

**Bus stop:** Wilmslow, Bollin Valley Link • Styal Road, Grange Park Avenue (near Twinnies Bridge).

**Distance to start of walk:** 300m (330yds) via River Street to the Parish Hall end of the route • You're at the Twinnies Bridge end of the route!

**TOILETS AND REFRESHMENTS:** There are no facilities on site, but toilets and refreshments can be found for patrons of eateries in Wilmslow town centre and Styal village.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** Cheshire East Council manages the site in association with the Friends of The Carrs. For more information, contact: Tel: 01625 383780. Web: [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk).

## Suggested Route

**DISTANCE:** Just under 3km (2miles) there and back - just follow the river; it knows the way!

**TIME:** About 30 minutes to walk from one end to the other.

**SURFACE:** A 2.5m (8') wide surfaced path throughout.

**GRADIENTS:** Essentially flat, with a 5m (5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>yds) long incline of 8.3% (1:12) on approach to the bridge near the Parish Hall end of the route.

### GATES, STEPS, BENCHES AND BARRIERS:

There is 1 hand gate to enter the Carrs at the Parish Hall, offering a width of 1m (3'3"), with no latch. There are staggered barriers at the bridge near the Parish Hall end of the walk, offering a width of over 130cm (4'3"). The slats on the bridge have gaps between them of 3cm (1"). Bollards at the Twinnies Bridge end of the route offer a width of 128cm (4'2"). There are numerous benches along the route, with and without backrests and armrests, and offering seating at heights ranging between 40cm-55cm (15"-22"). Some are set on the grass away from the path. Picnic tables can be found at both ends of the route, including wheelchair accessible spaces.



### DESCRIPTION:

1. From the Parish Hall end of the route, leave the car park via the ornate Diamond Jubilee gate to pick up the path along the river.
2. After the bridge over the River Bollin, bear right down the slope to continue by the river until the stone bridge, or as far as you want to go.
3. From the Twinnies Bridge end of the route, leave the car park via the stone bridge and bear left along the river.
4. You'll reach a slope up to a t-junction of paths with a bridge on your left. Cross the bridge to reach the Parish Hall and play area.