

## A WALK AROUND SHRIGLEY HALL

The Hotel is situated on a 262 acre estate, boasting stunning views and an 18 hole golf course. The walk below takes in a lot of the Hotel's most interesting features and is a lot of fun for young and old alike!

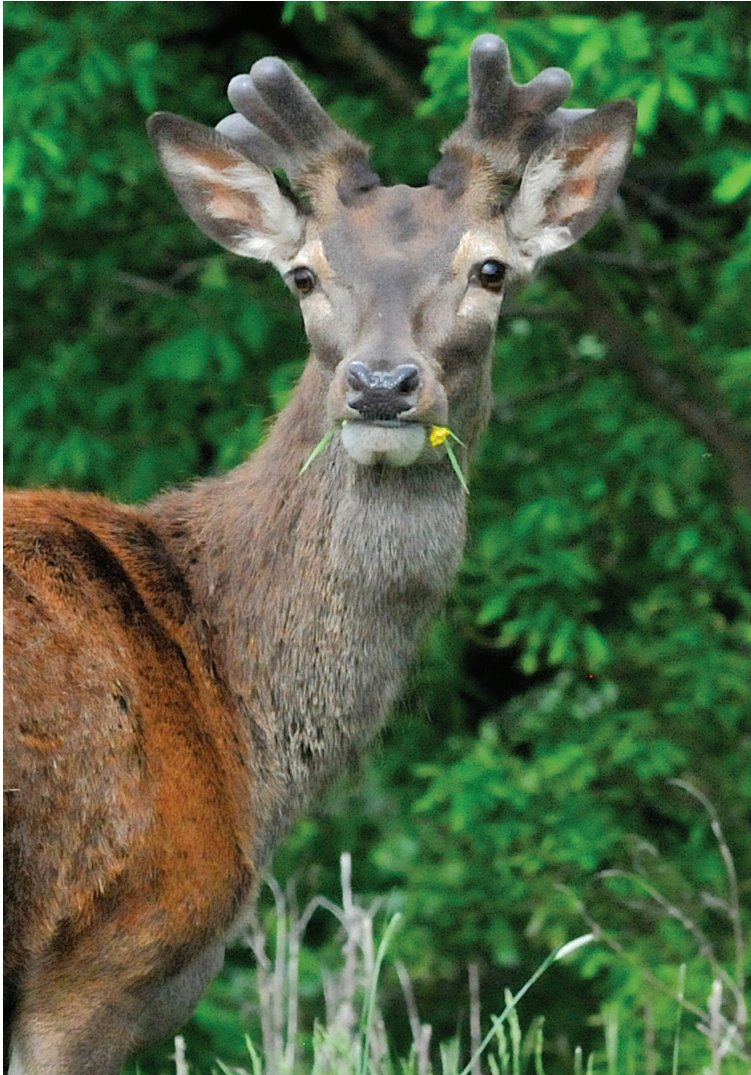
Approximate time: 45 minutes

1. Turn right out of the front door of the Hotel, over the flagged stones, bearing left down the stone steps that brings you to the edge of the lake. This lake was once a quarry pit, from which the stone used to build the hotel was sourced. In the lake are many large Carp – some over 30 years of age! Do not walk further that the bottom of the stone steps. Look to the right and you will see 'St. Patrick', sat on 'Paddy's Island' on the edge of the lake. What is 'St Patrick'?
2. Return up to the top of the stone steps, bear left, over and down the cobbles or steps provided and walk straight ahead passing the 'Golf Lodge' on your right. On your left is the lake and 18th tee on the golf course. Behind the teeing ground is a yardage stone. How long in yards is hole 18 off the white tees?

3. Turn round and retrace your steps, taking the stone covered steps up to The Lodge on the left. On the main sign on the building, is the depiction of an animal, many of whom live on the estate. What animal is it?
4. Exit the Lodge, turn left up the drive, and turn right heading towards the main car park. Take the immediate sharp sloping drive down to your right. Enter 'Rear Reception.' On the right are two plaques detailing the previous owners of the Hotel. The original owner of Shrigley Hall, William Turner, also served as an MP for which Lancashire town?
5. Walk back out of Rear Reception, up the slope and head right your right. Here is the resting place for some of Shrigley Hall's former pupils and schoolmasters. At the base of a large wooden cross is a stone. What 'from and to' years are noted on this stone?

6. Leave the Cemetery through the same gate, bear right, following the road. Bear left onto the main drive and enjoy the views to Manchester, Liverpool & beyond. On a clear day, the twin Cathedrals of Liverpool can be seen, whilst from certain points away in North Wales – can also be viewed. Taking care walking down the drive, follow the bend to the left, reaching rock face on the left. The stone for what was the Chapel (now the Tilden Suite & Leisure Club) was quarried from here. What does the gold lettering say?
7. Return back along the drive until you reach the front of the Hotel. Above the main doors and within the triangular pediment is carved the coat of arms of the Turner family. What animal is featured?

8. Walk back into the main reception, head up the main staircase, turning right at the top. At the end of the corridor is a whole host of information and pictures from when Shrigley Hall was a school. You will learn about the shields of the four 'houses'. What are their names?
9. Return back down the main staircase, turning right towards the Restaurant. Find the painting of the intrepid explorer who married Ellen Turner, daughter of the original owner of Shrigley Hall. The gent in the picture lived at neighbouring Lyme Hall. What was his name?
10. Return to Reception. At the bottom of the grand staircase, look up and admire our renowned domed ceiling. A fine example of neoclassical architecture, how many triangular panes of glass are featured?



The name of Shrigley Hall came from the original owners the De Shrigley's. The Hall was passed down by marriage to the Downes family in the 14th century who resided on the estate for over 300 years.



### OUR HISTORY

In 1818, the estate was sold to the former High Sheriff of Cheshire, William Turner, with the present hall built in 1825.

William Turner had only one heiress, his daughter Ellen Turner. In 1826, whilst only fifteen years of age, she was at the centre of the one of the most outrageous cases of abduction that has been chronicled.

On March 7th 1826, Ellen was taken away from her school at Liverpool on false pretences by Gibbon Wakefield. They headed to Gretna Green where they wed. From there, they travelled to London and then on to Calais where Miss Turner was rescued by her uncle. Wakefield was tried at Lancaster on March 3rd 1827 where he was found guilty and sentenced to three years imprisonment. The scandal created huge press coverage throughout the country.

Ellen, who later married Thomas Legh, of neighbouring Lyme Park, died at the age of 19 after giving birth to their only child Ellen Jane. Ellen Jane inherited Shrigley from her grandfather and later married the Reverend Brabazon Lowther. The two lived at Shrigley Hall until he died on the 30th December 1877, with Ellen passing away in November 1906. Their son William subsequently inherited the estate.

In 1929 the Hall was sold to the Salesians Order for £3000 and subsequently converted into a missionary college. The adjoining church was designed by famed architect Phillip Tilden and built in 1936 from stone quarried from the estate. The college housed up to 200 male students at any one time.

Once the Salesians left the Hall in 1986, work commenced to create what Shrigley Hall is today. In 1989 the doors of Shrigley opened for the first time as a hotel, spa and golf resort, with extensive wedding and conference facilities. Since 1994 it has been managed by various hotel groups and in July 2017 it became an independently owned hotel.

### A WALK IN THE WOODS

Enjoy a stroll to our Oakridge Woods. Superb views and a range of interesting wildlife can be enjoyed by following this 1 mile circular, family friendly stroll. Keep your eyes peeled for our herd of resident deer, woodpeckers, and a number of different birds of prey including buzzards, red kites and kestrels.

Also in the woods are a number of golden stags heads, attached to trees next to the path. Make a note of how many you spot.

Approximate time: 1 hour

FOR HEALTH & SAFETY REASONS, DO NOT STRAY FROM THE DEFINED ROUTE. THIS IS A WOODLAND WALK. STOUT FOOTWEAR IS REQUIRED. EXTRA CARE AND AWARENESS SHOULD BE TAKEN DUE TO UNEVEN GROUND AND IN WET, SLIPPY CONDITIONS. THE WOODS ARE NOT TO BE ACCESSED IN WINDY CONDITIONS

1. Take a right out of the main hotel front door.
2. Bear left, descending the stone steps.
3. Follow the orange stakes bordering the edge of the lake.
4. Follow the stakes to the rear of the 18th green, around the pitch & putt golf course, reaching the edge of the Oakridge Wood.
5. Enter the wood, following the circular path defined by the orange stakes. DO NOT STRAY FROM THIS ROUTE.
6. Exit the woods and retrace your steps back to the Hotel.



### HISTORY & LOCAL WALKS



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## WALK 1

– SHRIGLEY HALL  
– THE NAB

LENGTH:  
3 MILES.  
GRADIENT:  
CHALLENGING.  
STOUT FOOTWEAR  
REQUIRED.  
APPROXIMATE TIME:  
1.5 HOURS

1. Walk to the bottom on the Hotel drive and turn left, keeping to the pavement, walking towards Pott Shrigley village. Walk past the church and follow the road to the right, downhill towards Bollington.
2. Turn right up Nab Lane, and continue bearing left, turning right onto Cocksheadhey Road. Turn right through a wooden gate and pass the buildings of the former Cocksheadhey Farm.
3. Following the waymarks uphill, walk through the kissing gate towards two redundant stone gateposts. Turn right, climb to the top and head towards the trig point (285 metres above sea level).
4. This is a great spot for photographs. There are superb views over the Cheshire Plain on one side and across the Harrop Valley to Shining Tor and more distant peaks on the other.
5. There is no public footpath for a descent in the direction of Pott Shrigley, so you must return by the route you came.

## WALK 2

– STYPERSON POOL  
– MACCLESFIELD CANAL  
– BOLLINGTON  
– LONG LANE

LENGTH:  
5 MILES.  
GRADIENT:  
UNDULATING.  
STOUT FOOTWEAR  
REQUIRED.  
APPROXIMATE TIME:  
2.5 HOURS

1. Walk to the bottom of the Hotel drive and turn right. Keep to the pavement, walk up the road, crossing carefully when you reach the turn to Long Lane on the left. Walk down Long Lane, and after approx. 50m, take the footpath on the right.
2. Head down the track, through the trees, passing Styperson Pool on your right. Upon reaching Sugar Lane, turn left, then after 200m, turn right down the footpath.
3. Upon reaching the canal bridge (number 23), descend onto the towpath and turn right, heading towards Bollington. The Macclesfield Canal is 26 miles in length, designed by Thomas Telford, opened in 1831 and is over 26 miles in length. It stretches from Marple, near Stockport, to Kids Grove in Staffordshire.
4. Walk towards Bollington, passing the imposing Clarence Mill on the left hand side. Clarence Mill houses a café, Visitor Centre, and gift shops. Exit the canal here by crossing bridge 26A and walk down Clarence Road into Bollington. Turn left up Palmerston Street and you will find a range of local café's and pubs.
5. Just off Palmerston Street to the left is Beeston Brow. Head up this steep cobbled road snaking right and then left. Bear left onto Long Lane, following this road for approximately 1 mile. Super views can be enjoyed from this stretch of quiet road. Upon reaching the T junction, cross the road, turn right, walking down the pavement and return to the Hotel.

## WALK 3

– POTT SHRIGLEY  
– BOLLINGTON  
– WHITE NANCY  
– LONG LANE

LENGTH:  
6 MILES.  
GRADIENT:  
UNDULATING.  
STOUT FOOTWEAR  
REQUIRED.  
APPROXIMATE TIME:  
3 HOURS

1. Walk to the bottom on the Hotel drive and turn left, keeping to the pavement, walking towards Pott Shrigley village. Walk past the church and follow the road to the right, downhill towards Bollington.
2. After approx. 1.5 miles, at the roundabout, take the second exit, heading up Church Street. Bear right onto Lord Street and at the end, cross the road and over a stone stile, leading to a paved path.
3. Ascend this path and steep field to reach 'White Nancy', stopping to admire the views of Bollington and nearby Rainow. White Nancy is a white, grade II listed building, circular in shape, which was built in 1817 to commemorate victory at the Battle of Waterloo.
4. When you have recovered your breath, descend on the same path, but bear left after the stone stile and then take the right turn, walking down High Street.
5. Turn left down Palmerston Street (refreshments available in one of the number of pubs and cafes on this stretch of road), then take a right up Beeston Brow. Head up this steep cobbled road snaking right and then left.
6. Bear left onto Long Lane, following this road for approximately 1.5 miles. Super views can be enjoyed from this stretch of quiet road. Upon reaching the T junction, cross the road, turn right, walking down the pavement and returning to the Hotel.

## WALK 4

– SHRIGLEY HALL  
– GRITSTONE TRAIL  
– BOWSTONES  
– LYME PARK

LENGTH:  
8 MILES.  
GRADIENT:  
CHALLENGING.  
STOUT FOOTWEAR  
REQUIRED.  
APPROXIMATE TIME:  
4-5 HOURS

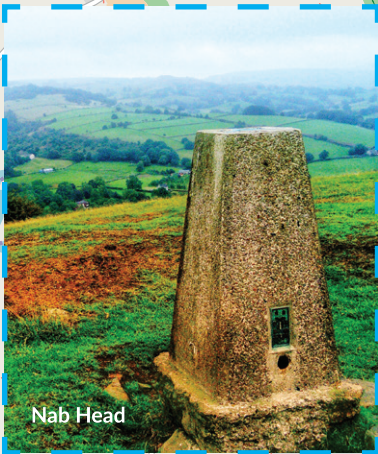
1. Walk to the bottom on the Hotel drive and turn left, keeping to the pavement, walking towards Pott Shrigley village. Walk past the church and take the 1st left (Bakestonedale Road). This is the start of a famous road cycling hill climb, nicknamed 'The Brickworks' and raced by Mark Cavendish and Bradley Wiggins during the 2016 Tour of Britain.
2. Keep to the pavement and turn left after approx. ¼ mile up Moorside Lane. Follow the road/track, walking for another ½ mile until you reach Keepers Cottages. Bear right immediately before Keepers Cottage following the path up the steep hill, signed Gritstone Trail & Bowstones. Head over the crest bearing slightly left, down and then up to the next ridge, Sponds Hill. Upon reaching the track (Gritstone Trail), turn left, heading towards the white house surrounded by telephone masts in the distance. In front of the house are the 'Bow Stones' – way markers dating back to the Bronze Age.
3. Just before the house, climb over the stile to the left, and descend the steep stony track heading towards the Knightslow Wood in the distance. Walk straight ahead through the wood. Lyme Hall, scene of the 1995 BBC adaptation of 'Pride & Prejudice' can be seen through the trees on your right hand side.
4. Exit the woods, following the stone track down the hill to the right. Head through the gate into Lyme Park parking area. Here, visitors can enjoy the Hall, Coffee Shop, National Trust Shop and adventure playground.
5. To head back to the Hotel, at the bottom of the track mentioned above, bear left, over the cattle grid and up the road. Continue along the road (do not bear right) to a small car park. Head through the gate, into the woods, descending the stone track, until eventually reaching West Gate.
6. Through the gate, turn left up the narrow road, joining the main road at the Methodist Chapel. Head up the stone track to the right of the chapel and follow the well defined path through trees and a field for approx. 600m until you return to Keepers Cottages. Turn right along Moorside Lane and retrace your steps back to the Hotel.



The Macclesfield Canal



Bowstones



Nab Head



White Nancy



Nab Head  
282 m

White Nancy  
280 m

High Mo  
402

The Bowstones  
390 m

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