

Relaxing flat walk along the nature filled riverbanks. There are no stiles on the one mile route which follows surfaced paths. The 2 mile route includes two kissing gates and a meadow that may become a little boggy after wet weather.

# RIVERSIDE

## Saunter

SHORT ROUTE: 1 MILE  
LONGER ROUTE: 2 MILES

### Starters - getting yourself active!

#### Riverside Walk – Route directions

1. Starting to the left of Witton Park Arena, turn left by the kiosk and follow the surfaced path straight ahead. Cross the footbridge over the River Darwen.

2. Turn right on the far side of the bridge and continue along the riverside path now with the river on the right. Follow the path to the next bridge over the river which is alongside Tower Road car park.

*To follow the longer two mile walk, continue from route direction number 5.*

3. Turn right and cross this bridge, continue straight ahead along the path around the edge of the Show Field. The path climbs gradually uphill then swings right to reach the Snowy the Crow sculpture.

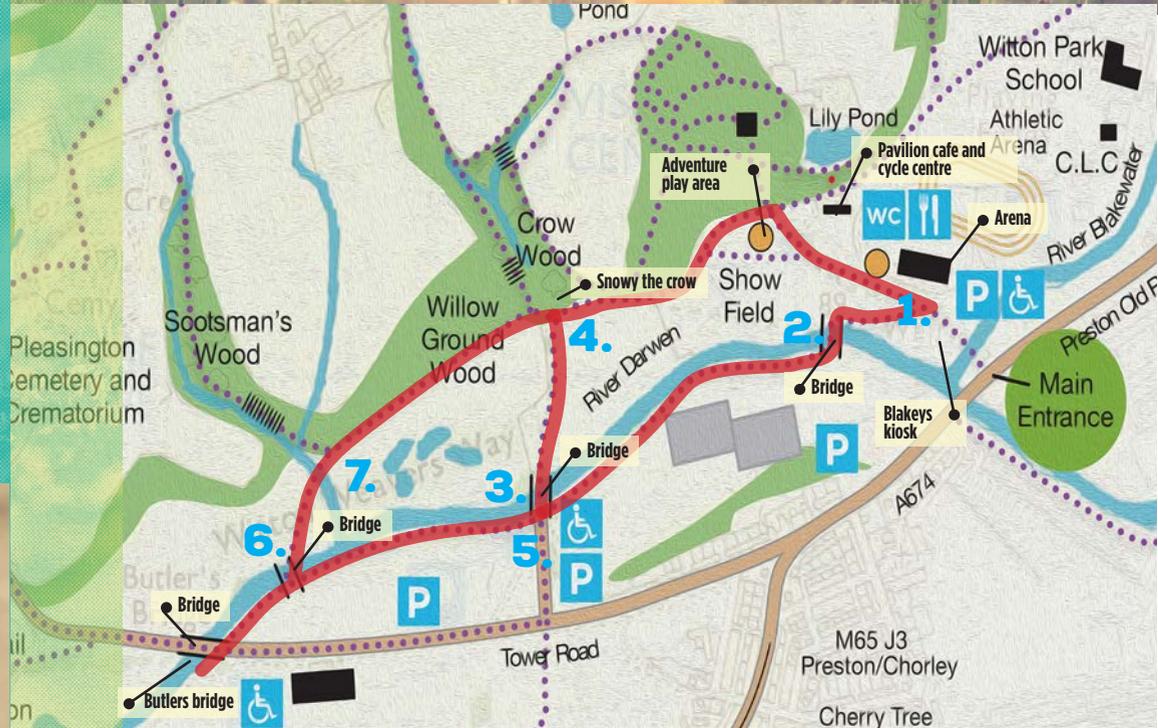
4. Continue straight ahead below Crow Wood on the left and the Adventure Play Area is soon reached. Join the main drive and turn right along it. The Pavilion Café and toilets are over to the left. To return to the Arena just follow the drive back to the car park.

5. To follow the longer two mile walk: Do not cross the bridge on the right but continue straight ahead along the riverside path. This eventually leads to a tubular metal footbridge over the river on the right. Before crossing this continue straight ahead to cross Tower Road with care to reach Butler's Bridge. Return from here to the tubular footbridge.

6. Cross the footbridge and immediately turn right across the playing field towards scrubby woodland. A narrow path runs through the scrubby area, down steps and crosses a little bridge over a stream.

7. Go through the kissing gate then walk straight ahead through the meadow. Aim for the woodland on the opposite side. Eventually a kissing gate is reached on the far side of the meadow. Go through this, turn right and cross a little stone bridge over another stream to join the surfaced path. Keep going straight ahead to reach the Snowy the Crow sculpture on the left.

*Continue the walk by following direction number 4 above.*



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your health and wellbeing



Sand Martins can be seen nesting in the river bank.



Refreshments available at the Kiosk or Pavilion cafe.



Trout enjoying the river.



Kingfishers are seen on many occasions

