

The BLUE Walk

Distance 2.5 miles Time 1¼ hours Grade Easy Refreshments 2 pubs

1 (798 558) Exit the Civic Centre Car Park and turn right into Sandbach Road North. Cross the road to the left handside, go past The Avenue, look out for the entrance to Coronation Gardens which gives a viewpoint of The Mere until you reach Lodge Road.

2 (792 559) Take care as you cross this junction and enter the footpath opposite with the Alsager School grounds on your left. The path continues with the School on the left and the back of houses on the right. This will open out onto Heathwood Drive and at the junction, turn right into Hassall Road. Crossing over Pikemere Road, the road takes a sharp right and continue on to the next bend.

3 (787 567) Enter a track on the right signed Borrowpit Meadow and proceed to reach a lake on the left and take the path besides it. Continue to the end of the lake and bend round it (with the water always on the right) to reach steps leading to a seat affording a good view and continue to ascend to reach the trackbed of a disused railway line (the Salt Line). Turn right onto this and continue to reach and cross a road, Sandbach Road North. Turn right onto it and then turn left just before The Willbraham Arms (C) onto a track just after it. This track soon becomes a pathway and follow it to reach a T junction of paths besides a bridge over the adjacent stream.

4 (798 563) Turn right with the bridge behind walk into the open field (this is Wood Park) and keeping the hedge to your right continue up the hill until you reach the kissing gate. Pass through the gate and walk straight ahead turning right at the junction to follow this road around to the left. Go across the next road, follow the path with the Alsager Cricket club on your right and Highfields Primary school on the left (this is referred to as 'The Donkey Path'). Continue on this path around the school until you reach the entrance to the Civic Centre car park, where you started.

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The GREEN Walk

Distance 4 miles Time 2 hours Grade Easy Refreshments 2 pubs / 1 café

1 (798 568) Exit the Civic Centre Car Park between the Civic Offices and the Civic Centre and cross Layton Road by the pedestrian crossing into Sandbach Road South towards the station. Continue past the station along Audley road, passing The Railway Inn (H) and turn right into Fairy's Croft. Follow the track and just before the entrance to Bank House Farm, go through the kissing gate on the right, then immediately left following the hedge. At the end of the second field go through the kissing gate and keep right along the edge of the field to the next kissing gate, then look for a stile on the right before the Pylons.

2 (793 543) Following the path to a stile. Cross this and then go left to reach a track besides high wire fencing. Turn right to go along it to reach and cross a bridge over the railway. Just after the buildings on the left follow a footpath sign on the left to cross another stile and a bridge over a brook to reach the car park of the Plough Inn (A).

3 (783 549) From the Plough Inn (A), cross the main road and walk left to Close Lane. Turn right into this and walk to the second of two footpaths on its left accessed by stiles. Go along this fenced footpath to reach a road.

4 (775 553) Go left here, immediately right at the adjacent road junction and then take the right fork at a Y junction onto a track. Follow this to reach a crossing track and turn right onto it. Proceed to reach a metalled road with houses – Close Lane – and follow it round a bend to reach a track on the left signposted to a cattery. Follow this and then, at its end, the footpath sign slightly to the right. Continue ahead, crossing stiles, and one farm road, to bear right and reach Hassall Road. Turn right, cross over the road.

5 (786 565) Continue along Hassall Road and turn left into Heathwood Drive. At the end of this cul-de-sac follow the path between the backs of houses and Alsager School until you reach the junction of Lodge Road and Sandbach Road north.

6 (792 559) Lodge Road and continue along Sandbach road North towards the town centre lights and the Civic Centre Car Park.

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Walking Maps of Alsager Series 4

2019 update

The 10 Mile Challenge & Two Shorter Walks

It has been 8 years since the first issue of this map and it has now been updated to reflect the changes that have occurred in Alsager in this time.

The 10 mile walk can be started from any of the 10 points and there are OS grid references for those who prefer a precise location indicator.

While the entire walk might take you between 4 and 6 hours to complete, depending on your ability, there are opportunities to stop for a drink and refreshments to make a day of it. Alternatively you can split the walk into sections and enjoy it at your own pace, over several walks.

There are also two shorter walks, the **BLUE WALK** (approximately 2.5 miles) and the **GREEN WALK** (approximately 5 miles). Both walks are circular and start from the car park in the centre of Alsager.

Many thanks to all of our sponsors who, along with support of Alsager Town Council, have enabled us to offer these maps for free to every resident of Alsager.

Alsager Partnership is a not for profit community organisation that provides projects and events to support the community of Alsager.

We hope you enjoy these maps and we would welcome your feedback. Visit our Facebook page [Itsallaboutalsager](https://www.facebook.com/Itsallaboutalsager) to find out more and have a look at our website www.alsagerpartnership.com to discover what we do and who the Partnership team is.



On all of the walks please observe the Country Code, remembering to take your litter home, keep dogs on leads and close gates after you.

The 10 Mile Challenge Walk

Distance 10 miles
 Time 5 hours
 Grade Easy
 Refreshments 7 pubs / 1 café

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4 (798563) Cross the bridge and climb the field ahead to reach gates leading onto a road, with The New Horseshoe Inn close and visible to the left. Cross this road to a stile and cross the corner of a field and another stile to reach another road, at which turn right. Proceed along this to a crossroads (with road signed to right) and turn left onto a track. Follow this track, which narrows to a path, to cross a bridge over a stream and climb steps to reach a canal bridge, with The Broughton Arms ahead

5 (806571) Turn right to walk along the towpath to the right of the canal and follow this to a ladder of locks, numbered 52-47. Just before Lock 49 cross the canal to proceed along its left bank. The canal now bends to the right to reach a bridge number 135: go under it and climb up to the road.



6 (819558) Cross the bridge (keeping to the same side of the road) and take a path on the left to continue besides the canal, but now on its right bank. Follow signs round a garden area and then cross a bend in the canal to reach a railway line. Cross this by a stile - on the left - to enter a large field. Ascend this, heading slightly to the left, crossing wire fences by stiles, to reach a stile near the right-hand end of a row of houses. Go down a short lane, taking a right fork, to reach a road.

7 (823 545) Turn right and then, after about 100 yds, take a path on the right between wire fences. Follow this round twists and turns to reach a narrow glen. Proceed to reach an open field on the right and cross a stile into it. Reach and cross a farm road and a wide field to reach a main road (or go left and then right on the farm roads to the same point).

8 (817 541) Turn right and walk for some 300 yds on the footpath besides this road to then cross it and enter a field on the left. Keeping the hedge to the right, pass through a narrow gap beneath trees to reach a bridge over the trackbed of a disused railway line, known as Merelake Way.

9 (813540) This bridge leads to the top end of a golf course: take the steps down from the bridge to join Merelake Way. Follow this path keeping the golf course on your left until you come to a road. Turn left into this road until you come to a T junction by Alsager Railway Station. Turn left away from the station pass the Railway Inn (H) and then turn right into Fanny's Croft. Follow the track and just before the entrance to Bank House Farm, go through the kissing gate on the right, then immediately left following the hedge. At the end of the second field go through the kissing gate and keep right along the edge of the field to the next kissing gate, then look for a stile on the right before the Pylons.

10 (793 543) Following the path to a stile. Cross this and then go left to reach a track besides high wire fencing. Turn right to go along it to reach and cross a bridge over the railway. Just after the buildings on the left follow a footpath sign on the left to cross another stile and a bridge over a brook to reach the car park of the Plough Inn (A).

Places to stop for a drink or refreshments: **A** The Plough **B** Hall Farm Shop and Cafe **C** The Willbraham Arms **D** The Horseshoe Inn **E** The Broughton Arms **F** The Linley **G** The Manor House Hotel **H** The Railway Inn