

Path Updates as at March 2019

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Beeston to Bunbury (Section 1, Stage 2)

Due to a live path dispute it is best to continue along Moss Lane out of Beeston and not to enter the footpath through the fields. Walkers may be unable to leave at the Bunbury end.

East of Audley (Section 2 Stage7)

A short section of the disused railway track has been changed so that it now follows the definitive footpath. Here are the new directions from west to east after passing through Leddy's Field Wildlife area: Go on ahead through the kissing gate and the path goes straight up hill with a hedge on the left. At the field boundary go through the hedge gap and fork right and initially walk 50 yards towards a prominent tree then turn left by the fence passing another tree on your left. Go downhill and across a damp patch to cross a stile and then go down a lane which can be muddy at times. This opens out into a field. After 60 yards turn right into the next field. The path goes straight ahead but you may chose to skirt around this damp section before finding the next stile across a small field leading to a path across the disused railway.

These are directions from east to west from the railway: ross a small field and then turn right. Skirt round a damp patch and go through to the next field where you turn immediately left and walk into a lane which is often muddy. Pass a gate on your left and then cross a stile also on your left. Go right over another a damp patch and then uphill passing between two trees and then walking half right after a fence post. At the corner of the field go through the hedge across a duck board into a field and go down the hill with the hedge on your right to reach a kissing gate where you go through to Leddy's Field Wildlife area.

Stoke-on-Trent North (Section 2 Stage 8)

The route which took the path of the old 'Burslem Arm' canal has been permanently re-routed, making it much easier for walkers. A new path has been created behind a new development of apartments, in the area of Newport Lane, Burslem.

Walking South, p59-60:

Leave the Trent and Mersey canal at bridge 123, going over the bridge onto Newport Lane and passing the derelict bottle kiln, Oliver's Mill, on your left. Continue ahead to Luke Street and turn right alongside the new development of apartments. This is the site of the old Burslem Port. At the end of Luke Street turn left behind the apartments on a wide path; at the end turn right to take a narrow path down and over an old canal bridge, go straight over past another scrap dealers on the right, cross the access track to their entrance entering a field ahead of you. (You can now rejoin the instructions from paragraph 2 on page 60 of the guidebook).

Walking North, p130:

Having passed the allotments and bungalows and gone diagonally across a field. Leave the field crossing over the access track to a scrap dealers on your left (this was once the main warehouse for the Burslem Arm stretch of canal), take the narrow path ahead, crossing an old canal bridge and going straight up to the road and new housing development ahead. Turn left taking the wide path behind the new apartment complex. Walk to the end, noting the sign marking the site of the former Burslem Port. Turn right along the side of the apartments, which is Luke Street. Turn left onto Newport Lane and walk to meet the Trent and Mersey Canal at bridge 123. Turn north along the canal.(You can now rejoin the instructions from paragraph 4 on p130 of the guidebook).

Stoke-on-Trent, Festival Park (Section 2, Stage 8)

Low wooden palisade is no longer situated in the Festival Gardens, close to the bridge over the ravine.

Going north, p129 guidebook

Going south, p60 guidebook

Central Stafford (Section 4 Stage 13)

There are developments on the north bank of the river which mean the footpath is temporarily closed. This means that if you are travelling south after leaving St Chad's, turn left at Nationwide BS into South Walls. Cross the A 34 to Asda and when you reach the store turn right to reach the riverside and regain the river turning left towards Milford. If you are journeying north leave the riverside at Asda, cross over the A 34 into South Walls and turn right at Nationwide and St Chad's will then be very soon on your right.

Baswich Lane east of Stafford (Section 4 Stage 13)

Baswich Lane can be very busy and if you would like to avoid this you can use the new Two Waters Way and St Thomas Lane as a longer but safer alternative.

Black Covert Wood west of Holdiford Road, near Milford (Section 4 Stage 13)

The path you are supposed to use to the south of the main track is often overgrown here and you may find you have to stick to the main track through two gates here.