

Further Information.

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WEST LANCS COUNTRYSIDE.

BEACON COUNTRY PARK, UPHOLLAND.
A 200 acre country park with rolling meadows, woodland and panoramic views.

TAWD VALLEY PARK, SKELMERSDALE.
Two miles of public open space and woodland following the river Tawd.

DEAN WOOD, UPHOLLAND.
Semi-natural ancient woodland, this beautiful valley is rich in local wildlife.

RUFF WOOD, ORMSKIRK.
A 19 acre mixed woodland ideal for quiet walks.

FAIRY GLEN, APPELEY BRIDGE.
A small woodland clough with stream and waterfall.

ABBAY LAKES, UPHOLLAND.
Popular fishing lake and home to many local water birds.

PLATT'S LANE LAKES, BURSCOUGH.
Another fishing lake, with meadow areas and picnic site.

CHESHIRE LINES, DOWNHOLLAND.
A converted railway line, developed especially for cyclists and horse riders.

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Beacon Country Park Canal Loop Walk



A series of circular Self Guided Trails
from West Lancashire District Council

Beacon Country Park

Canal Loop Walk

Main Walk - 8½ miles/13.5 km
Short Walk - 6 miles/9.5 km

DIRECTIONS:
A. Beacon Country Park Visitor Centre to Rough Park Quarry. After you get to Carr Lane Car Park, turn right to the monument for the 100th anniversary of the opening of the canal. Following the monument for approximately 100 metres the public footpath crosses the canal. Beacon Country Park is to the left. Continue straight on until you reach the main road. Turn left, carefully cross the road and take the public footpath on the right.

B. Jollies (The Dean-Dean Wood). After crossing the road take the footpath on your left. Follow the road to which, following the canal path on your right. Continue following the road for a further 120 metres and take the public footpath to the left, behind the stone cottage. Walk across the field, climbing three stone steps, and continue straight on into the wood, taking a left turn over the wooden bridge and take an immediate right turn following the path down the hill.

C. End of Dean Wood FILL LENGTH WALK or SHORTER OPTION.
SHORTER ROUTE: Follow the path straight on.
LONGER ROUTE: Walk over the green bridge.

D. Gathurst Road. Carefully cross Gathurst Road. Walk under the bridge following the path. Turn left onto the Leeda's Wood. Continue straight on until you reach Carr Lane. Turn left and follow the brook upstream.

E. Appley Bridge. Leave the canal for Appley Bridge. Leave the canal for Appley Bridge. Carefully walk through the car parking area before the bridge. Carefully cross the main road and walk left, taking the first public footpath on your right behind a row of red gates. Follow the canal path. Cross the field. Cross the small bridge, turn left and follow the brook upstream.

F. Follow the road to the right and walk uphill along Longley Lane. For approximately 1000 metres, take a right turn up the natural stone steps in the high bank walk forward following the field edge.

G. On climbing the stile follow any path into Ashurst Beacon Pasture.

H. 4½ km left along Beacon Lane after 100 metres cross the road and follow the waymarkers across Beacon Country Park Golf Courses to the visitor centre.

I. Shorter Route: On reaching the stile next to Chew Lane, take the public footpath to the left across the golf course towards the trees.

J. Shorter Route: On reaching the stile next to the date, walk straight on following signs back to Beacon Country Park Visitors Centre.

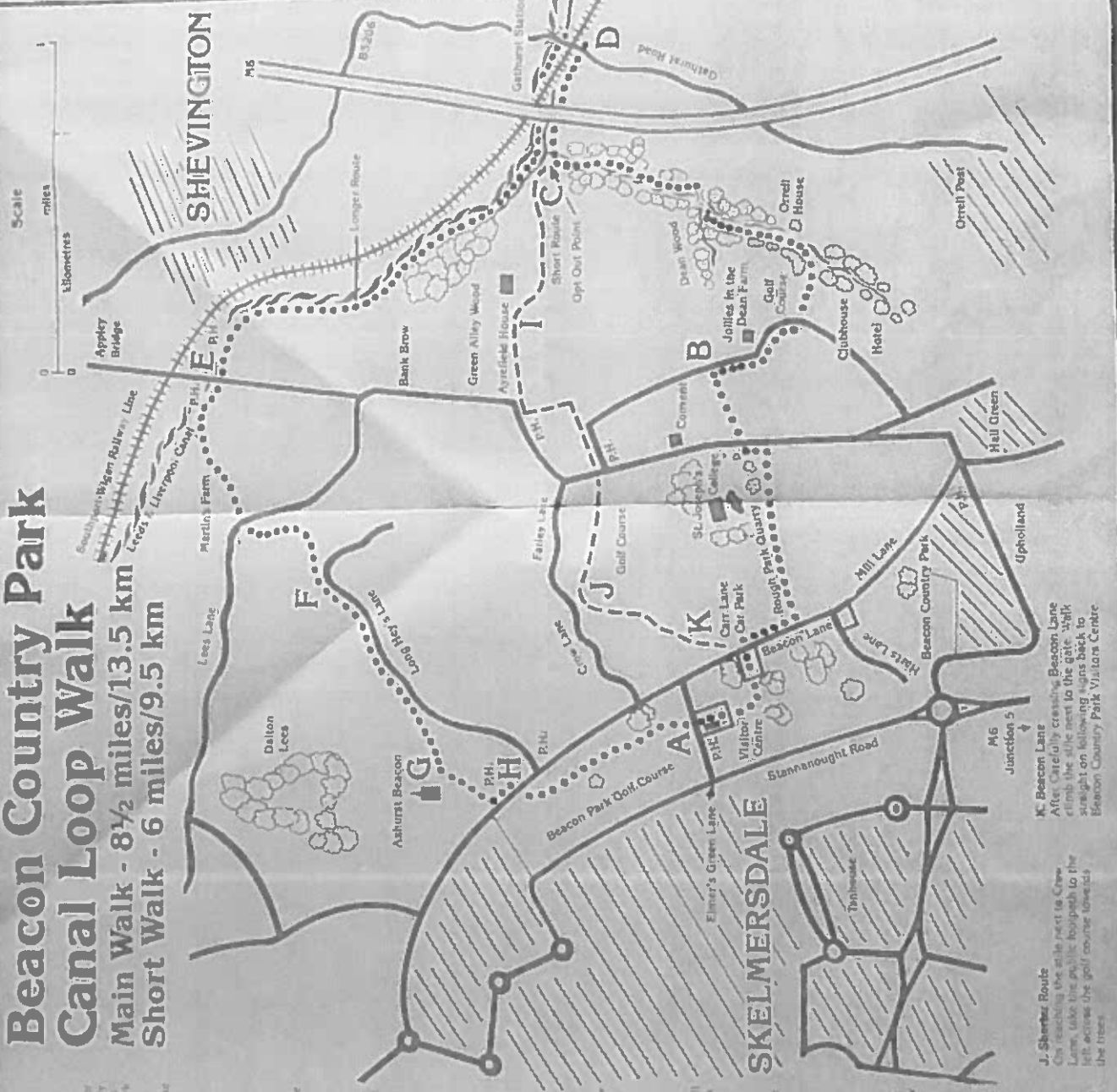
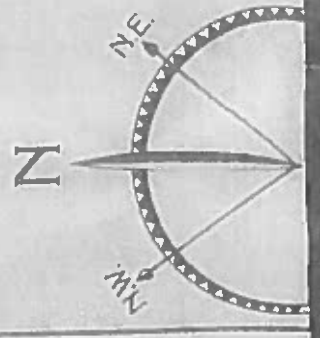
K. Beacon Lane: After carefully crossing Beacon Lane, follow the signs back to the date, walk straight on following signs back to Beacon Country Park Visitors Centre.



FOLLOW THE LOGO

KEY	
	LONGER ROUTE
	SHORTER ROUTE
	STREAM/BROOK
	CANAL
	MOTORWAY
	WOOD/WOODLAND
	POND/LAKE
	HOUSING
	PUBLIC HOUSE
	RAILWAY

This map should be used in conjunction with Ordnance Survey Maps



Scale
kilometres
miles

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

South West Wigan Railway Line
Leeds & Liverpool Canal

Leeds Lane
Dalton Lees
Ashurst Beacon
Beacon Park Golf Course
Stannanought Road
M6 Junction 5

Shevington
M5
Gathurst Road
Orrell Post
Orrell House
Clubhouse
Hotel
Jollies in the Dean Farm
Dean Wood
Golf Course
Comment
St. Joseph's College
Rough Park Quarry
Carr Lane
Beacon Lane
Mill Lane
Beacon Country Park
M6 Junction 5
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SKELMERSDALE
Elmer's Green Lane
Tonkhouse

Appley Bridge
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