



Port Sunlight River Park

Wildlife, wetlands and stunning views across the River Mersey



2.5 mile/4 km

Approximately 1 hour at a leisurely pace.

5,280 steps



Opening hours: All year round. Car park closes 4pm Oct-Mar, 6pm Apr-Dec



FREE entrance



Car parking: No



Toilets: Mon-Sat



Café: No, but perfect for picnics



Dogs: To be kept on leads at all times.



Accessibility: Disabled parking, well surfaced paths, some flat.

Step by step walking route

1. Beginning at the footpath junction just across the road from the car park, there is a wooden carving of a large bird on a stump with a signpost next to it. Turn right and walk along this path for a third of a mile to the 'Mersey View picnic area' by the river. Make sure you stop and enjoy the view across the River Mersey before you pass to the right of the red brick building and find the footpath next to it signposted 'Mersey View Walk'.
2. Walk along the footpath for around half a mile. When you find a gate blocking the wide path bear left along the narrower path, round to the back of the hidden lake. When the lake comes into clear view half way along the path you may see ducks, wading birds or swans on the lake. When you are ready continue forwards a few meters along the path until you reach a 'T' junction in the footpath after around 260 metres.

The countryside code

Respect - Protect - Enjoy

Respect other people:

- consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

Protect the natural environment:

- leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- keep dogs under effective control

Enjoy the outdoors:

- plan ahead and be prepared
- follow advice and local signs



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3. At the T junction at the top corner of the lake turn right and walk towards the summit round a distant bend until you see another gate blocking your path. You will reach the gate in about 200 metres. Bear left at the gate across the wide track and take the narrower footpath through the trees. You will reach a fork in the path in another 140 metres.
4. Bear left at this fork towards the summit and walk a further 230 metres until you reach another T junction where you have a choice of path to take: the path to the right will take you to the observation area and the path to the left will take you to the summit. To get to the summit, turn left across the wide flat meadowland and in around a quarter of a mile you will reach the top of the hill and the wooden figure with the binoculars. Stop and rest on the wooden bench here and enjoy the panoramic views.
5. When you are ready, walk down the path past the information board towards the River Mersey for a third of a mile. The path soon bends to the right followed by a sharp bend to the left, and eventually you will reach another T junction. Turn left, and in a few meters more at another junction turn right onto the path to continue downhill. The path will soon bend left and cross the top of the lake. Walk along it for about 300 metres, and at the far corner of the lake you will reach the junction you were at earlier. Turn left and in another 200 metres you will be back at the gate across the path.
4. For the second time you have reached this gate across the wide track; bear left again and follow the narrower footpath through the trees, and in another 140m reach the fork in the paths again. Having reached this fork in the paths again, take the right fork which zig zags down to the car park for around a quarter of a mile.



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