



Ride+Stride Welshampton to Welsh Frankton

Steps

20,484

Time

3h 34m

Distance

10.12 mi

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Walk from Welshampton to Welsh Frankton (one way) 10 miles

Start at St Michael and All Angels, Welshampton (if the church is open, there is a toilet available – Saturdays)

Turn right out of the church gate and follow the line of the church wall to enter Lyneal Lane (note that this will put you onto the A495 for a very short while, so take care)

Follow Lyneal Lane between fields, over the canal and to the T-junction opposite the phone box. Turn right, then turn left along The Avenue just after the Lyneal Guide Hut.

Walk up The Avenue and you will find St John the Baptist Church, Colemere on your left. You can gain access to the church and facilities by phoning Barbara on 01939 270297 in advance. There is also a small nature reserve in the grounds.

After visiting the church, continue along the lane and find the car park for Colemere. Follow the made-up path to the gate onto the field with the Mere on your left. Follow the path across the field and onto the boardwalk. In the summer this field is left as a wildflower meadow and common orchids can be identified.

Pass through the gate and into Yell Wood. Follow the path and take the steps on your right when there is a fork. If you prefer not to use the steps, you can go on a bit further and ascend a slope on your right, just after going over an outflow for the canal and past a bench. Either route will take you up to the canal.

Go over the bridge and down to the tow path, turning under the bridge and walking along the towpath with the canal on your left.

You will pass under several bridges and then go through a tunnel. Take care as it is dark and damp.

Continue along the towpath with the canal on your left. (there follows an optional stop at Ellesmere. If you want to continue without visiting the town and/or church, please continue along the tow path and over the little footbridge onto the Llangollen branch and pick up from ***)

If you want to visit the church at Ellesmere, you can continue to the Wharf and through the town, or ignore the path that leads up to the busy junction just as you come out of the tunnel and take the next path on the right and past the Convent. You will come to the road into Ellesmere opposite Oteley Estate, which is also worth visiting if you have time. Taking care when crossing the road, turn left and walk towards the town, past another Mere and you will find St Mary's, Ellesmere, on your left next to the Red Lion public house. The tower is usually open on the afternoon of Heritage Day which is the second Saturday of the month (the same date as Ride+Stride). Do check in advance if you would like to climb the tower. Once you have enjoyed the beautiful church, you can continue into the town and back to the Wharf which is next to Tesco.

Walk alongside the Wharf with the canal on your left and follow it round to the right, towards Llangollen.

*** continue along the towpath with the canal on your left, passing the Boatyard on other side from where you are walking.

After passing under another bridge (number 62) you will see a white cottage ahead next to a layby where there is a gap in the fence. Go through that gap and turn left to follow the road.

The road climbs up a hill and there are panoramic views on a clear day. You will pass Brynallt Kennels and come up to the junction with the A495 at

Welsh Frankton by the old chapel. (alternatively you can turn right before you get to the junction to take a road that goes past the lodges and come to the A495 opposite the housing estate). Take care as this is a busy road, but visibility is good.

Cross the road and walk to the car park where you will find an accessible path up to the church of St Andrew at Welsh Frankton (open during daylight hours on Thursday – Sunday). The steps up to the church beneath the tower are no longer used. You will have been able to see the spire from some distance away as you climb up the hill.

Below is a photo of me as I arrived at the end of my walk that I did for Ride+Stride 2025.



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