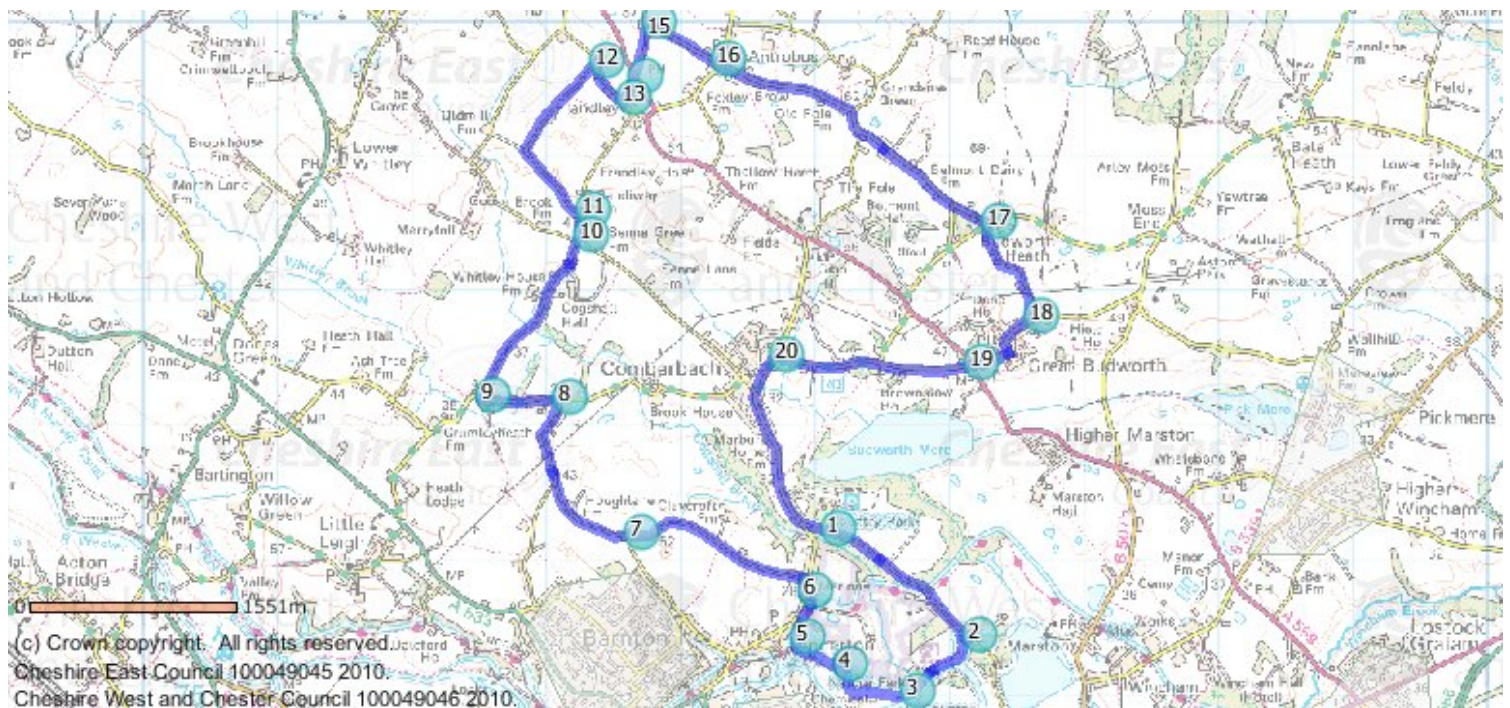


Biking the Backroads

A gentle ride of 20km/13 miles around the lanes of Anderton and Great Budworth.

Grade	Traffic Free
Distance	20km/13 miles
Time	2 - 3 hours
Start	Marbury Country Park
Map	OS Explorer Map 257
Terrain	Mainly minor roads through fairly flat countryside
Barriers	N/A
Toilets	Marbury Country Park, Anderton Nature Park
Contact	Cheshire West and Chester Council Tel: 01606 271736



Route Details

The ride starts at Marbury Country Park. Very soon you are cycling along tracks through Anderton Nature Park where you suddenly spot the historic boat lift. In summer look out for orchids, dragonflies and butterflies as you go.

Much of the cycle ride is along quiet, tree-lined lanes, typical of this part of Cheshire. The trees cast a welcome shade on a warm day while insects hum around the hedgerow flowers. Cycling is the ideal way to spot some of the less conspicuous residents such as birds, mice and voles.

The route goes through the attractive villages of Antrobus and Great Budworth where there are several refreshment stops.

Coming back from Great Budworth there are tremendous views of Marbury Country Park across Budworth Mere. The Smith-Barry families, who owned the estate which included Marbury, would row across the Mere to church at Great Budworth. Many of the family are buried in vaults in the churchyard.

Once in Comberbach it's just a short ride back to Marbury Country Park where you can relax and enjoy a well-earned picnic or take a leisurely stroll through the woods and along the Mere.

Directions

1. Go out of the car park and turn left down Marbury Lane.
2. Turn right at the Anderton Nature Park sign onto a sandy track. Bear left after 15metres.
3. Cross two wooden bridges and then take the right fork at the three path junction.
4. Go through a gateway/squeeze point and turn left to the Nature Park car park.
5. Leave the car park on the entrance/exit road but instead of turning left over a bridge go straight past a metal barrier and along a rough track. Turn left at the tarmac road and go over the bridge.
6. Turn right at the road and then left into Cogshall Lane.
7. Turn right at the T junction.
8. Turn left at the T junction, signed to Runcorn.
9. Turn right up Hall Lane towards Frandley and Antrobus.
10. Turn left at the t junction signed to Whitley.
11. After 200 metres turn left down Scotch Hall Lane.
12. Turn right at the T junction.
13. Turn left into Wheatsheaf Lane towards Stretton and Warrington.
14. Go almost straight across the main road by the Antrobus Arms.
15. Turn right at the T junction to Knutsford Road
16. Carry on through Antrobus, eventually coming to a crossroads.
17. Go straight over and along Heath Lane.
18. Turn right at the T junction to Great Budworth. Go through village and down the hill to the crossroads.

19. Go straight over the main road and along Budworth Lane to Comberbach.

20. Turn left at the T junction, left again into Marbury Lane and back to the car park at Marbury Country Park.