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The Waggon and Horses is ideally located between Congleton and Macclesfield, set in the heart of the countryside in the village of Eaton, and is renowned locally for its home-cooked food and roaring log fires.

Our family-friendly menu is packed full of traditional pub food created with fresh seasonal produce. There's something for everyone from pies to fish and chips.

Our drinks menus include only the best wines and gins. Also on offer are award-winning cask ales, lagers and spirits from around the world.

We hope you enjoy your walk and we look forward to quenching your thirst and satisfying your appetite on your return.



The ornamental lake at **North Rode Manor** hosts waterfowl including Cormorants, Teal, Mandarin Ducks and Goosanders. The lake's outflow departs via this distinctive shaft spillway.

The name of **Sandy Lane** reflects the geology of the area. Eaton Hall Quarry, operated by Tarmac for the extraction of sand and gravel, occupies a large area behind the Waggon and Horses. The country house after which the quarry was named was demolished in 1980.



Havannah Weir on the River Dane formerly powered a cigar mill, though the water has now supplies Congleton Hydro, a community hydro-electric scheme. Havannah was founded by Charles Roe, an early Macclesfield industrialist, and named to honour the capture of Havana, Cuba, in 1762.

three circular walks from the



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EATON, CHESHIRE



Gorsey Moor

3 miles: easy

A simple walk circumnavigating the sand quarry behind the pub.

River Dane and Congleton Park

5½ miles: fairly easy

A farmland, urban and riverside walk along the Dane to a fine example of a civic park.

North Rode and the Bosley Flight

10 miles: moderate

An extended walk along country lanes, the Macclesfield Canal and the River Dane.

Gorsey Moor (3 miles: easy)

Allow 1–2 hours. Significant road-walking, but on quiet country lanes. Paths may be muddy in places.

1 From the front of the pub, turn right along the verge on the near side of the main road. **2** After 100 metres, turn right through a gate and walk down the right-hand side of the field to a further gate. **3** Join the byway beyond and turn left. **4** Follow the track below the quarry embankment; by a copse it swings left, and then bends right to run parallel to the main road. **5** At the end of the quarry, within sight of Brickyard Farm, the track turns right, still following the quarry embankment. **6** After zig-zagging left and right, the path continues to a series of ponds, which it skirts to the right before continuing out to a narrow lane. **7** Turn right and follow the lane past the entrance to Jack Fields Farm. **8** At the next farm entrance (Gorsey Moor), turn left. **9** Take the next right (Bebbington Road) and follow it for half a mile, passing Fields Farm. **10** At a T-junction on the outskirts of Eaton village, turn right and follow the lane between the two parts of the Eaton Hall Quarry. **11** Just before the main road, turn right through a kissing gate onto a permissive path alongside the quarry boundary. **12** After 200 metres or so, a gap on the left gives access to the pub garden.

North Rode & the Bosley Flight 10 miles: moderate

Allow 4–5 hours. Much road walking, though mostly on quiet lanes. Paths may be muddy in places.

Follow steps **1–8** of the **Gorsey Moor** route (above).

9 Continue ahead along Fords Lane beyond the junction with Bebbington Road. **10** After ¼ mile, carry straight on, ignoring Back Lane to the right. **11** At a T-junction, turn right along Cocks Moss Lane. **12** After a little under ½ mile, cross the A536 into Pexall Road, signposted to North Rode and Bosley. **13** Pass a house then, ¼ mile from the main road, turn right at a triangular junction, signposted to North Rode. Ignore a footpath on the right, then pass Bramhall Hill Farm on the left and some further farm buildings on the right. **14** At a T-junction, turn left, again signposted to North Rode. **15** Pass Cloud View Farm on the left and continue to North Rode village. **16** Turn left into a no-through road between the school and church, and go through the gates at the end into a private drive, passing a house on your right. **17** Keep right at a fork then go straight ahead over a stile next to a gate, to the left of a farm entrance. **18** Walk down the hill alongside a fence to a gate into a metalled driveway. **19** Turn right and walk down the drive to the lake. **20** Continue along the drive past the lake outlet, climbing a hill then passing some houses before you reach a gate. **21** Continue to the road beyond and cross the bridge over the railway. **22** Ignore Station Road on the right, continuing down the road with

woodland on your left and then past a house until you reach the Macclesfield Canal. **23** Turn left onto the towpath by lock number 1 of the Bosley Flight then turn right, under bridge 54. **24** Follow the towpath past locks 2, 3, 4 and 5, then pass under bridge 55. **25** Continue along the canal past locks 6, 7 and 8 and under bridge 56. **26** Locks 9, 10 and 11 follow, and you pass under the former railway (bridge 56A) as the canal swings right past lock 12. **27** Cross the Dane Aqueduct and then a long, narrow footbridge over a spillway as you approach bridge 57. **28** At the bridge, leave the canal up steps on the right. **29** Turn right through a gate, and follow the path along the edge of a field with the Dane valley to your right. **30** The path descends through trees to a gate at the head of a side valley and continues to a hand-gate into a field. Follow the field edge toward the distant railway viaduct. **31** Pass through a gated smallholding and continue towards the viaduct, passing a gate and under the second arch. **32** The track swings left into a farmyard, where it bears right between the barns and passes the farmhouse on the right. **33** Follow the driveway out to the A54. **34** Turn right and follow the vergeless main road with care for ¼ mile down to the River Dane at Colley Mill Bridge. **35** Cross the bridge then turn immediately left through a kissing gate onto a footpath. **36** Walk along the top of the field with the river on your left, then drop down to a footpath over the Cow Brook. **37** Turn right along the field edge (with the brook on your right) and continue to a kissing gate in the corner. **38** Beyond the kissing gate, turn left to another. **39** Continue along the field edge ahead, with Rode Hall Farmhouse visible away to your right. **40** After three fields, the path leaves the hedge to cross a fourth field to a kissing gate in a line of trees. **41** Turn left before a further kissing gate onto a permitted path within the line of trees (*should this access be withdrawn, the public footpath continues directly ahead to step 46; beware a boggy section between a kissing gate and footbridge towards the end*). **42** Follow the permitted path down to the River Dane and turn right; you pass a sandstone cliff on the opposite bank, on the outside of a tight meander. **43** The permitted path continues alongside the river and emerges into a field; continue with the river on your left, over a stile. **44** At the end of the next field, follow the path round a right-hand bend in the river and through trees to a stile at the end of the field. **45** Walk down the steps beyond, over a footbridge and up the steps on the other side to a second stile. The public footpath rejoins from the right. **46** Walk along the field ahead to join a farm track. **47** Before a cattle grid, turn right through a kissing gate and walk uphill alongside a fence on your left. **48** Bear left at the top over a stile by a gateway. **49** Keep along the right-hand side of the next field to a further stile. **50** Beyond this, go straight on across the field ahead, passing well to the left of a farm; a stile in the far hedge comes into view. **51** Cross the stile (and a footbridge) and continue along a line of trees to a kissing gate, which leads past a house out to the main road on the edge of Eaton village. **52** Cross over and turn left along a footpath that runs parallel to the road. **53** By a fingerpost before the houses, turn right onto a footpath than runs past houses and garages at the end of Crauford Road, and then along a very narrow path between garden

hedges down to the road. **54** Turn right along School Lane, passing the old school building on your right. **55** Keep left at the junction with Back Lane and leave the village. **56** Keep straight on past the end of Bebbington Road and follow School Lane as it curves to the left, then passes between two quarry entrances. **57** Just before the main road, turn right through a wooden kissing gate onto a permissive path alongside the quarry boundary. **58** After 200 metres or so, a gap on the left gives access to the pub garden.

River Dane and Congleton Park 5½ miles: fairly easy

Allow 2–3 hours. Field paths may be muddy, and there is some urban and road walking.

1 From the car park, go through the gate into the garden and aim for the far right-hand corner, where a gap in the hedge gives access to a permitted path. **2** Turn right and follow the track until you meet School Lane. **3** Turn right and cross the main road carefully, into Smithy Lane opposite. **4** After 100 metres, turn left through a kissing gate and bear half-left through the trees to a footbridge and metal hand-gate. **5** Turn right along a fenced-in path along the side of the field, at the end of which the path crosses a footbridge and runs alongside a stream. **6** At the end of this second field, the path climbs a bank and then turns left between fences. **7** At the far end, turn right through a hand-gate and follow the path to the end of a track beside the Congleton bypass. **8** Turn left and follow the track for 150 metres to an underpass, where you turn right and pass under the road. **9** Turn left and follow the combined footpath/cycleway as it curves right to another underpass, where you turn left and again pass under the road. **10** Follow the track round to the right, then turn sharp left through a gap in the fence and walk back parallel to the way you’ve just come. **11** Turn right at a gate, along a metalled lane (Moss Lane) with new houses on your right. **12** Beyond Rose Cottage (dated 1685) you reach another main road; cross over into Havannah Lane and follow it as it winds down to the River Dane by the Congleton Hydro. Havannah Bridge and the weir are Grade II listed. **13** Cross the bridge and turn right through a motorcycle barrier into a green space, Take the left-hand path, which cut straight across a meander in the Dane then continues between fences on the left and the river on the right, before passing through another barrier. **14** Pass a playground on the left, then turn right before a football pitch to return to the river bank, which you follow left; the path crosses the end of the playing field and then climbs up to Havannah Street opposite a pharmacy. **15** Turn right along the road for 180 metres or so then turn right over a footbridge across the Dane. **16** Turn left along the service road, with the river on your left. **17** By a parking area, take the path on the left, and climb past the last of the industrial units to the entrance to Congleton Park. **18** Keep to the riverside path on your left, which passes a bowling green and a footbridge (stay on the right-hand bank) before reaching the formal gardens and pavilion. **19** Turn left over the

River Dane, then take the riverside path immediately on your right, which passes a weir and then emerges onto a service road; turn right to the roundabout. **20** Turn right and recross the river, then follow the main road up Rood Hill to a junction at the top. **21** Cross at the lights, climb the four steps opposite and turn left. **22** Take the lane that runs to the left of a curved retaining wall and follow it past a garage onto a footpath uphill; ignore a path off to the right between two gardens. **23** When the path reaches a wooded bank, follow it to the right, ignoring another turning to the right. The path runs along garden fences. **24** At a junction of paths, turn right, still following the garden fences on your right, with glimpses of Westlow Mere below and to the left. This path winds right and left and up and down for half a mile, always running alongside the gardens. **25** Just before Giantswood Lane, turn left onto a path within the trees that runs parallel and close to the road for 600 metres before turning right out to the road. **26** Turn left and walk up the road, past the entrance to Westlow Mere, then cross the bridge over the bypass. **27** Turn right beyond the crash barrier to a kissing gate, where you turn left. **28** Cross the field to a stile, beyond which bear left to a footbridge. **29** Cross the stream and climb the bank to a field corner where you turn left then right. **30** After a kissing gate climb towards Brick House Farm, with two standing stones away to your left. **31** Go through another kissing gate and a further hand-gate, then turn right through another gate out to the drive in front of a pond and bridge. **32** Turn left and follow the drive out to the road. **33** Turn right and follow the lane for a third of a mile back to the main road. **34** Cross over into School Lane, then take the permitted path on your left. After 200 metres or so, a gap on the left gives access to the pub garden.



Congleton Park was laid out by Edward Kemp, whose work with Joseph Paxton influenced Central Park in New York, and opened in 1871. The park is circled by the River Dane. The formal garden contains the remains of Congleton’s old market cross, dismantled in the 18th century but reassembled in 1902.