Dunham Massey (continued)

century sawmill.

Leave the deer park by way of another ladder stile and follow the fenced path across the meadow to Bollington Mill. Beyond the mill building, cross the River Bollin on a narrow metal footbridge and walk through Little Bollington, passing the Swan with Two Nicks public house on your right. When the village street bends left at a triangle, turn right along a cobbled lane that shortly passes under an aqueduct. Turn left and rejoin the canal towpath. Follow the towpath for nearly a mile, until you pass under Agden Bridge. Leave the canal here and follow the road over the bridge. At the T-junction beyond, turn right then immediately left before The Old Boathouse. Follow this narrow lane uphill to the A56. Cross the road and turn right along the footpath along the verge. Cross Agden Park Lane opposite the Wheatsheaf Inn, and then join a grassy path that runs parallel to the road to convey you back to the Jolly Thresher.

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Bridgewater Canal (3 miles)
An easy stroll through fields and woods and along the canal towpath.

Lymm and the Dam (5½ miles)
An extended stroll through historic Lymm and round its picturesque wooded lake.

Dunham Massey (6½ miles)
Visit a magnificent deer park and stately home, with peaceful canalside interludes.

Trans-Pennine Trail (16 miles)
A fairly level bike ride along a converted railway, bridleways and quiet country lanes.
Trans-Pennine Trail 16 miles: Fairly easy
A generally level ride on mostly quiet roads, unsurfaced bridleways and converted railways. Short sections on main roads, allow 2–3 hours.
1. From the front door turn left and go through the traffic lights on the A56 towards Altrincham. 2. Beyond the Wheatsheaf inn, turn right into Agden Park Lane. 3. Keep left at the junction with Froggatt Lane and cross the M56. 4. Ignore a turning to the right by a thatched black-and-white cottage, then at a triangle keep left (signposted “Bollington” and descend to the hamlet of Booth Bank that turn left to pass under the motorway and up the other side. 5. At the main road, turn left then immediately right (signposted “Little Bollington”). 6. Pass under a bridge and at the end of the lane turn right and carry your bicycle over the narrow footbridge over the River Bollin. 7. Remount and turn left (signposted “Restricted Byway”). 8. At the B-road, if wishing to visit Dunham Massey turn right, otherwise turn left and pass under the canal. 9. Keep right along the lane to an village street through Dunham Woodhouses. 10. Turn right by the Rope and Anchor pub, then keep left. 11. Just before a T-junction, turn left onto the Trans-Pennine Trail. Pass under a bridge, then, after about a mile, the Bollin again to reach Mill Lane. 12. Cross straight over and shortly afterwards pass a Co-op shop to reach the A6144. 13. Pick up the Trail again a little to your left and follow it for a further two miles, crossing a series of roads until you pass under the A56 and M6. 14. Follow the Trail for a further ½ mile, passing under two overbridges.
15. At the second, keep an eye out on the left for an inconspicuous path that connects to the Bridgewater Canal. 16. Carry your bike down the steps to a road; turn left under the canal aqueduct and climb up the hill. 17. At Weaste Lane turn left, descending to pass under the M6. 18. At the 20mph signs, turn right into Booth’s Lane towards the Lake district by Holford Farm, turn right where there turn right. 19. Take the first left (“The Avenue”). 20. At a bend go through a barrier on the right; beyond Crosfield Bridge bear right onto the Trans-Pennine Trail. 21. Turn right into Factory Lane and ride downhill to Lymm Dam. 22. Turn right into the Water Sailing School, then left onto the Bridgewater Canal. 23. Continue straight on the Trans-Pennine Trail, bearing left to follow the canal for a further ½ mile, eventually leads out to an open field with a wood on the left and the spire of St Peter’s away to the right. Walk up the edge of the field to meet a crossfootpath. 24. Turn right and walk up the woodland, passing a sandstone outcrop with a rock-cut shelter on your left. 25. After emerging from the wood, turn right then right and follow the field edge to Burford Lane. 26. Turn right and walk up the road for half a mile to return to the Jolly Thresher.

Bridgewater Canal (3½ miles) Easy
Allow 2 hours. May be muddy after rain.
1. From the front door, turn left and then left again down Burford Lane. 2. After ½ mile, beyond a pet hotel and opposite some large glasshouses, turn left along a footpath that runs between a fence and hedge before emerging into fields. 3. Walk along the field edge, cross two further fields to meet Oughtonbridge Lane to the left of a school sports field. 4. Turn right past the school entrance and then left into Longbutt Lane. 5. At the junction with Grammar School Road, turn right to cross the bridge then left into Longbutt Lane. 6. Follow the path for ½ mile to Grantham’s Bridge, where you cross the canal to enter Spud Wood (Woodland Trust). 7. Beyond a kissing gate, take the grassy path that leads straight on, directly away from the canal. 8. Cross the canal into the Woodland Trust property of Spud Wood. 9. At a kissing gate, carry the grassy path that leads straight on, directly away from the canal. 10. Cross the canal into the Woodland Trust property of Spud Wood. 11. Turn left and walk up the canal. 12. After emerging from the wood, turn right then turn left and follow the field edge to Burford Lane. 13. Turn right and walk up the road for half a mile to return to the Jolly Thresher.

Dunham Massey
6½ miles: Moderate
Some road walking at the start and end; may be occasionally muddy, after rain. Allow 3–4 hours.
1. From the front door, turn left and then left again down Burford Lane. 2. After ½ mile, pass Burford Lane Farm, and beyond the house, turn right over a stile. Follow the top edge of three fields to a corner where you turn left (marked with a footpath sign). 3. Passway down the edge of the field, after the second telegraph pole, turn right over a stile, then aim half-left to a second stile into a lane by Lymm Cruising Club’s compound. 4. Turn right along the road. Beyond The Old Boathouse turn left over Agden Bridge and follow the road round to the left and right. 5. At the entrance to Woodhouse Lane, turn right over the cattle grid and walk along the drive to the farm. 6. Bear right along a concrete track in front of the farmhouse. 7. Beyond a line of pylons follow the woodland edge around to a field on your right and then reach a stile. Turn left into the woodland, drop down to cross a footbridge over a stream then leave the woodland belt on the other side. 8. Cross the next field then bear left to a further stile. 9. Turn right then, after a kissing gate and just before the canal, turn left up some steps to the towpath. 10. Turn left and follow the canal, crossing the Bollin Aqueduct, and then a second aqueduct over the road near Dunham Woodhouses. 11. Leave the bridge to the right and cross over the next road bridge, doubling back left to cross the canal. 12. Walk along the road for quarter of a mile to a T-junction beyond the church in Dunham Town, where you turn right along School Lane. 13. Keep right at the junction with Charcoal Road, to reach Woodhouse Lane. 14. Cross and turn right for a short distance, then climb a ladder stile beside a gate into the Dunham Massey deer park. 15. Walk down the tree-lined avenue with a large pond award to your left. 16. Bear right in front of the main house, then keep left of the picturesque 17th-