

Dunham Massey (continued)

century sawmill. **17** Leave the deer park by way of another ladder stile and follow the fenced path across the meadow to Bollington Mill. **18** 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. **19** When the village street bends left at a triangle, turn right along a cobbled lane that shortly passes under an aqueduct. **20** Beyond the aqueduct, turn left and rejoin the canal towpath. **21** Follow the towpath for nearly a mile, until you pass under Agden Bridge. Leave the canal here and follow the road over the bridge. **22** At the T-junction beyond, turn right then immediately left before The Old Boathouse. **23** Follow this narrow lane uphill to the A56. **24** Cross the road and turn right along the footpath along the verge. **25** 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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Lymm Cross is a Grade I listed building and stands on a natural sandstone plinth in the centre of Lymm village. It dates back to the 17th century but was restored in 1897.

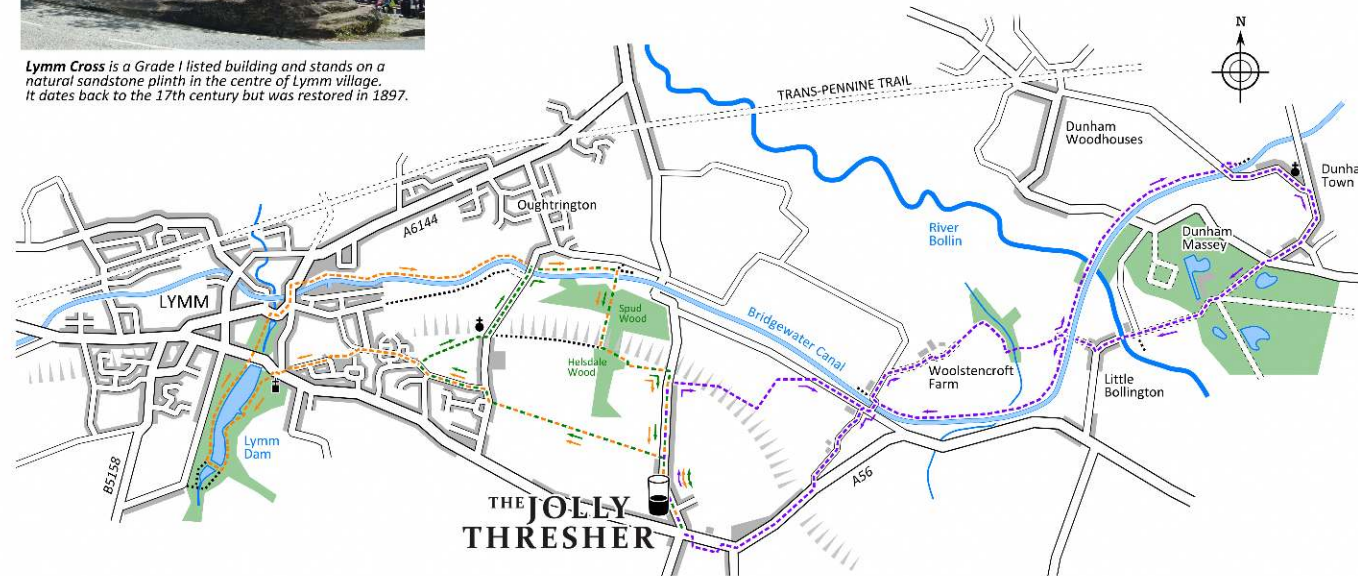
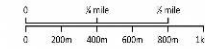


The River Bollin rises near Macclesfield in the Peak District and flows into the Mersey north of Lymm. Along its course it flows through Quarry Bank Mill at Styal, and also under the southern runway of Manchester Airport.



Woolstencroft Farm is a handsome example of a traditional brick-built Cheshire farmhouse.

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Lymm Dam is a wooded lake overlooked by St Mary's Parish Church. The lake was formed when the Sow Brook was dammed during the construction of a turnpike road, now the A56.



The Bridgewater Canal first opened in 1761 and is often considered the first true canal in England. The extension through Lymm to the Mersey at Runcorn opened in the 1770s.



This curious rock shelter is carved into a low sandstone outcrop in Helsdale Wood. The adjoining Spud Wood was created in the 1990s by the Woodland Trust on former potato fields.



Dunham Massey Hall is a moated stately home dating back to 1616 and set within a walled deer park. It is maintained by the National Trust and attracts thousands of visitors a year.

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Lymm, Cheshire

Bridgewater Canal (3 miles)

An easy stroll through fields and woods and along the canal towpath.

Lymm and the Dam (5¼ 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.

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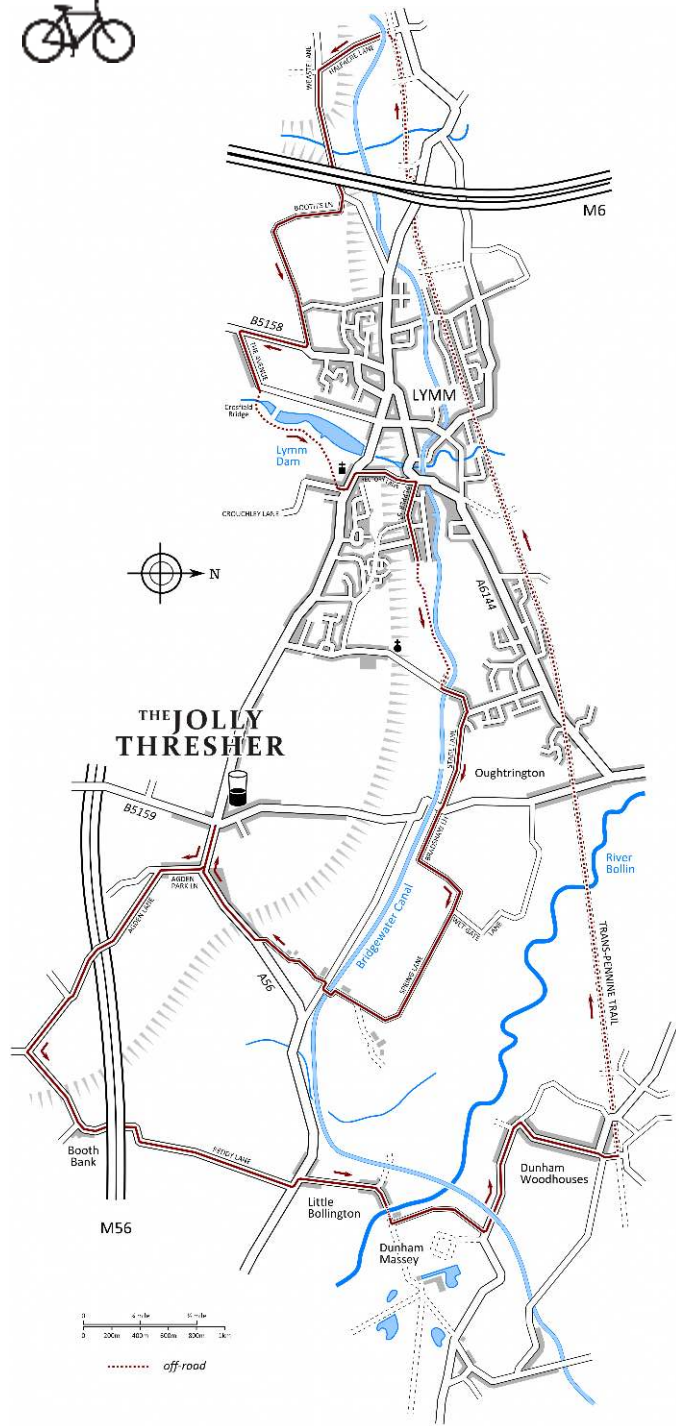
Trans-Pennine Trail

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 Froghall 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 1¼”) and descend to the hamlet of Booth Bank. **5** Turn left to pass under the motorway and up the other side. **6** At the main road, turn left then immediately right (signposted “Little Bollington”). **7** At a triangle keep right, and at the end of the lane dismount and carry your bicycle over the narrow footbridge over the River Bollin. **8** Remount and turn left (signposted “Restricted Byway”). **9** At the B-road, if wishing to visit Dunham Massey turn right, otherwise turn left and pass under the canal. **10** Keep right along the main village street through Dunham Woodhouses. **11** Turn right by the Rope and Anchor pub, then keep left. **12** Just before a T-junction, turn left onto the Trans-Pennine Trail. Pass under a bridge then, after about a mile, cross the Bollin again to reach Mill Lane, Lymm. **13** Cross straight over and shortly afterwards pass a Co-op store to reach the A6144. 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 over-bridges. **15** After the second, keep an eye out on the left for an inconspicuous path that connects to the Bridgewater Canal. Carry your bike down the steps to a road; turn left under the canal aqueduct and climb the hill beyond. **16** At Weaste Lane turn left, descending to pass under the M6. **17** At the 20mph signs, turn right into Booth’s Lane; follow the lane until you reach the B5158 (Cherry Lane), where you turn right. **18** Take the first left (“The Avenue”). **19** At a bend go through a barrier on the right; beyond Crosfield Bridge bear right along a rough bridleway that runs parallel to the footpath. **20** At the end of the wooded bridleway, skirt right of the the car park to Crouchley Lane. Turn left and left again and cycle down to Lymm parish church. **21** Turn right into Rectory Lane and ride downhill to Lymm Cross in the village centre. **22** Turn right into Pepper Street continuing beyond the cobbled section to reach Ravenbank Primary School. **23** Follow the unsurfaced bridleway straight ahead, which descends to the canal and emerges via a driveway onto Oughtrington Lane. **24** Turn left over the canal bridge, and then by the Community Centre turn right into Stage Lane. **25** At the traffic lights go straight over into Bradshaw Lane, swinging left then right and keeping straight on at the junction with Wet Gate Lane, before returning to the canal at Agden Bridge. **26** Once over the bridge, turn right then immediately left at The Old Boathouse along narrow Agden Lane. **27** At the main road, turn right and ride uphill back to the Jolly Thresher (there is a rather uneven metalled footway on the left-hand side).



Bridgewater Canal (3¼ 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 ¼ 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, then cross two further fields to meet Oughtrington 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 sharp right onto a footpath that leads across fields towards the spire of St Peter’s Church. **6** On regaining the road, turn left and walk past the church and down to the canal. **7** Cross the canal bridge and join the towpath, turning left to pass under the bridge. **8** Follow the towpath for ¼ mile to Grantham’s Bridge, where you cross the canal to enter Spud Wood (Woodland Trust). **9** Beyond a kissing gate, take the grassy path that leads straight on, directly away from the canal. **10** This 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 wood to meet a crossing footpath. **11** Turn left and walk through the wood, passing a sandstone outcrop with a rock-cut shelter on your left. **12** After emerging from the wood, turn right then 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.

Lymm and the Dam

5¼ miles: Fairly easy

May be muddy in places after rain. Allow 2½–3 hours.

1 From the front door, turn left and then left again down Burford Lane. **2** After ¼ 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, then cross two further fields to meet Oughtrington 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 bear right down the no-through road. **6** Cross two roads then at a further no-through road sign at the end of a third (Orchard Avenue) leave the descending road to take a metalled footpath on the left. **7** Follow the path past a playing field then left into a road (Mayfield View). Turn right and, at the end of the road, take a footpath on the right that continues towards the tower of Lymm church. **8** Cross the road in front of the church and turn right, passing a public toilet. **9** Before reaching the dam, turn left through a gate into the grounds of Lymm Dam. Follow the path down to the lakeside, passing a sandstone outcrop on your left before dropping to follow a boardwalk at the water’s edge. **10** At the end, climb some steps and keep on round the lake. **11** Turn right at the sign for the Wishing Bridge and drop down to cross the bridge. **12** On the other side, turn right and follow the lower footpath along the far bank of the lake. **13** When

you reach the main road by the dam, cross straight over through the “Village Centre” archway. **14** Walk down some steps and follow the path beyond down the valley (The Dingle). **15** At the end, turn right over the stream and walk up the main street to Lymm Cross. **16** Bear left and cross the canal bridge, then turn right to join the towpath. **17** Follow the canal out of Lymm and into open countryside, before passing under Lloyd Bridge on the edge of Oughtrington after just less than a mile. **18** At Grantham’s Bridge, leave the towpath to cross the canal into the Woodland Trust property of Spud Wood. **19** Beyond a kissing gate take the grassy path that leads straight on. **20** This 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 wood to meet a crossing footpath. **21** Turn left and walk through the wood, passing a sandstone outcrop with a rock-cut shelter on your left. **22** After emerging from the wood, turn right then left and follow the field edge to Burford Lane. **23** 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 last 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** Partway 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 Woolstencroft Farm, 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 the right until you 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 aqueduct, 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 towpath after 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 away to your left. **16** Bear right in front of the main house, then keep left of the picturesque 17th-