



The so-called **Roman Bridge** is actually a 17th-century packhorse bridge over the River Goyt.



**Floodgates Cottage** near Roman Lakes was the sluice-keeper's house, and the site of a toll-gate. The viaduct behind carries the railway line between Marple and New Mills.



**Mellor Cross** was erected by Marple Churches Together in the 1970s. This photo was taken before it lost its top in a gale in 2016.

## three country walks from Mellor & Townscliffe Golf Club



### Mellor Church (1½ miles)

Visit the intriguing ridge-top church of St Thomas the Apostle, and explore the stream-side village of Mellor.

### Peak Forest Canal (3½ miles)

Featuring a peaceful stretch of the Peak Forest Canal and the historic 'Roman Bridge' over the River Goyt.

### Roman Lakes & Mellor Cross (4½ miles)

Varied walking in the Goyt valley, plus a visit to Mellor Cross, with views to Kinder Scout and the Cheshire Plain.



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### Refreshments at Mellor & Townscliffe Golf Club

We are open daily\* from 11am, serving breakfast, soup, sandwiches and meals, freshly ground coffee, hot chocolate and teas. Licensed bar selling craft ales, lagers, wines and spirits.

\*We are closed on Tuesdays during the winter season, but open on Tuesdays from 5pm from June to September.

### Booking our function room 'The Townscliffe'

Our stunning Townscliffe Room can seat up to 120 people. It has its own private bar, outside decked area and balcony overlooking the Manchester skyline and Cheshire hills.

Some satnav users may be directed down Faywood Drive, Marple (an unmade road). If this occurs, use the postcode SK6 5PP and turn right at The Devonshire Arms.



## Directions to the clubhouse and car park

Travel up Longhurst Lane from Marple Bridge to The Devonshire Arms public house on your left. Opposite the public house is Gibb Lane on your right. Follow the lane to a junction, where you bear right (signposted to Linnet Clough Scout Camp and Mellor & Townscliffe Golf Course). Drive past the cottages and farms of Tarden and follow the road as it bends left and then right. Follow the blue sign for the main car park, which is situated through the golf course. As you reach the bottom of the slight incline you will see the greens sheds on your left and the main car park on your right. Park in this car park and walk up to the front entrance of the clubhouse.

## Mellor Church (1½ miles: moderate)

*Two significant descents and ascents, including steep steps; field paths may be muddy after rain. Allow 1 hour.*

**1** Exit the golf club via the main entrance, above the clubhouse. **2** Bear right along Gibb Lane past the cottages of Tarden, passing a covered well on your right. **3** At the junction with Whetmorehurst Lane, turn left onto a footpath beside a gate, running downhill to the left of two ponds. **4** At the bottom of the field, follow the path along a laurel hedge that bends to the right below the second pond. **5** Beyond the pond, bear left between gardens and climb the steps to the road. **6** Cross and take a few steps to the left, then turn right into a driveway (signposted “The Cathedral Country Home”). **7** Take a footpath straight on to the left of the entrance to the house. **8** Follow the path as it bears left and descends along a wire-mesh fence to a footbridge and cross the stream. **9** Cross a stile into a field and walk up the left-hand side of the field to a further stile. **10** Walk up the side of the field to a third stile, to the left of the Parish Centre. **11** Climb a narrow walled path to the churchyard, and turn left past the church. **12** By the church door, take a path on the left that descends some steps and leaves the churchyard. **13** Follow the obvious path down the slope to a kissing gate and thence to Knowle Farm. **14** Turn left and walk down the farm drive until you reach a wood on the left. **15** Take the footpath that leads down some rough steps to a stone bridge over a stream. **16** Climb the steep steps up the far side of the valley then walk along a hedged path between gardens to the road. **17** Cross over and walk down the drive opposite. **18** Beyond the stream at the bottom bear right, then (before a gate) turn left to climb a narrow flight of stone steps (signposted to “Brookbottom via Tarden & The Banks”). **19** Follow the wall up to Tarden Farm and walk out to the road between the buildings. **20** Turn right to return to the golf club.

## Peak Forest Canal (3½ miles: moderate)

*Some paths may be muddy in wet weather. Two moderate climbs. Allow 2 hours.*

**1** Exit the main car park by the lower entrance and turn right down the lane signposted to Linnet Clough Scout Camp and Activity Centre. **2** Pass the camp entrance and follow the track beyond (signposted to

Marple Bridge on PNFS sign no. 461). **3** Follow this track downhill all the way to Bottoms Hall. **4** Beyond the farm buildings and house, carry straight on with a lake on your right. **5** At the junction with Bottoms Mill Road, bear left to the bridge over the River Goyt. **6** Beyond the bridge, take the footpath almost opposite, which curves up the steep side of the valley to a walkway below the railway. **7** Continue to a footbridge that crosses the line and follow the footpath at the top of the steps to the left and then right. **8** Walk out between gardens to the road (the B6102). **9** Cross and follow the shallow stepped path left and up to the canal. **10** Turn right onto the canal towpath and immediately left under the bridge. **11** Follow the towpath for half a mile until you pass under a footbridge (bridge 20), continuing along the canal. **12** Just before bridge 21, turn left onto a driveway. **13** Follow the driveway round to the right (downhill) then left, and descend to the B6102. **14** Cross into a public bridleway that curves down through trees to pass between two cottages. **15** Continue along the obvious path to the river and cross Roman Bridge. **16** On meeting a track on the other side, turn left (signposted to Roman Lakes). **17** After a short distance, turn right at a carved wooden gate onto a footpath signposted to Mellor and Cobden Edge. **18** Climb the hill to the railway line, then turn right until you reach a footbridge. **19** Cross the railway line into the golf course. **20** Continue ahead, passing to the right of a clump of trees. **21** Bear slightly left past a pond on your right. **22** After another pond on your left you pass through a belt of trees, beyond which follow the signposted Cown Edge Way to the right of a fairway. **23** Follow the top of the wooded valley on your right until a waymark directs you between stone gateposts into the trees. **24** Bear left just inside the wood. **25** At a Cown Edge Way fingerpost, turn left to leave the wood and cross two fairways, guided by blue-topped stakes and waymark posts. **26** Bear right of the scout camp’s climbing tower to return to the lane opposite the camp entrance. **27** Turn right to retrace your steps back to the clubhouse.

## Roman Lakes and Mellor Cross

**4½ miles: moderate**

*A couple of moderate climbs, some rocky paths, and some muddy sections may be encountered in winter. Allow 3 hours.*

**1** Exit the main car park by the lower entrance and turn right down the lane signposted to Linnet Clough Scout Camp and Activity Centre. **2** Pass the camp entrance and follow the track beyond (signposted to Marple Bridge on PNFS sign no. 461). **3** Follow this track downhill all the way to Bottoms Hall. **4** Beyond the farm buildings and house, turn left into the unsurfaced Lakes Road. **5** Pass the entrance to Roman Lakes Leisure Park to meet the River Goyt. **6** Walk under the railway viaduct and past the weir, and then past Floodgates Cottage. **7** Pass a couple of houses (Roman Lodge and Strawberry Hill) – it’s worth a short detour to view Roman Bridge over the river on your right, but keep to the left bank of the river to continue. **8** The track eventually leaves the river and passes under the railway to reach Windy Bottom. **9** Beyond the farm, the track curves back rightwards towards the

railway line. **10** At a junction of bridleways, turn left, uphill and away from the railway. **11** Follow this track uphill, crossing one of the fairways of the golf course. **12** At a crossing path, turn right, away from the golf course and past a house called The Shielan. **13** At the next junction, turn left up the track and pass the buildings of Cross Gates Farm. **14** Cross the next drive and walk up a walled hollow way, which curves steeply uphill between farms and past a small quarry. **15** Ignore a downhill track on the right with a stone gatepost, keeping left to reach a driveway. **16** Turn left along the driveway, with views over the golf course away to your left, until you meet the road at Paradise Farm. **17** Clamber up the rocky slope to the cross and admire the wide view while you get your breath back. **18** Behind the cross, follow a path that leads to the left of a disused quarry, then bear left on a path that leads back to the rocky trackway of Black Lane. **19** Turn right (uphill, briefly). As you reach the brow of the hill a wide view to Kinder Scout is revealed. **20** Continue along Black Lane, now descending, until you reach a T-junction of tracks. A wooden post set in a large block of stone at this junction is the site of a monastic cross. **21** Turn left and follow Primrose Lane for quarter of a mile until you reach a road. **22** Turn left along the road, passing the entrances to Coldwall Farm and then Cobden Farm on your right. **23** At a road junction by Moorland Cottage, turn right. **24** Follow the road downhill, bearing right at the entrance to Whetmorehurst, to the junction with Gibb Lane. **25** Turn left along Gibb Lane (signposted “Linnet Clough Scout Camp/Mellor & Townscliffe golf club”). **26** Bear right as the road crosses a small stream, and notice the covered well on your left as you approach the cottages of Tarden. **27** When the road bends left at Tarden Farm, follow it round to return to the golf club.

## Mellor & Townscliffe Golf Club

**We are more than just a golf club!**

**Everyone welcome**

We do hope you will stop off at our clubhouse to enjoy our warm and friendly hospitality. You are welcome to use our facilities without prior booking, but if you have any special food or drink requirements, please email Zoe in advance on [events.mtgc@hotmail.com](mailto:events.mtgc@hotmail.com). We can cater for all your needs.

Please remove muddy boots before entering the clubhouse.

Dogs are not permitted inside the building, but we do provide an outside area with tethering rings and water for your four-legged friends.



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