



Goyt Hall is a fine example of a half-timbered Cheshire farmhouse, built around 1570.



The **River Goyt** rises near Buxton and joins the River Tame at Stockport to form the River Mersey.



Marple Aqueduct, carrying the Peak Forest Canal over the River Goyt, is the highest canal aqueduct in England, and the highest masonry-arch aqueduct anywhere in Britain. It was designed by Benjamin Outram and opened in 1800.



Stockport Hydro stands on a 19th-century weir below Otterspool Bridge. It was opened in 2012 and is Manchester's first community-owned hydro-electric project.



Chadkirk Chapel dates from the 16th century. A Grade II* listed building, it forms the centrepiece of the Chadkirk Chapel and Country Estate, maintained by Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council.

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THREE WALKS FROM THE Hare & Hounds MARPLE, CHESHIRE



Chadkirk Chapel
2 miles: **Easy**

A level walk full of interest, visiting a historic chapel, a holy well and a stretch of the River Goyt.

Goyt Hall and Chadkirk
3 3/4 miles: **Fairly easy**

Along the Goyt to a historic half-timbered farmhouse, returning via the Peak Forest Canal and Chadkirk.

River Goyt and Marple Aqueduct
7 3/4 miles: **Moderate**

A rewarding walk along varied waterways, featuring historic buildings and striking canal architecture.

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OPEN: Mon to Sat 12 noon–11pm
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FOOD SERVED: Mon to Sat 12 noon–9pm
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Chadkirk Chapel

2 miles: Easy

Allow 1½ hours. A few uneven woodland sections, but mostly level and well surfaced.

1 From the front door of the Hare and Hounds, cross the main road and turn left. **2** Pass Marple Garden Centre on your right, then bear left across Otterspool Bridge. **3** Bear right, still following the main road, past a couple of cottages. **4** Just after a pedestrian crossing, turn right at the entrance to the Chadkirk Estate. **5** Turn left into the car park, and pick up a path at the far end to the left of the picnic area, with a stream on your left. **6** Follow the stream past a bridge to an old sluice, where the path turns right, below Little Wood. **7** Cross a footbridge on your left into the wood. **8** The path climbs slightly then descends to meet a lane just below St Chad's Well. **9** Turn right over a bridge and pass Chadkirk Farm. **10** Follow Vale Lane round a left-hand bend, then turn left to the Chapel (signposted Chadkirk Chapel, Kirk Wood and Peak Forest Canal). **11** Once you've visited the Chapel, follow the path below the walled garden. **12** Turn right at a T-junction of paths. **13** Walk along the bottom of Kirk Wood, keeping straight ahead at the bottom of a stepped path on the left. **14** The path bends right to a gate, beyond which you turn left (signposted Chadkirk Bridge). **15** Cross the river and turn right. **16** After a bridge over a sidestream, ignore a stepped path on the left, continuing along the main track, which climbs to a hairpin bend. **17** Leave the track along a path ahead that climbs through the trees, before turning right at the top of the wood. **18** At a fork take the right-hand path, which descends to a footbridge. **19** Cross the field ahead to the main road. **20** Turn left to return to the Hare and Hounds.

Goyt Hall and Chadkirk

3¾ miles: Fairly easy

Allow 2–2½ hours. Mostly level with one or two minor climbs; some paths may be muddy after rain.

1 From the front door of the Hare and Hounds, turn left along the main road. **2** Pass Marple Garden Centre on your right, then bear left across Otterspool Bridge. **3** Turn left down a farm drive (the Alan Newton Way), passing Stockport Hydro on your left. **4** Bear right, continuing along the lane, at Chadkirk Kennels. **5** After 100 yards, an unofficial path on the left leads through the trees and then follows the riverbank, bypassing Waterside Farm. **6** Eventually the path leaves the river and rejoins the farm track, by an Alan Newton Way sign opposite another footpath. **7** Turn left along the track and follow it to Goyt Hall (ignoring the Midshires Way when it heads off left). **8** Keep straight on past the farm, then when the track bends left climb a stile on your right into a field. **9** Cross the field to a double stile, beyond which turn sharp right up a small valley. **10** Shortly climb out of the valley, up the bank on your left, and follow the woodland

edge uphill, with the valley on your right. **11** Cross a stile and continue to a crossing path, where you turn right and drop to cross the stream. **12** The track continues uphill then bears right along a hedge. **13** When you meet a farm drive, turn left into a housing estate. **14** Follow the road (Clapgate) past Bredbury Green Primary School and a row of shops to a junction. **15** Turn right (Bredbury Green) and walk out to the main road, ignoring the turnings into The Ridgway and Greenhead Fold on your right. **16** At the main road (Hatherlow) turn right. **17** At the Spread Eagle pub, turn left before the church and follow Green Lane downhill. **18** Just before the canal aqueduct, climb the steps on your left up to the towpath. **19** Turn right, over the aqueduct, and follow the canal for a quarter of a mile. **20** Just after a second aqueduct, by a litter bin, leave the canal down a flight of stone steps on your right. **21** Turn left down the road, passing white-painted cottages on either side to reach St Chad's Well and Chadkirk Farm.

Follow steps **10** to **20** of the **Chadkirk Chapel** walk (above) to return to the Hare and Hounds.

River Goyt & Marple Aqueduct

7¾ miles: Moderate

Allow 4–5 hours. Several minor climbs; some paths may be muddy after rain. Short suburban interludes with some road walking.

1 From the front door of the Hare and Hounds, turn right. **2** Turn almost immediately right over a bridge into a lane marked with a footpath sign. **3** Walk past a house on the right and continue along the lane, which shortly bends to the right to meet the River Goyt. Follow it to a house, where it leaves the river again to reach a farm. **4** Walk through the farm and rejoin the lane on the other side. **5** Climb the hill to meet the A626 at Offerton Green. **6** Turn right past a petrol station and the entrance to a sand and gravel supplier opposite the end of Bean Leach Road. **7** Cross over and continue downhill past the entrance to Foggbrook Drive, crossing back over the main road at the bridge at the bottom of the valley. **8** Turn right into Holiday Lane and cross the stream again. **9** At a junction, take the track straight ahead, then turn left onto a path. **10** In front of some garages, follow the path to the right. **11** Continue along the obvious path down the valley to a footbridge. **12** Cross here and climb obliquely up the opposite bank of the stream. **13** Just after the brow of the hill, turn off to the right, descending to a bridge over the River Goyt to the right of some low sandstone cliffs. **14** Cross the river and follow the path rightward and uphill through trees, then cross a narrow field to meet a track. **15** Turn left and follow the track to Goyt Hall. **16** Keep straight on past the farm, then when the track bends left climb a stile on your right into a field. **17** Cross the field to a double stile, beyond which turn sharp right up a small valley. **18** Almost immediately, climb out of the valley up the bank on your left and follow the woodland edge uphill, with the valley on your right. **19** Cross a stile and continue to a crossing path, where you turn right to drop down to cross the stream.

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