



Alternative Route to Nick i' th' Hill

For a more "Adventurous Route" to Nick i' th' Hill via Congleton Edge. This route has a steeper gradient and is rocky in places.

- 11a. Leave the Biddulph Valley Way at Reade's Lane. Descend the steps on the right onto Mill Lane.
- 12a. T-L and continue along Mill Lane to reach the Castle Inn on the A527 Biddulph Road.
- 13a. Cross the road and T-R. Continue along the pavement to a waymarked path on the left along a stone wall.
- 14a. Follow the path uphill and cross the fields to enter a narrow path into the trees.
- 15a. Continue over a stile and up steps. At the end of a barbed wire fence keep left following the way markers to reach a field gate on the left.
- 16a. Go through the gate and climb steeply to a stile, disregard the stile further to the left.
- 17a. Cross the stile bearing right to reach another stile leading into Whitemoor Wood.
- 18a. The path follows a stone wall on the left along Congleton Edge (disregard the waymarked path on the right). Take care where the path narrows above the quarry edge.
- 19a. Emerge on the road at Nick i' th' Hill. Cross the road to go on a path uphill to re-join the route at **Point 20**.

- 27. Immediately after crossing the canal take steps down to the towpath. T-R under the bridge and continue along the towpath (canal on the left) for 2km, to bridge 89. For refreshments, the Rising Sun is nearby.
- 28. Do not go over the bridge, but leave the canal and T-L onto Cinderhill Lane.
- 29. Follow Cinderhill Lane and then T-R into Margery Avenue. Stay on Margery Avenue, ignoring roads to left & right, to reach a ginnel on the right.
- 22. After the Telecoms Tower T-R downhill between walls, over a stile into fields with a wall to the left. Then through a gate and down to Hanging Wood.
- 23. Through the K-G into the wood and follow the path downhill and through a K-G into a field. Continue downhill, the wall 10 or 20m to the right. Then leave the boundary, continue straight and through a metal gate to a track.
- 24. Keep going downhill on the track (ignore path to left).
- 25. T-L at lane and then go through a tunnel under the railway to Ackers Crossing.
- 26. Emerge from the tunnel into Yew Tree Lane to arrive at a T-junction. T-R onto New Road, shortly arriving at bridge 85 on the Macclesfield Canal.
- 20. Follow the waymarked track uphill to reach Mow Lane.
- 21. Keep straight ahead on the road (ignoring a road immediately off to the left) for 1km. At the entrance driveway of Roe Park Farm, T-R, over a stile (to the left of the farm drive) into the wood waymarked the Griststone Trail.
- 13. Descend steps to a farm track.
- 14. T-R on the track to go through a tunnel under the trail.
- 15. Follow the track uphill passing Higher Whitemoor Farm and into the field.
- 16. Follow the waymarked path curving left and enter the woods.
- 17. Leaving the woods, the path meets a track leading to a road.
- 18. T-R at the road to Nick i' th' Hill.
- 19. Ignore the grassy path between walls left, but after only 5m T-L on the next waymarked track going uphill.