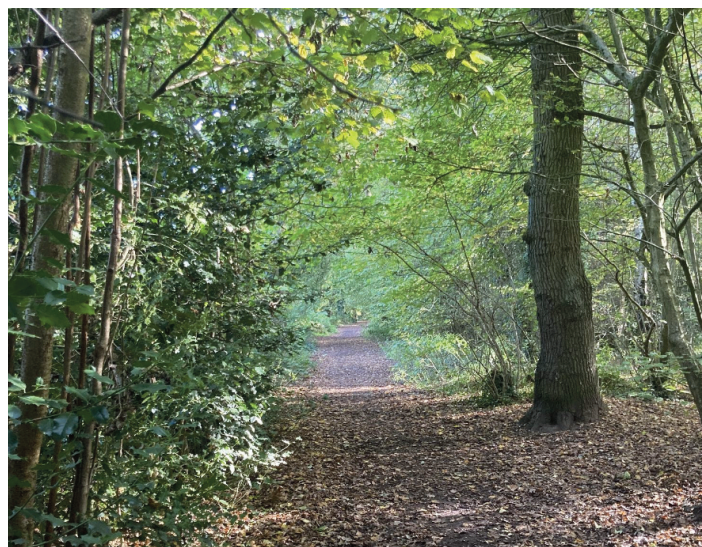


Rake Hall and Stanney Woods, Little Stanney



Moderate Terrain

A 2.8 mile circular walk through Little Stanney and the woods



Access notes

1. There are a number of stiles along the way which makes this walk unsuitable for pushchairs.
2. There is an extremely busy road to cross over and a housing estate to walk through. Please do take care.
3. The route is relatively easy but depending on the season, may have short sections that are muddy and this should be considered when deciding to follow the walk and suitable footwear should be worn.

Rake Hall is the perfect pub for refreshments before or after your walk.

A circular walk starting and finishing at Rake Hall in Little Stanney. Total walk time of around 1 hour 10 to 1 hour 20 minutes.

Getting there

The walk starts and finishes outside Rake Hall on Rake Lane in Little Stanney. The pub has a car park and the postcode for directions is **CH2 4HS**.

The walk

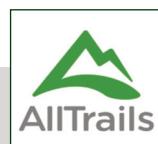
Leave the pub and turn left. You are going to be walking along Rake Lane which is quite a busy road with no footpath – not ideal, but it really is the only way of getting anywhere from the pub and it is only a short section.

Walk past the caravan park on the left and follow the road round the bend.

Just past houses on your right hand side you will come to the footpath sign signifying the right turn through the gate.



After a few yards, the track forks, take the left-hand fork over the field. Wrap round to the right (with the trees on your right). You are aiming for the corner diagonally opposite to where you entered the field, but you can skirt around the edge if that is easier than cutting straight across.



We have created this walk with the help of AllTrails. Download the app to follow the route on your phone for live updates of your position and distance walked amongst other things. You will find lots of walks across the country including walks from the rest of the Brunning and Price family of pubs.

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Tucked in the corner you will find a little hole in the bush line and if you follow it you will find a beautiful stile that crosses over the ditch. Cross this and then walk along the hedge line to your left across the next field.



At the end of this field you come to another stile hidden in the bushes, crossover this one too and again walk along the field hedge line with the hedges on your left side.

At the end of the field there is another stile to cross over (do you see why we said not suitable for pushchairs now!).

Walk diagonally across the field in front of you (North-West for those with a compass) heading for the trees in the distance. There is a little gap in the trees with a couple of planks that make a bridge over a ditch, head over the ditch keeping a watch out for trolls!



Bear right even though there is a track that goes forward and crossover another little plank bridge to head towards an extremely busy road – sorry, needs must!

Crossover said terrifying road (please do take care) and you'll see our little walking man sign again telling you to enter the woods over a plank bridge.

Disclaimer: We have taken care to make sure all our walks are safe for walkers of a reasonable level of experience and fitness. However, like all outdoor activities, walking carries a degree of risk and we accept no responsibility for any loss or damage to personal effects, personal accident, injury or public liability whilst following this walk. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies that result from changes to the routes that occur over time. Please let us know of any changes to the routes so that we can correct the information.

Walking Safety: For your safety and comfort we recommend that you take the following with you on your walk: bottled water, snacks (who doesn't love a mid-walk snack), a mobile phone and to wear sensible footwear. If the weather has potential to be a little wet or cold, be sure to carry a waterproof jacket, a woolly hat and maybe a fleece. Check the weather forecast before you leave, carry appropriate clothing and do not set out in fog or mist as these conditions can seriously affect your ability to navigate the route. Some routes include sections along roads, for these please take care to avoid any traffic at these points. Around farmland take care with children and dogs.

You are now in a stunning wood and you'll see that there is a track to the left and one to the right, we're going to take the track that is right in front of you.

Cross over another little ditch bridge and take a dogleg to the right. Keep walking until you have to make a choice to turn left or right, choose left.

Stick to the path that runs at the very outer edge of the wood and keep going. When you get to what feels like the end of the wood bear right and keep on the path that runs along the outer edge.

When you get to another decision point you can either go right, straight on and in this instance we're going to go left which takes us out of the woods towards some houses.

(At this point you could choose to turn right and continue the walk around the edge, taking you back to where you entered Stanney Woods and then retrace your path back across the fields and stiles and back to the pub.)

You're now on Skye Close and you want to cross over the road and go straight on. Walk through the housing estate and you then come to a T-junction and you turn left.



Not quite as picturesque as the wood, but you're on the way back to the pub. You get to a big roundabout. Bear right so that the Porsche garage ends up being on your left hand side (bit of window shopping...one day!). You get to another roundabout and you turn left at the Audi garage.

Now simply follow the brown signs - get to the end of the road and turn right across the road which is easier said than done, so again please be careful... then the pub and that celebratory drink should be within your sights.

