

- 6 Follow the path through Little Mill Meadow, through another gate and into Boat House Wood.
- 7 Turn left to follow the path through the wood passing the sailing club.
- 8 Follow the path around the sailing club to cross the grass back to the car park.

If you follow the towpath over the bridge from point 4 you will pass Blake Mere and eventually reach Ellesmere after about 4 kilometres.



Kangaroo Facts

 If you crossed a bulldozer and dumper-truck you'd get a doz-dumper. That's what a glacier is. In the Ice Age they piled up huge mounds of earth and dumped even more on top, burying chunks of ice the size of office blocks.

 Otters catch fish in the Mere and eat them on the beaches. They leave the heads though – well you would wouldn't you?

 Kangaroos don't eat fish or pull canal barges.

They don't have tummy buttons either. They prefer zips.



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FAMILY FRIENDLY WALKS

Cole Mere

Collywobbles



WHAT SORT OF WALK IS IT?

Type of ground? Woodland paths, flattish, but can be muddy

How long? 1½ miles/
2.4 km. Allow 1½ hours

How easy? Easy peasy!

Suitable for pushchairs? Yes
with help – steps to canal

Giant ice cubes and cold, deep water. It's not hard to see why everyone loves Cole Mere. The lake, the woods, the canal, the rotting fish heads... It's quite lovely really.

Finding the Start

Take the A528 Ellesmere Road from Shrewsbury. Colemere is on the right just past Cockshutt. Follow the brown signs, the car park is next to the Mere (Grid ref SJ435 328).

Start

- 1 From the car park, across the grass area to the wicket gate into Yell Field.

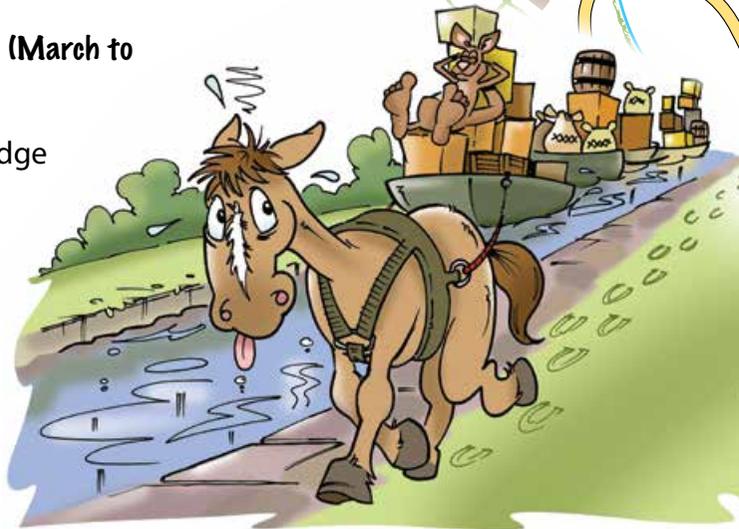
Cole Mere is like a giant's tummy-button filled with icy water. It has steep sides and is really deep. It was made when a huge chunk of ice melted. It was dumped and buried by a glacier in the last Ice Age 11,000 years ago.

- 2 Follow the water's edge across Yell Field to the gate on the far side to enter Yell Wood.

Please keep your dogs on a lead during the nesting period (March to June) or when there's livestock present.

- 3 Go through the gate and cross the small footbridge following the path through the woods and up some steps to the canal.

A canal is nothing like a tummy button. It's a very long trench filled with water. This one was built over 200 years ago. Before jets, motorways and even railways, canals carried everything. Horses would pull special barges called 'tub boats'. They'd sometimes pull up to ten boats at a time.



- 4 Turn left and follow the path to the bridge then bear left back towards the Mere.
- 5 Keep going until you see a couple of wooden buildings on the right at the top of the canal bank. Go left, crossing the stream and go through the gate.