

WALK 3.

Walk across the fields to Littleton, walking along Fir Tree Lane and taking another field footpath back to Christleton Village via Little Heath Pit & the Village Meadow. 2.6km



Start at the Lych gate to St James Church, and walk west along Pepper Street to the end of the churchyard wall, and turn right to take the field footpath to Pearl Lane and Littleton.

The church is on your right and you go through the short passageway to the kissing gate, before taking the footpath across the fields to Pearl Lane. There is a kissing gate to get onto the lane. Walk carefully on the right side of the lane until you reach the crossroads.

Cross over here with the old farm buildings on your left and Castle Cottage on your right.

Walk for 75m or so and bare right towards the entrance to Fir Tree Lane. Walk along the lane with the fields on your right for about 600m until you reach a footpath sign to the right, back towards Christleton village.

After 100m or so following the hedge, the footpath goes diagonally back right, through an old sandstone stile and then follows the field boundary until you reach another old stone stile, where you turn right onto Bricky Lane and walk for another 100m or so until you reach Little Heath Road, with Littleheath Pit on your left. Walk along the small footpath alongside the Pit and then turn left towards the Playing fields with the Alms Houses on your right. Take the footpath to the right at the end of the Alms Houses wall, through the metal gate to the Little Mere complex, and then right through the wooden kissing gate onto the meadow. Follow the mowed footpath right back towards a small copse of trees, and through a narrow passageway back to Little Heath Road. Turn left here and walk along the pavement back to the village centre and St James Church.

An extension to this walk is to go left through the meadow and take the gate at the field gate end, turn, right, then almost immediately left and follow the line of hedgerow and trees for 150m or so, before turning right and walking the footpath diagonally right towards Birch Heath Lane. Go through another old sandstone stile and turn right along the pavement back to the Village Green and St James' Church. (+600m)



