

WALK 1.

From Christleton to Waverton & return via the Baker Way & the canal.

3.5km



Start at the entrance to Skips Lane at the end of Rowton Bridge Road and follow the Baker Way parish footpath. At the end of Skips Lane a narrow path on the left takes you to a kissing gate. Follow the path ahead of you diagonally towards the canal but take the route through another kissing gate, and then walk towards the canal. The footpath along this next section is very narrow, so please give way to other walkers if necessary. Go thorough a metal kissing gate and after 200m or so the path dips left away from the canal through a small copse to another kissing gate, and then follows the field boundary on your left towards a large marl pit, and a newly planted potato field. The main footpath then goes left and in a short time right, through another kissing gate and then follows a narrow path with a tall hedge on either side and comes out in the Capesthorpe Road estate. Keep going south diagonally towards Fox Lane, passing the sign to Sheraton Road on your left, along a small passageway, and then walk along Fox Lane to the main road and Egg Bridge. Keep to the right over the bridge and then turn sharp right down a small path towards the canal. Turn left at this point, and then follow the canal towpath for 1,800m, back to Rowton Bridge and Christleton Village. On your way notice the Christleton/ Rowton Parish Boundary stone (CP/RT 1645-1995) on your left. In another 600m or so there is a new footpath via steps on your left, which leads to Rowton Poplars Restaurant & Pub which is now open. (Sept 2020). This is a good place to have a stop. Return across the field back to the canal towpath, turn west (left) and you will soon pass the Netherwood Caravan Park on your left, and the houses & canal side gardens of Skips Lane will be on your right. You end your walk at Rowton Bridge. (Bridge 120)

You could extend the walk a little by continuing walking to Quarry Bridge (121) + 800m or Trooper Bridge (122) + 1100m, and then back along Pepper Street to the Village Green. + 500m

