

ETHEROW COUNTRY PARK WOODLAND AND WATERWAYS

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ETHEROW COUNTRY PARK - ANDREW ARMS PUBLIC HOUSE -
KEG WOOD - SUNNY CORNER WOODS - KEG POOL - ERNOCROFT
WOOD - ETHEROW RESERVOIR - VISITOR CENTRE AND CAFÉ.

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WALK 15

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Follow the path over the narrow bridge and spillway between the river and canal, passing a small bridge and a red bridge on the right and Ernocroft Wood on the left. Within Ernocroft Wood there is an ancient coal mine which is thought to have been first mined in the early middle ages. Ernocroft Wood is also a Site of Biological Importance.

This walk forms part of a series of walks and trails developed by Manchester's Countryside. For more information on Manchester's Countryside, including downloads of the walks visit:

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Continue on the path passing the pond-dipping platform to the right, walking alongside the reservoir and finally re-entering Etherow Country Park car park. There is a café next to the car park serving light meals and refreshments. (Open 7 days a week, 10am – 4pm in the winter and 10am – 5pm in the summer.)



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DISTANCE:

3.5 miles

STARTING POINT:

Etherow County Park car park, off George Street, Compstall.

HOW TO GET THERE:

By Bus - From Stockport Town Centre take the 383 to Marple Bridge, at Marple Bridge cross the road and turn right up the footpath into Etherow Country Park

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WALK SUMMARY

A beautiful and calm woodland walk around mill ponds, rivers and streams with colourful views of the Goyt Valley.

THE WALK

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The walk begins at Etherow Country Park car park. Exit the car park turning right onto George Street. Follow George Street past the Andrew Arms Public House and the converted church as it merges into John Street.

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Continue onwards up School Lane, past School Lane Farm and Bardsley Knoll Cottage passing farm land on both sides. Etherow Country Park was once part of the estate of George Andrew, who built Compstall Mill in the 1820s. Compstall village was also built to house his mill workers.

③

When passing between Campville Farm on the right and Chapel Farm House on the left, turn right at footpath sign. Cross two stiles, passing a water trough, cross another stile and turn right.

④

Cross two stiles and follow the path until you reach the gate to the woodland. Follow the path as it turns to the left onto the main track. (Take a short detour to the right for an excellent view up Etherow Valley.) Carry on to John Hirst Cottage.

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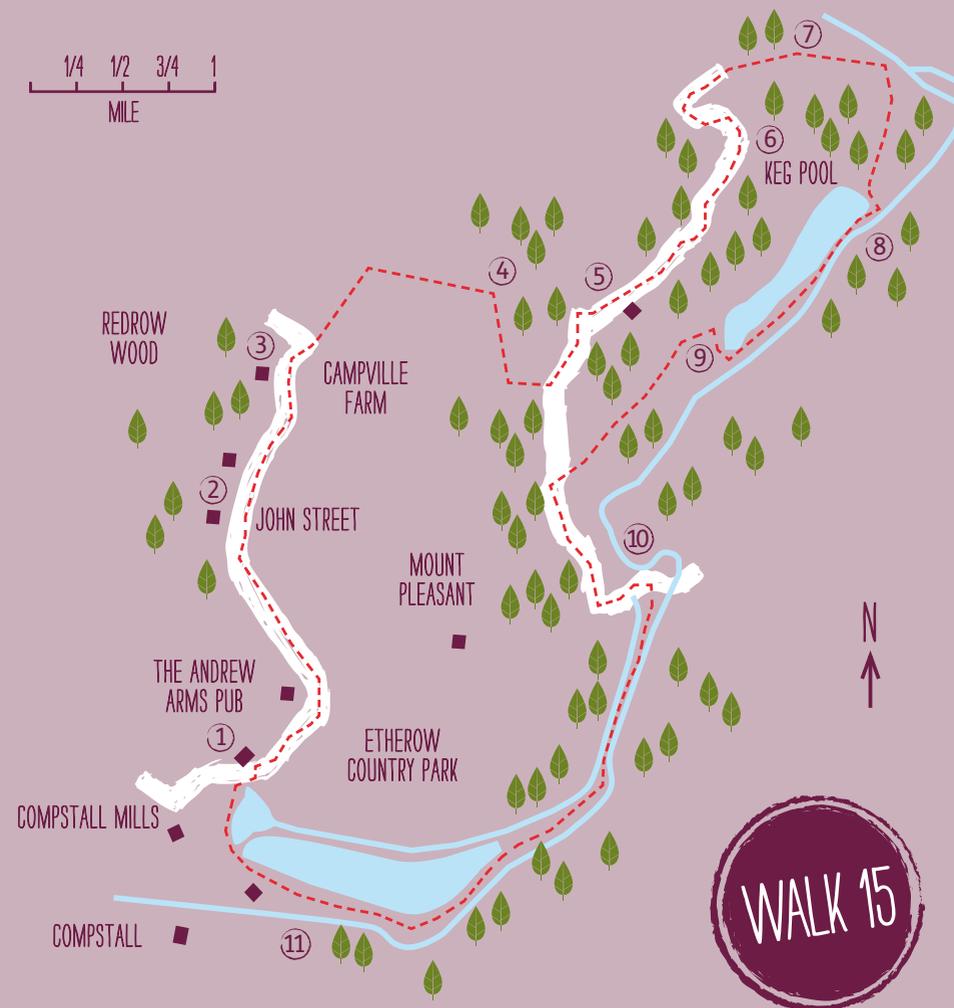
After John Hirst Cottage carry on forwards along the track. There is a picnic area to the right of the path, surrounded by woodland.

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Follow the track as it cuts through Keg Wood until you reach the picnic area and bird feeders. This spot offers beautiful views of the wooded valley.

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At the shelter, bear left and follow the path around Sunny Corner woods, down the steps and alongside the brook. The brook feeds into the old trout breeder tanks, now a home for amphibians and aquatic invertebrates.



Soon after the breeding pond the brook meets with Keg Pool.

Keg Wood and Keg Pool were the Andrew family's private shooting and fishing grounds, now they are a quiet sanctuary for wildlife.

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Cross the small stone bridge on the left and follow the trail around Keg Pool. At the second bridge there is seating looking out onto the pool next to a giant carving of a kingfisher.

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As the path forks at Keg Pool take the left hand trail down through the woodland. Follow the path through the rhododendron tunnel and up the steps. Turn left onto the track at the sign post, dropping down to the cottage and public toilets. At the cottage turn left past the old brick hut to the bridge to look over the weir. Instead of crossing the bridge come back and turn left to cross the sluice.

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