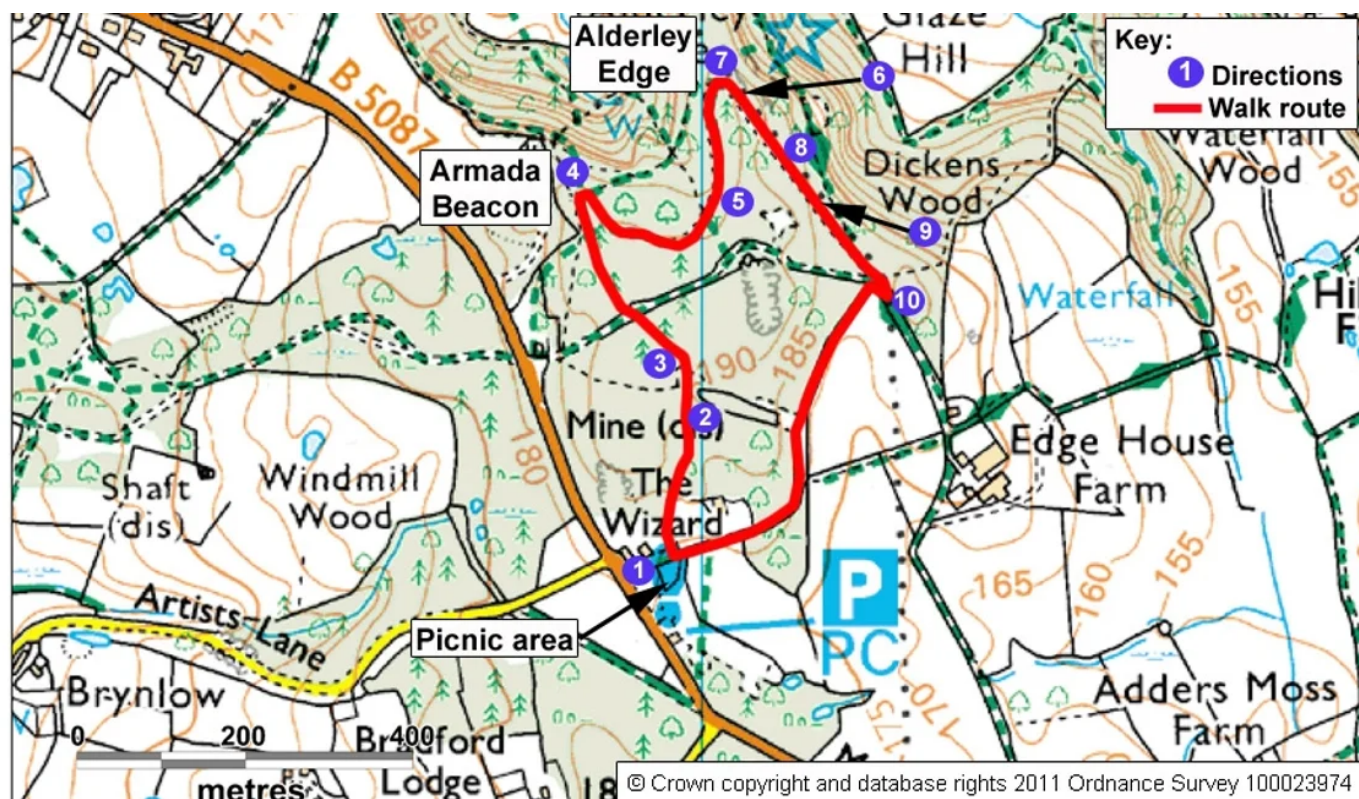


CHESHIRE & GREATER MANCHESTER

The Wizard's Wander at Alderley Edge

An easy-access circular walk in the heart of the Cheshire countryside exploring mining remains and learning about the popular legend of Alderley Edge.



Information

Address: Macclesfield Road, Nether Alderley,
Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK10 4UB

OS map: Explorer 268; Landranger 118

Activity: Walking

Easy

Dog friendly: Dogs are welcome but must be kept on leads in lambing/nesting season.

Full trail: Miles: 1 (km: 1.6)

Access: Challenging

Duration: 45 mins - 1 hour

Terrain

Generally flat, surfaced and waymarked circuit. Gentle to moderate slopes, bumpy in parts. Suitable for pushchairs.

Total steps: 11

Start point: National Trust car park, grid ref: SJ859773

1. Start near the picnic area. The nearby Wizard Tea-room celebrates the popular legend of Alderley Edge.
2. Just beyond the Information Room, turn left into the woods and follow the surfaced path gently uphill to the Engine Vein.
3. Look out for signs of old mine shafts as you continue uphill.
4. Walk onward to the Armada Beacon.
5. Beside the path, 220yd (200m) on, is the Druids' Circle.
6. The path emerges from the trees onto the bare rock of Stormy Point.
7. Nearby is the gash of the Devil's Grave.
8. Head away from Stormy Point, on Carriage Drive.
9. Roughly halfway down the drive, take an optional detour off to the right, to the atmospheric Canyon Mine.
10. Return to the Carriage Drive and turn right. Where the drive meets a well-used farm road, look for the Goldenstone, on the verge, 22yd (20m) ahead.
11. Now turn back, to return on the (sometimes busy) farm track to the main Alderley Edge, to Macclesfield Road and the car park.

End point: National Trust car park, grid ref: SJ859773