

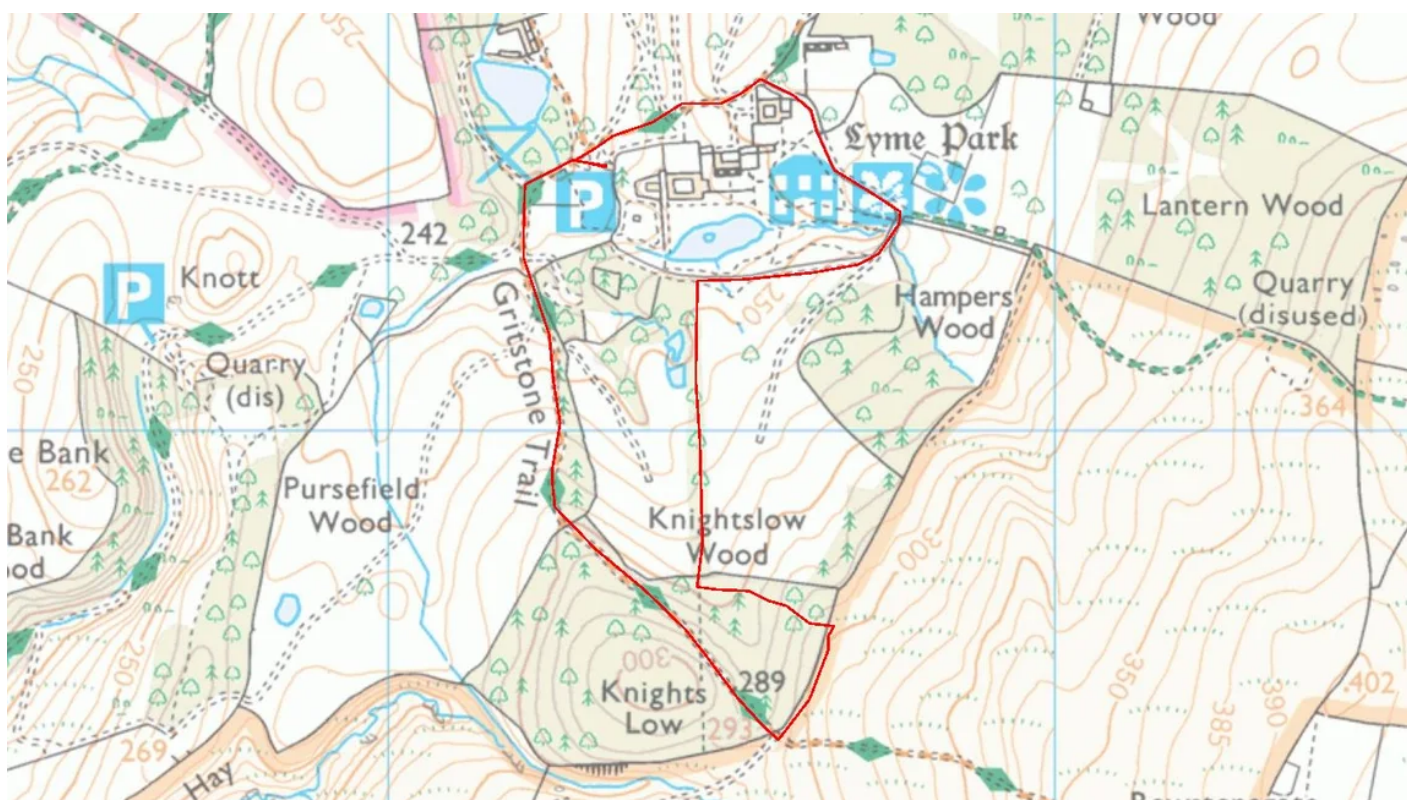
CHESHIRE & GREATER MANCHESTER

Lime Avenue ponds walk

In 2017, after years of planning and fundraising, the Lime Avenue ponds were restored, creating a beautiful spot for visitors and a home for a variety of wildlife. This walk takes in the ponds and tree-lined avenue, as well as woodland and moorland, giving you the chance to discover many areas of the estate.

i Help us to protect nature between April and July

Spring and early summer is a time when birds travel near and far to nest at Lyme and deer and highland cows are calving. Help us to protect the wildlife who call Lyme home by keeping to paths and designated cycle trails and keeping your dog on a lead everywhere in the parkland, aside from the 6km of dedicated off lead space.



Information

Address: Lyme car park, Disley, Cheshire, SK12 2NX

OS map: OS Landranger

Activity: Walking

Moderate

Dog friendly: Dog-friendly walk but we ask dogs are kept on leads on some parts of the route due to sensitive habitats and grazing cattle.

Full trail: Miles: 2 (km: 3.2)

Duration: 1 hour

Total steps: 9

Start point: The car park at Lyme

1. Facing the car park with the Information Centre behind you, follow the tarmac road around the outside of the car park until you reach the cattle grid. Don't cross the cattle grid, but instead bear to the left.
2. Go through the gate and follow the stony track (Gritstone Trail) with the woodland on the left and Drinkwater Meadow on your right. Follow the track until you reach a gate in the wall into Knightslow Wood.
3. Head through the gate and continue ahead. As you continue along the path, look to your left for a wonderful view of the south front of the house with the Cage in the background.
4. Continue along until you reach a gate ahead. Go through the gate onto the moor and turn left, then follow the path with the wall on your left.
5. After a few hundred yards, turn left through the first gate you pass.
6. Follow the footpath down through the wood until you reach a gate on your right that takes you in to Calves Croft. This will bring you out at the top of Lime Avenue with wonderful views down to the house. Please note that in this area, we ask visitors to stick to footpaths and that dogs remain on leads due to sensitive wildlife living in this area.
7. Head down Lime Avenue and you will find the ponds on the left.

8. Head to the bottom of Lime Avenue until you reach the fence to the garden. Turn right and follow the footpath around the perimeter of the garden until you reach Hampers Bridge. Cross the bridge and go through a gate into Turfhouse Meadow before turning left.
9. Go through the next gate and follow the lane to a T-junction at which you turn left, passing the front of the old stable block. Continue downhill past the house to return to the car park, or alternatively go for a closer look at the gardens or house.

End point: The car park
