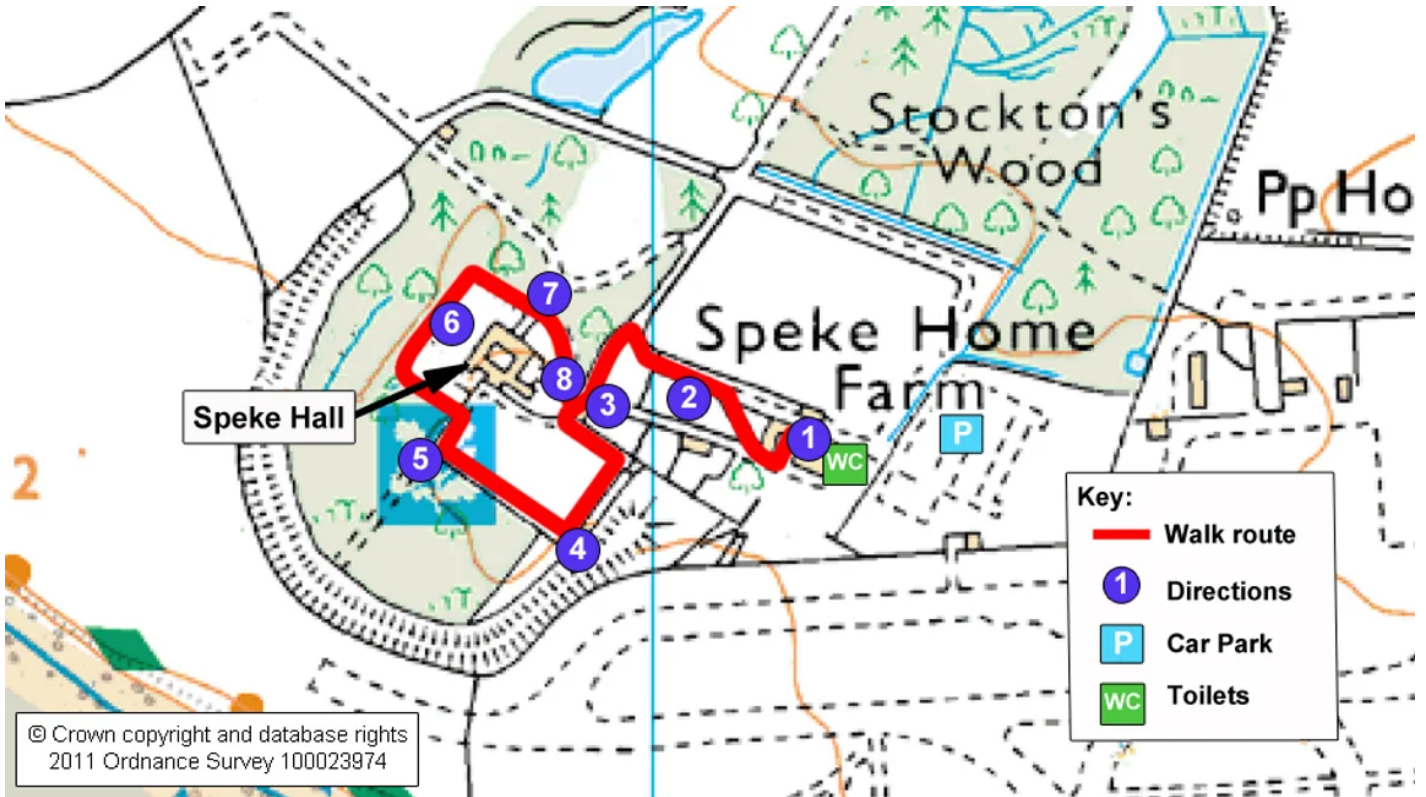


LIVERPOOL & LANCASHIRE

## Speke Hall and Garden trail

Enjoy an easy stroll and take in views of the stunning Tudor hall from every angle. This short walk will show you the restored garden – full of interest and colour all year round.



## Information

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Address: Speke Hall, The Walk, Liverpool, L24 1XD

OS map: Explorer 275

Activity: Walking

Easy: Flat level paths – some on gravel. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Not suitable for dogs: Please note that dogs are not permitted on this walk as the route passes through Speke's formal garden.

Full trail: Miles: 0.5 (km: 0.8)

Duration: 20 mins

## Terrain

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Flat level paths – some on gravel. Suitable for wheelchairs and prams.

## Total steps: 8

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Start point: Home Farm Courtyard, outside visitor reception, grid ref: SJ421824

1. Start your walk in the courtyard with the buildings behind you, facing out across the maze and the River Mersey. Take the path to the right around the bottom edge of the restaurant.
2. Follow the path around the orchard. This was formerly the site of a large range of farm buildings, which were demolished in the 1880s when Adelaide Watt built the current Home Farm building. Go left at the end of the path.
3. Walk down towards the small timber-framed stable block. Take the path straight ahead into the formal garden.
4. This path takes you around the edge of the South Lawn, which we have recently restored to its Victorian glory. The borders contains a variety of flowering shrubs in the Victorian taste, including lilacs, viburnums and mop-headed hydrangeas.
5. To your right is a fine view of the South Range of the hall. Although the ridge of the roof is a continuous line, the differing heights of the gables and chimney stacks show that there were two distinct phases to the construction.
6. This path takes you parallel to the West Range of the hall. Look over the holly hedge and down; it may be a tidy stretch of green lawn now but it was a moat for hundreds of years. The moat was still in existence in 1781 and this area remained damp and boggy throughout the 1800s.
7. The path now runs along the front of the hall. At this point you can sit and admire the view on the bridge, go into the house and learn more about this stunning building or carry on along the path to complete your walk.
8. This short section of path will lead you back around to the stable block where the walk ends.

End point: Outside the stable block, grid ref: SJ419825

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