

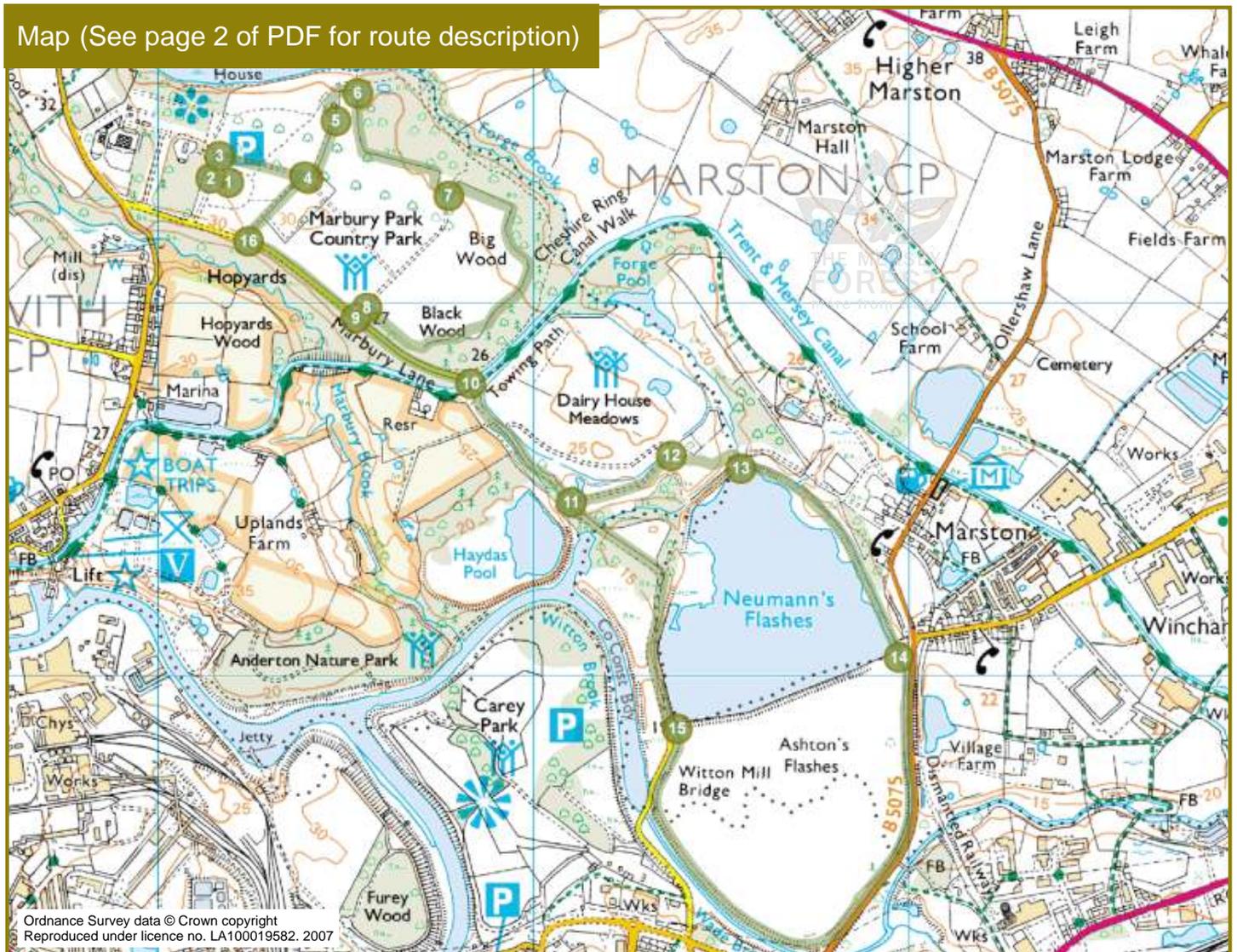
Marbury Country Park to the Flashes

Route Summary

See the highlights of The Mersey Forest's flagship land reclamation project at Northwich.

Grade	Challenging (walking) / Easy (cycling) / Easy (riding)
Distance	9km / 5½ miles
Accessibility	Mostly level, surfaced paths
Allow	3 hours (walking) / 1½ hours (cycling) / 2 hours (riding)
Start	Marbury Country Park car park, Marbury Lane, Anderton
Map	OS Explorer 267 Northwich & Delamere Forest

Map (See page 2 of PDF for route description)



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Route Details

Stroll through splendid woodlands carpeted with bluebells in the springtime, or relax under the shade of the lime avenues. Wander along the mere with splendid views over the water to the church at Great Budworth, or explore the arboretum and community orchard. Children will enjoy the play area, close to the picnic area.

Many of the features of the Country Park, including the lime avenues and the arboretum, are a legacy of the days when Marbury was a grand estate. The last hall, built in the 1850s, was a fine looking house modeled on the French chateau at Fontainebleau, with an imposing carriage drive entrance.

Ashton's and Neumann's Flashes were the last parts of what is now Northwich Community Woodlands to be reclaimed from industrial use and their legacy is an influence on the plants and animals that can be found here. The presence, in some parts, of salt, has allowed many seaside plants to establish whilst the lime beds have helped to create the perfect habitat for the rare dingy skipper butterfly. Enjoy bird watching from one of the bird hides or survey the wider landscape from four viewpoints.

Route Directions

1. Exit the car park.
2. Turn right away from Marbury Lane.
3. Turn right again.
4. Turn left at the crossroads, signposted 'Mere' and 'Big Wood'.
5. Bear right where the track divides in two.
6. Turn right on to the bridleway around the edge of the wood, and follow it round to the right.
7. Bear left to remain beside the edge of the wood.
8. At the T junction near Marbury Lane turn left, signposted 'Hopyards Wood'.
9. At Marbury Lane turn left.
10. Cross the Trent and Mersey Canal.
11. Turn left on to a track signposted 'Dairy House Meadows' and 'Neumann's Flash'.
12. Bear right where the track splits.
13. Cross a stream then turn left around the pool.
14. On nearing New Warrington Road, bear left to follow the path beside it. This path bends round until it is beside Wade Brook, then eventually beside Marbury Lane.
15. Join the lane and turn right, then follow it all the way to the track after where you first joined it.
16. Turn right up this track.
17. Turn left at the crossroads.
18. Turn left just before the toilets.
19. Turn left into the car park.

