

## WALK 5 GUIDE --- 4 km (2.5 miles)

This is a short walk around Silver Lane Ponds and the associated meadow area that form the designated local wildlife site owing to the presence of a variety of wildfowl. Although the walk does not start at any of the pubs in the Parish, all are within a short driving distance. It is almost entirely along public rights of way and permissive paths. Some paths may be muddy.

The start point is at the entrance to Silver Lane by Warrington Road opposite Cross Lane (NGR SJ 65209315). Parking spaces are marked along one side of the lane. Additional parking is available along Warrington Road in a marked space.

1. Walk to the side of the metal gate along the lane adjacent to the M62.
2. Go past the first station and on reaching the second, turn left on to the track.
3. After 200m cross the stile and follow the narrow footpath between the fences.
4. Cross the stile and walk along the field edge.
5. After 30m go through the narrow gap in the hedge over the stile on to the narrow wooden bridge which can be very slippery in wet weather.
6. Follow the footpath through the woods until you reach the kissing gate. This path can be muddy at times.
7. Turn right and follow the path alongside the first pond on the left
8. Carry on straight ahead passing a second pond on your left. As the path rises you will experience fine views of Manchester. You will pass a number of paths behind the fence on your right. These will provide access to the fully restored Risley Landfill Site which is yet to be officially opened to the public.

9. At the end of the second pond take the path to the left between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> pond.
  - The route can be slightly extended by carrying on alongside the 3<sup>rd</sup> pond, turning left in front of Silver Lane Brook and following the path to the point where it joins the path between the 2 ponds.)
10. Turn left and follow the path around ponds 2 and 1 and re-join the path returning you to the track through the woods. Re-trace your steps to return you to the entrance to Silver Lane at Warrington Road.

