

Twelve BRAMHALL – CHEADLE HULME.

An attractive country walk with the impressive half timbered Bramall Hall at the half way point. The hall has a tea-room, playground and 70 acres of parkland.

Take the train to Manchester Victoria and from there catch the tram to Manchester Piccadilly. Go up to the main concourse.

Then take a train to Bramhall Station. Come down from the station platform and cross the main road.

Turn right and after about 150 yards go left into Robins Lane.

On the right is the parish church of St Michael and All Angels. If open this church is worth a look. It has some impressive additions.

At the roundabout follow the lane to the left.

Note the distinctly modern estate to the right.

Immediately before the railway bridge go right into the woodland along a setted path. Follow this through the shady woodland by the side of a golf course.

Cross the road and continue on the path on the other side.

Eventually you pass by the side of a car park on your right.

Continue the short way down to the lane and opposite is the drive to the hall and grounds.

A few yards up this the hall is on your right and a tea-room on your left.

There is an admission charge for the guided tour of the hall but it is well worth it. *Bramall Hall dates originally from about 1370 and grew right up to the nineteenth century. The hall is open every afternoon from April 1st to September 30th. In October, November and December it is closed on Mondays. Outside these periods it is open on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays. Ring 0845 833 0974 for details.*

In the parkland you will find a playground, lawns, lakes and many paths.

To continue the walk:

Stand outside the hall entrance and look away from it.

Turn left then left again down the side of the hall.

Then go left again along the terrace at the front of the hall.

The hall looks very fine from here - notice the ornate chimneys.

At the end of the terrace is a large tree.

At this tree zigzag down the path and the steps to the lakeside and go immediately left with the lake on your right.

Follow this path which curves gently right to cross the lake and goes towards a bridge over a stream.

Immediately before the bridge turn left and follow the path between the lake on your left and the stream.

Go up the steps and cross the road.

Continue opposite on the path by the stream through the Ladybrook Valley.

Keep straight on through the fields with the brook on you right.

Go under the railway viaduct and at the main road turn left.

A short way along this road take the footpath on the left. This runs beside the railway embankment to Cheadle Hulme Station.

At the main road the station is on your left.

Trains for Manchester leave from platform one (up the first steps) and platform three (up left between the two railway bridges).

If you wish to visit the pub go under both railway bridges and on the left is the Cheadle Hulme Hotel.

Joseph Holt's mild and bitter and food served.

CLASSIFICATION: EASY WALK OF TWO SHORT STRETCHES ON THE LEVEL.
WOODLAND, PARKLAND, ARCHITECTURE, PUB.
RAIL FARE – category one. Total of train, meal and hall admission is category three to four for an adult.

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