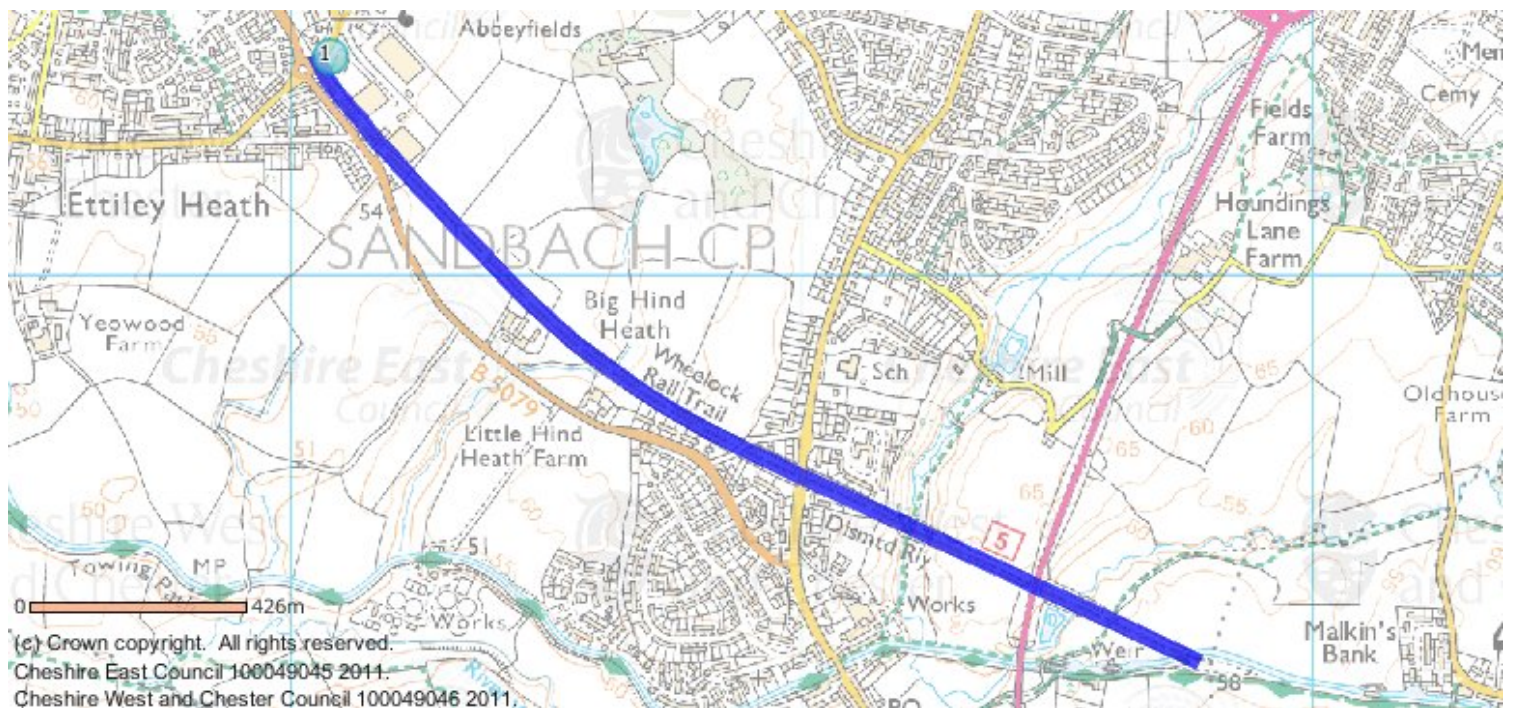


Walks for All - The Wheelock Rail Trail

A pleasant level and wide route through the Cheshire East countryside

Grade	Easy walking
Distance	4.4km / 2 ¾ miles return walk, or 2.2 km / 1 ½ miles one way
Time	1 - 1½ hours
Start	Lodge Road, Elworth
Map	OS Explorer 268. Postcode for satnav: CW11 3HD
Terrain	Firm and even surfaces with some loose material
Barriers	Motorcycle barriers. No steps or stiles
Toilets	There are no facilities on the route
Contact	Tel: 01477 534115



Route Details

The Wheelock Rail Trail near Sandbach follows the route of a disused railway from Ettiley Heath to Malkins Bank. Today the trail is a rich haven for wildlife and wild flowers and provides a pleasant level and wide route through the Cheshire East countryside.

The Trail crosses the busy Wheelock bypass (A534) towards its south-eastern end, which must be crossed with care. For many, this marks a good point to turn back and retrace their steps back to Ettiley Heath.

Access: The Wheelock Rail Trail can be accessed from several points. The easiest is at Elworth where you can park on Lodge Road. Buses run through Ettiley Heath close to the start of the Rail Trail and also through Wheelock.

Toilets: There are no facilities on the route.

Refreshments: There are no refreshments on the route.

Further information: Contact the rangers' office:

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