



Eaton is a pretty village, full of charming thatched cottages and centred on the old village cross.

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Lightfoot Lane is an old sunken way that passes through a small sandstone quarry.



Beeston Iron Lock, one of Thomas Telford's last works, is unique; a conventional stone lock would have been too heavy for the unstable soil.

THREE CIRCULAR WALKS FROM The Rising Sun

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE



SANDSTONE TRAIL 2½ miles

EATON 4½ miles

TIVERTON 5½ miles



ROBINSONS

Sandstone Trail (2½ miles: Fairly easy)

Fairly level, with several stiles. Two busy road crossings; may be muddy in places after rain. Allow 1–1½ hours.

1 From the front door, turn left along the High Street. **2** Just after a postbox in the wall, turn left (“The Close”). **3** When the road bends right, take the path ahead to the left of the gateposts, which ends at a wooden kissing gate into fields. **4** Bear slightly right to a footbridge with metal gates at either end. **5** Cross the next field to a similar kissing gate into a track parallel to the A49. **7** Go through a gap in the fence opposite, cross the busy road quickly but carefully, and go through the gate on the other site. **8** Turn right along a hedged path that runs below a garden to a rough driveway. **9** Turn left (ignoring a stile in the hedge on your right), then turn right onto a waymarked footpath. **10** The hedged path runs pleasantly between fields before being joined from the right by the Sandstone Trail. **11** Continue straight ahead past a wooden bench to a footbridge and gate. **12** Bear left along the edge of the wood to a footpath sign, with views of Beeston Castle ahead. **13** Turn left (signposted “Tarporley”) to a kissing gate. **14** Walk up the left-hand side of the field, next to the wood and to the right of a small stream, and continue straight up the field when the wood ends. **15** At the top of the field, turn left through a kissing gate and then right through another. **16** Follow the path to the right of and above a small, shallow valley to a stile leading down to the Tarporley bypass. **17** Cross the road carefully, then climb the steps beyond to a further stile. **18** Bear right and cross a weedy field to a kissing gate. **19** Turn right at the entrance to Moss Cottage and keep to the right of the garden, passing left of a pond to a kissing gate into open fields. **20** The official path crosses a stile in the fence into the tussocky field on your left, but a well-used unofficial path continues to the right of the fence to a second stile and then left. **21** Whichever you take, aim for a metal gate in the bottom right-hand corner of the churchyard. **22** Follow a path left to a bench, then right and left to the church’s south door. **23** Beyond the church, a spiked metal gate leads out to the High Street; turn left to the Rising Sun.

Eaton (4½ miles: Moderate)

Field and golf-course walking to a pretty village. Allow 2–3 hours. May be muddy in places; several stiles.

1 From the front door, turn left along the High Street. **2** At the end of the village, turn right (signposted to Utinton). **3** Just beyond a red-brick bungalow called Newlands, turn right into a narrow footpath between hedges. **4** Cross a road and continue along the similar path ahead. **5** Continue past a grassy area with trees and past the last houses to a signposted footpath with fields beyond; turn left along the path which skirts behind the gardens then turns right through a gate into a field. **6** Walk up the right-hand side of the field to the

corner, turn left and right to a gate and stile. **7** Follow the left-hand edge of the next field to a gate into a metal lane. **8** Turn left and pass a couple of houses on your left. Shortly before reaching the main road, turn right along another track which passes a farmyard and narrows to a grassy path that emerges on a road. **9** Turn left to the main road, and turn right on the right-hand pavement. **10** Follow the A49 for 400 yards (beyond an entrance the path leaves the road briefly to run through trees before returning to the roadside). **11** At the end of the trees, turn right onto a footpath that emerges onto the golf course. **12** Follow the hedge on your left, with fairways to your right, before passing to the left of a tee to a metal kissing gate. **13** Turn right along a hedged path with the golf course on your right. **14** Cross a golfers’ path and continue to a junction of tracks. **15** Turn left and follow the sunken track which descends through an old quarry before joining a driveway (Lightfoot Lane) that leads out to the road in Eaton village. **16** Turn right past the village cross, passing the church on your left. **17** Turn left into Edgewell Lane and follow it to the end of the village, passing the school on your left. **18** Just beyond the last house, turn right over a stile and head half-right to a stile into a track in the far right-hand corner. **19** Turn left along the track, then turn right through the hedge just before some barns. **20** Head half-left to a stile in the hedge, beyond which turn right. **21** Follow the right-hand side of two fields, separated by a stile, to another stile into a road. **22** Cross another stile opposite into the golf course and bear half-left to join a tree-lined service road. **23** Follow the road left, which then curves right to the clubhouse and car park. **24** Follow the road to the left at the end of the car park to a junction, where you keep straight on (signposted “Arderne Golf Course and Golf Academy”). **25** Before the service road bends right below a raised green, take the second left (signposted “New footpath”). **26** Turn right then, after a short distance when the main path bends left, turn right onto a narrow path that emerges at the top of a driveway to a house. **27** Turn left and walk down to the road. **28** Turn left along the road for 75 yards, then turn right onto a signposted footpath through two gates into a field. **29** Follow the field edge to a wooden kissing gate then a wooded path to Park Road. **30** Follow Park Road ahead down to the High Street. **31** Turn right to return to the Rising Sun.

Tiverton (5½ miles: Moderate)

Field paths and canal-side walking with views of Beeston Castle. Allow 3 hours. May be muddy in places after rain. Multiple stiles.

Follow steps **1–11** of the **Back Lanes** walk, above. **12** Bear left along the edge of the wood to a footpath sign, then strike out across a series of fields separated by gates, stiles and footbridges aiming approximately towards Beeston Castle. **13** Within sight of the road, the path turns left over a stile, then right to a kissing gate with a Sandstone Trail fingerpost. **14** Turn right then immediately left into Pudding Lane. **15** Follow the lane for half a mile to a junction, where you take a few steps left then turn right into a driveway. **16** Follow the

drive round to the left to a stile into fields. **17** Follow the left-hand edge of the field ahead of you, past a building behind the hedge on your left. **18** In the corner of the field, turn right, then go through a kissing gate on the left in the next corner. **19** Turn right to another kissing gate, then beyond it descend towards the Shropshire Union Canal, where you turn left. **20** After a stile, continue parallel to the canal then above some sheds to a kissing gate. **21** Continue to a gate into the road; to visit Beeston Iron Lock, turn right over the canal then follow the towpath on your left, returning the same way. **22** Follow the main road uphill for 300 yards then turn left into Tiverton village. **23** Walk through the village for a little over quarter of a mile, passing the war memorial and Methodist Church on your left. **24** Shortly after The Dale on your right, turn right and take the footpath between the two driveways. **25** The hedged path eventually emerges through a kissing gate into fields. **26** Cross the middle of the field to a stile. **27** Walk parallel to the left-hand side of the next field to a five-way junction of paths; ignoring the stile and two footpaths to the right, take the hedged track ahead, which curves to the left. **28** Join a driveway and walk out to the road past some houses. **29** Turn left for 100 yards then right into a farm drive with a footpath sign. **30** Just before a barn, turn right over a stile and walk along the top of the field before striking out across the field to a stile to the right of a gate. **31** Turn right down to a stile in the corner, and cross the A49 again. **32** Climb the steps opposite and after a stile follow the field edge to another stile on the left. **33** Walk up the field towards the church, aiming for an old metal kissing gate in the corner of the graveyard. **34** Exit via the lych gate to the High Street. **35** Turn left to return to the Rising Sun.

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Stuart and the team welcome you to The Rising Sun, a traditional pub in the centre of Tarporley that has been serving Cheshire for hundreds of years. We pride ourselves on our extensive drinks range and our delicious food so why not join us for a pint or two, enjoy a well-deserved gin from our huge selection or share a bottle of bubbly over a leisurely lunch. Our Sunday menu is the perfect choice to wind down the weekend and we are ideally positioned for Delamere Forest and nearby Nantwich Town if you fancy exploring. The Shire Horse Centre and Oulton Park Racing Circuit are also close by.

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