

## Sollom 5.5-6.5 mile Walks

The main 5.5 mile route described here is a winter walk using good underfoot conditions, mainly tracks, very quiet roads and paths and no noticeable height gain.

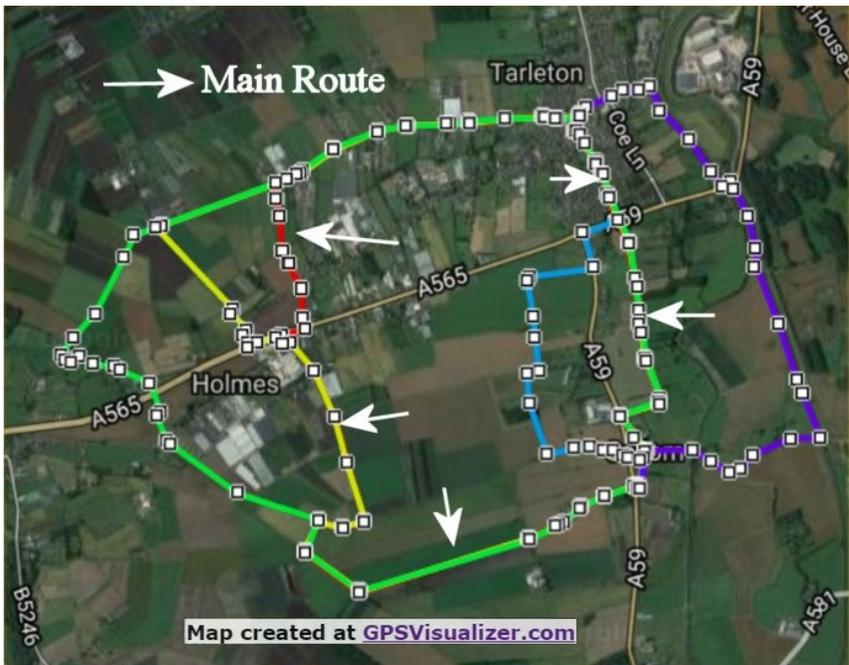
A number of add-ons/alternatives are also noted to give some choices of length up to about 6.5 miles.

The walk starts from Sollom, a very quiet little village with no formal parking so if arranging a group walk, please park thoughtfully. Park on the local road near the southern end of Liverpool Old Road at SD455186, PR4 6FR.

The walk heads off west from Sollom, then turns north to cross the A565 and then East to reach Tarleton and continue on a local path South to cross A565 onto Back Lane and return to Sollom.

There are a couple of extensions available at the western end, and a variation on the return from the A565 to Sollom.

Sollom is a "Hamlet" that exists mainly due the excellent soil in the area. Tarleton has been on records since at least 1246 and the name is a combination of a personal name and "farm". Like Sollom it's existence comes from farming the excellent soil in the area.



*It is important to always be appropriately dressed for the conditions and carry, and know how to use, a suitable map for the walk.*

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**1: SD 455186** From the start at the southern end of Liverpool Old Road cross the A59 Liverpool Road onto a tarmac track opposite called Smith's Lane. Follow this lane for ½ mile (800m). Watch for the tarmac lane turning hard left.



**2: SD 449183** Leave the tarmac and continue straight ahead onto the farm track. This continues for about ½ mile (800m) turning into more of a tree lined grassy farm track. On meeting a crossing similar track turn right (Pale Ditch Lane/track). After ¼ mile (400m) at another packed earth crossing path turn right and in 170yds(150m) reaches a rough tarmac road.



**3: SD 437194** There are choices here. See **Point 15** for an alternative route (adds about 1 mile). For the main route, turn right onto the quiet Green Lane. After 140yds(125m) it bears left and in a similar distance find a wide grassy path off to the left (beside a space with No Parking signs).



**4: SD 440184** Take this path (Taylor's Lane) and follow it for 2/3rds mile (1.2Km). Initially walking along the field edge, then where the field height drops, slightly right onto an embankment and through some trees. Reach an earth farm track and follow it. Pass some greenhouses onto tarmac and at the end it meets a road (Blackgate Lane) and a few yards on the right it meets the A565.

**5: SD 435194** At the A565 there are two options. The left option adds about 0.4 mile (see **Point 12** for that path) The main option here crosses the road and turns right. In 120yds(100m) find a road on the left (continuation of Blackgate Lane). In 250yds(230m) the lane turns hard right and on the left is a road and a footbridge.



**6: SD 456197** Cross the footbridge and follow the edge of two fields for about 1/3<sup>rd</sup> mile(500m) to an opening in a hedge onto a road (Gorse Lane).

**NOTE:** If the field looks too soggy, go left on the road (Green Lane) and follow it around until it meets Gorse Lane. Turn right and in 750 yds(675m) pass the hedge opening (next point).



**7: SD 435203** On meeting the road (Gorse Lane) Lane turn right and follow the road for just over 1 mile (1.6Km) into Tarleton. At first it is a quiet field bounded road and later reaches some houses and eventually a roundabout (health centre on the left).



**8: SD 452206** At the roundabout turn right along Church Road. In 90yds(80m), on the other side of the road, find Church Walk at the left of the Cock and Bottle pub. Follow this to it's end and on the right find a footpath.  
(there is another large extension possible here. See the very end of this document.)





**9: SD 452205 (approx.)** Follow the path for over ¼ mile. It goes between hedges and fence, around a school. At a footbridge be sure to turn right (but **not** hard right) and continue to follow the path. Meet a road and cross and follow the continuation of the path. This leads to a kissing gate leading onto the A565.



**10: SD 454200** There is an alternate more field based return route from here. Adds ½ mile. (might be bit more muddy). See **Point 18** for that option. For the main route, cross the busy main road to enter Back Lane(track) directly opposite. Follow the lane for ¾ mile(1.2Km) until it meets the A59.



**11: SD 454190** At the A59 immediately on your left is the northern road into Sollom. Just follow that through the village to reach the starting point.

----- **End of Main Route.** ----

---- **See other options below** ----

---- **First Option (adds .4 mile)** ---

**12: SD SD 435194** On the A565 turn left and in 190yds (170m) find a spot with a stile on the left, an opening in the central barrier and on the other side of the road, a little left, a gap in the hedge. Cross the busy road to the gap and notice the electricity poles which you will be following.



**13: SD 433194** Go through the hedge and aim for a road 220yds (200m) directly ahead but there are drains in the way. Within a few yards find the opening to move right to the other side of the drain and hence pass between trees and a fence. The road is met at a right angle bend and a signpost.



**14: SD 432196** On meeting the road (Green Lane), keep directly ahead to meet another road (Gorse Lane) in 1/3<sup>rd</sup> mile(500m). Turn right and follow this road for just over 1.5 mile (2.4Km) into Tarleton. At first it is a quiet field bounded road, (passing **Point 7** above in about 1/2mile) and later reaches some houses and eventually a roundabout. Continue at **Point 8** above.



--- End of Option -----

----- New Option (extra 1 mile) ----

**15: SD 437194** Turn left onto Green Lane and in a bit over ½ mile(800m) meet Bathgate Lane. Just to the right on the other side of the road is a footpath beside the fence around a house. Follow this footpath to meet a hole in a hedge.



**16: SD 428191** You may need secateurs!! It is usually possible to get through here but can be annoying. There is a road crossing a little to the left, then go right to find a rather well hidden footpath sign leading to a gate.





**17: SD 428191** Go through the (broken?) gate into a garden. Pass around the garden to the entrance leading onto Hunter's Lane. Follow this, go right at a junction at Cookson's farm, onto Leigh Lane. Follow this to meet Gorse Lane and follow that into Tarleton to **Point 8** above. Note: If there is a problem with the garden, go a bit further down the A565 and find Hunter lane entrance.

----- End of Option -----

----- New Option (extra ½ mile) ----



**18: SD 454200** At the A565 cross the road and turn right. In 190yds(170m) at the junction turn left onto A59. Cross the road and in 240yds(210m) find an opening in the hedge.



**19: SD 452198** Go through the hedge and follow the track for 400yds(360m). At the time of writing there was a large pile of earth here. Turn left and follow the path through trees to come out on a lane (Doctor's Lane). Look to the right to open fields and a few yards away a double wooden gate and footpath sign and stile.



**20: SD 448192** Go through the gate/style and follow the path along a field edge, a thin wood and another field edge. This is Green Lane. Turn left to find the A59 in over ¼ mile. Cross the A59 continuing on Green Lane into Sollom. Turn right back to the start point.

----- End of Option -----

**---- Another Option----**

Instead of turning right at the roundabout in Tarleton, continuing on Church Road and Plox Brow leads to the canal. Turning right here leads to the A59. On the other side of the A59 and a bit left is an entrance to fields between the River Douglas and the Old River Douglas. Walk along beside the Douglas to Red Bridge. Turn right there and follow the road into Sollom. Turn left back to the start.

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