



WALK 5

Cheddleton Flint Mill

2½ Kms, Easy, Allow 1 hour

Start – Cheddleton Station



1 Leave Cheddleton Station and cross the railway line by the level crossing. Cross the bridges over the River Churnet and the Caldon Canal.

2 Opposite the Boat Inn is a row of cottages at right angles to the road. The footpath runs along the lane in front of these cottages. Pass them by and enter a strip of woodland alongside the canal.

This strip of woodland is maintained as a local nature reserve by volunteers from the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust.

3 Follow the undulating path and leave the woodland to pass below a housing estate.

4 Keep right where the path splits and walk downhill towards the canal and continue to walk parallel to the canal.

5 Just past a metal seat and memorial stone is a kissing gate. Pass through and follow the footpath along the edge of the field. *Sheep are frequently grazed in this field. If you have a dog with you please ensure it is kept on a lead.*

6 The footpath drops steeply to another kissing gate. Go through this and walk up to the main road.

7 Cross at the pedestrian crossing, cross Hollow Lane and head downhill along the main road.

8 On the left, you will see a lane heading down towards the canal towpath signposted "Flint Mill". Walk past the building and you will see the Flint Mill on your right.

Take a look around the Mill – don't miss seeing the pair of waterwheels. The mill was originally a corn mill but was converted to grind flint in the late 18th century. The ground flint was an important raw material used in the manufacture of Staffordshire pottery. It was transported from the mill to Etruria and the Potteries via the canal. The mill is occasionally open for visitors. For times of opening please call 0161 408 5083 to hear a short recorded message.

9 Now follow the canal towpath back towards the main road but this time stay canal side and pass under the bridge.

10 Follow the towpath past a industrial estate on the left and two canal locks on the right.

11 In just over a kilometre you will be back at the road near Cheddleton Station. Follow the road back over the river bridge and the level crossing to complete the walk.

