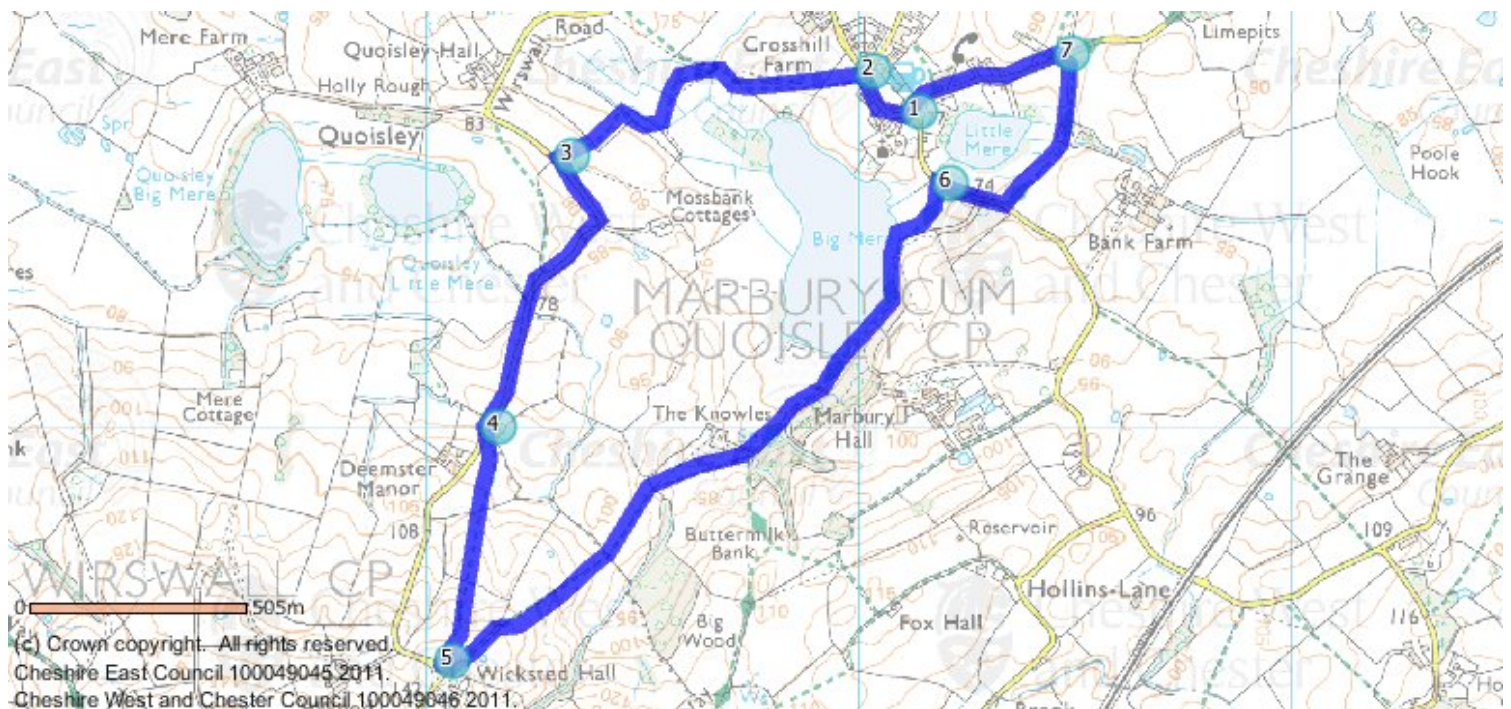## Marbury

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Grade	Easy
Distance	4 km/ 2.5 miles
Time	1 - 2 hours
Start	The Swan Inn, Marbury Road
Map	OS Explorer 257
Terrain	Quiet country lanes and public footpaths across fields. The walk includes quite a steep climb up Wirswall Hill (150m).
Barriers	17 stiles, 4 kissing gates, 1 gate.
Toilets	Swan Inn PH
Contact	Tel: 01270 686029

Route Details

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Starting near the Swan Inn, a traditional local pub, the walk passes the still waters of one of the village's two meres (or lakes). It then climbs gently to the top of Wirswall Hill, well known for its panoramic views across the whole of the county. The tower of Marbury's fine 15th century church, rising above the surrounding countryside, guides walkers back down the hill towards the village.

After again passing the wildlife rich mere, the route returns to Marbury - with its half-timbered houses, inviting pub and village green which boasts a magnificent oak tree planted in 1814.

Directions

1. Leave the village, passing the lane to the church on your left.

2. Follow the first footpath on the left after the bungalows. Cross the fields to a lane.

3. Turn left up the lane known locally as 'Killcow Hill' because of the steep climb to Wirswall.

4. Immediately after the first house on the left turn into a short trackway. Then cross the stile on the right and follow the path to the top of Wirswall Hill.

5. Cross the stile onto the road and take the next footpath on your left down the hill towards Big Mere.

6. At the road you can either turn left back into the village or turn right and take the first footpath on your left which takes you behind Little Mere.

7. Turn left back to the village.