

Route Description

From the Civic Centre ① go down the High Street, turn left at the bottom into Green End and then left again into Deermoss Lane. Go over the pedestrian crossing opposite the old Fire Station (currently a dentist's) ② and take the path to the left of the building alongside a playing field.

Cross over into Elizabeth Street and carry on to the end where you turn left into George Street. Here you will see a gate ③ at the end, leading into a field. It is possible that this section of path may be subject to a diversion order at some point. Follow the waymarked path across two fields then cross an old brick/stone Whitchurch to Chester railway bridge into another field. At a waymarked stile, turn diagonally right and down towards a stile at the roadside.

Turn left along the road and under an iron railway bridge ④ marked Brymbo 1857. Carry on along the lane until you come to meet and turn on to a bridleway on your right ⑤. Follow the waymarked route through gates across three fields to a stile on your left ⑥. Given a clear day there is a fine view over Blakemere towards the town.

At this point you must decide what you want to do. The longer route to the east is interesting but challenging due to a number of only semi-accessible hedge and ditch crossings plus a slurry-filled

lane all of which are subject to ongoing negotiations with the local farmer. The shorter route is altogether easier and more direct but means you miss some attractive countryside.

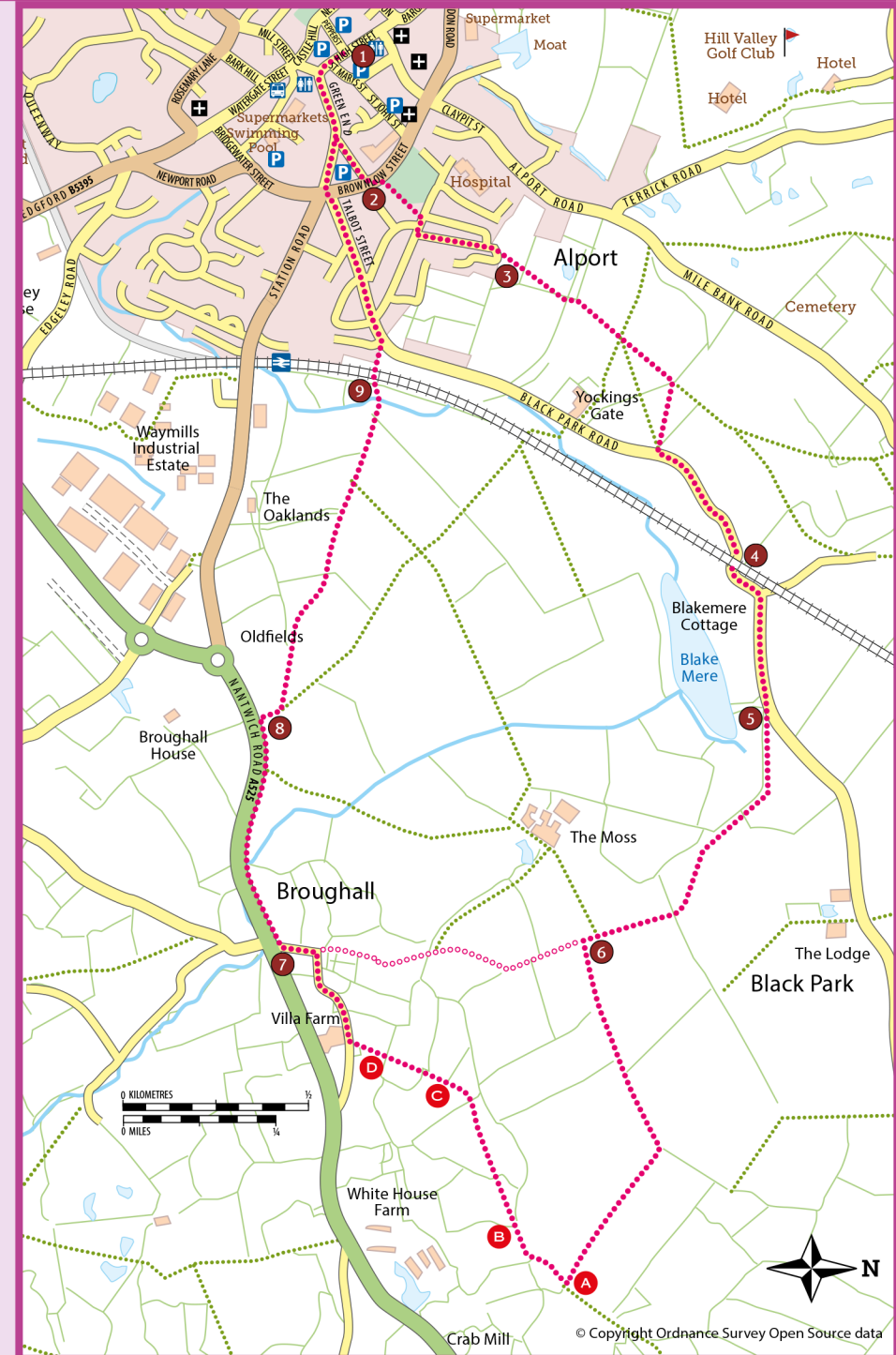
The shorter route:

Do not cross the stile but carry on ahead through more bridleyway gates to a field gate on to a quiet lane. Go down the lane to meet the busy A525 Nantwich-Whitchurch road ⑦.

The longer route:

Turn left by crossing the stile and keep the hedgeline to your right passing a small pond on your right. At the far right hand end of the field cross a stile and carry on with the hedge to your right towards a black and white cottage (Lower Lodge) and after about 150 metres turn right across a stile by a large tree into the next field ⑧. This area can get very wet!

Follow the hedgeline to your left and cross the stile in the far left hand corner. There is another stile ahead but don't cross this – instead turn right and go up to the top right hand corner where you will cross a ditch and a double stile. Turn right and follow the hedgeline to yet another double stile and ditch ⑨. Cross this, keep to the hedgeline and head for the next stile in the right hand corner of the field.



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