I always wanted the walk north to be a River Weaver walk – wherever possible.

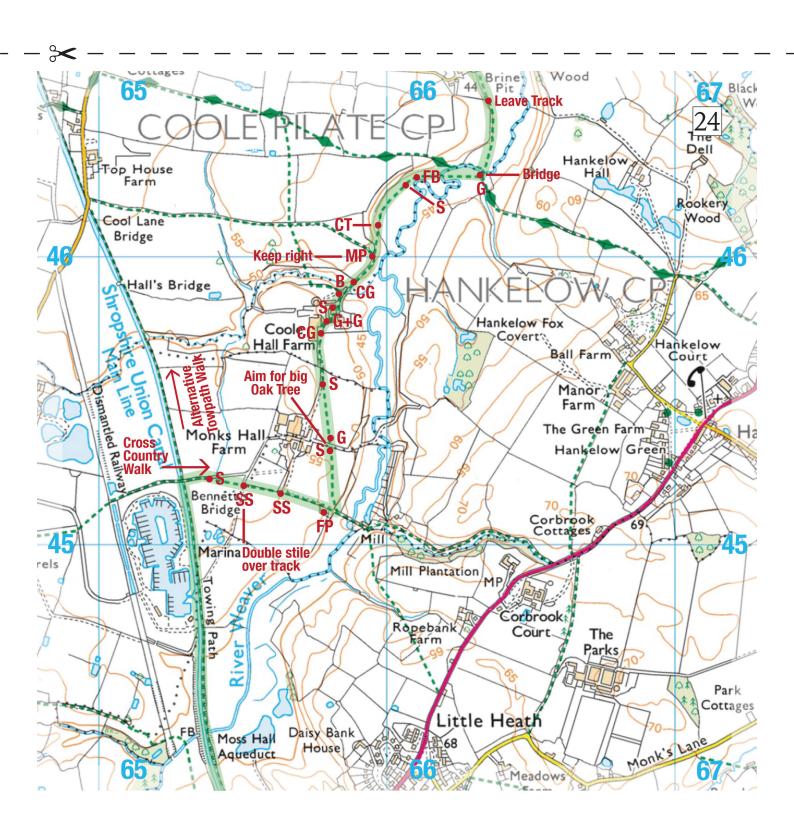
My first thoughts were to end the link at the Shropshire Union Canal, South of lock 3, and begin the walk back to Frodsham by the canal. However, if The Weaver Walk begins at the River Weaver on map 23 and ends at The Manchester Ship Canal map 43 it feels more like a river walk with bits missing! So The Link ends here, at the River Weaver and The Weaver Walk begins.

Much of the walk returning north will follow some parts of the Weaver Way but will pick up footpaths to take you as near as possible to the River Weaver. The route cuts out large chunks of towpath walking (though the towpath is always given as an alternative deviation). This "leg" has much to enjoy.



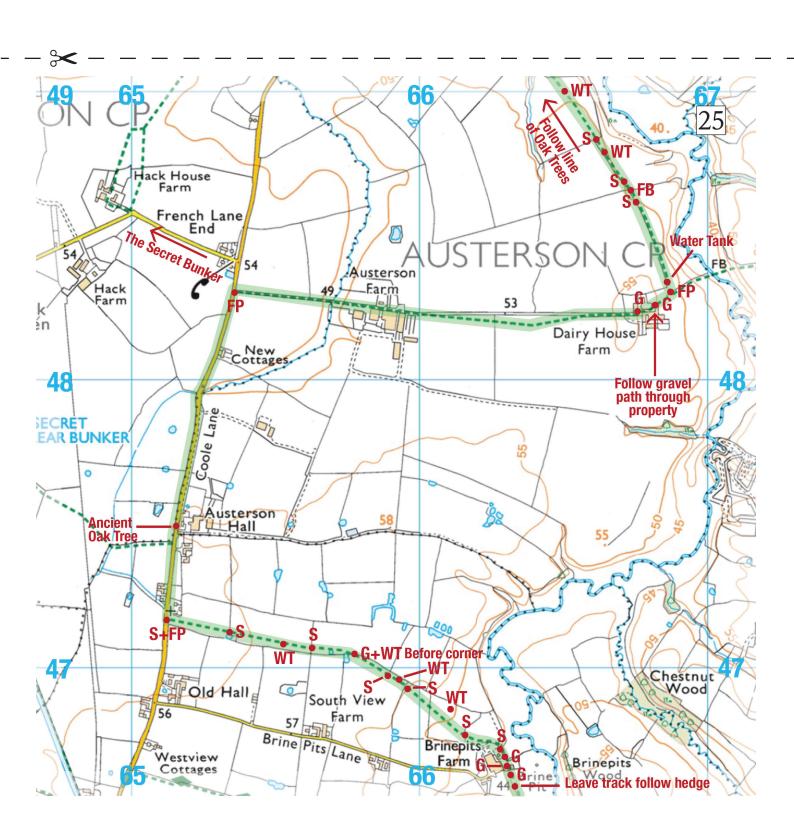
Leave Audlem on the Shropshire Union towpath. Over Moss Hall aqueduct with splendid views of the River Weaver Valley, at Bennetts Bridge leave the tow path, (or take the alternative towpath walk) turn east following the impressive Weaver Valley to Brinepits Farm.





From Brinepits Farm west to Coole Lane then north and east back to Dairy House Farm and the lovely River Weaver Valley.





Continue passed Ash Tree Farm with more views of the Weaver Valley to the A530 into Nantwich.





Just passed the 30MPH over the road bridge immediately left (care here) to follow the River Weaver's lovely meanderings through Nantwich River Park to Welsh Row (exceptional Georgian and older properties) then follow this to the aqueduct, up the steps and back on to the Shropshire Union Canal (and join the alternative). Cross country – follow the towpath for 1km to Acton Bridge the follow this path east. The alternative continues on the canal towpath.



