

Tiny Treks - Dunham Massey (Deer and Trees)

Start: Dunham Massey National Trust, Charcoal Rd, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 4SJ

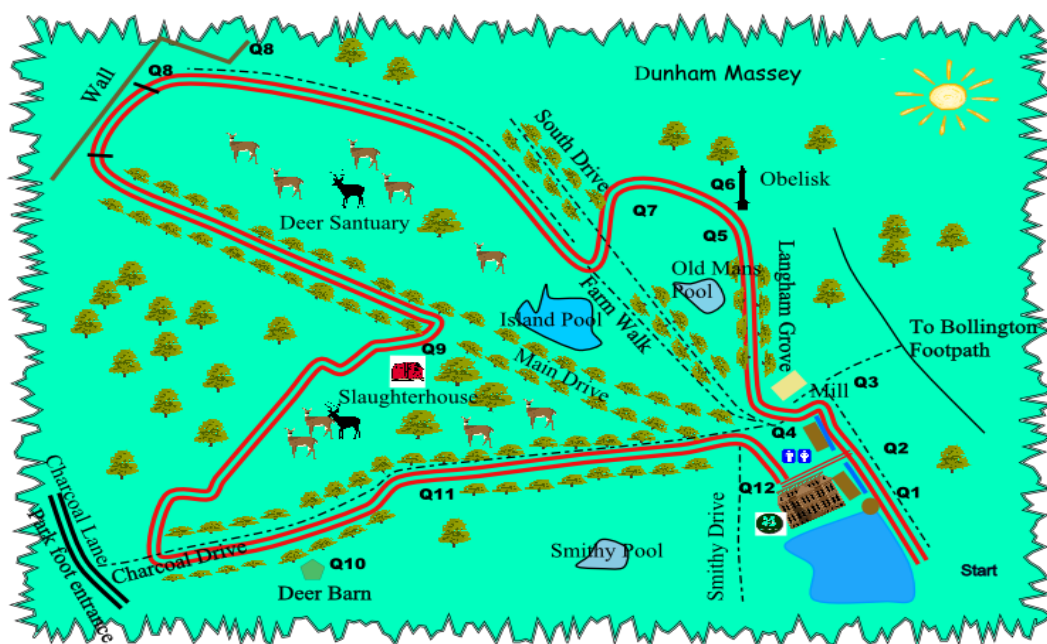
Facilities/ Information: Toilets, Parking (£5 non N/Trust members), Information, Café and shop.

Walk: 2 miles (2hrs), Easy.

Walk instructions.

1. From the Car park follow the sign  to Dunham Hall. Passing the Moat (left) and old tree (Q1) continue past the **Clock Tower (Q2)** towards the **Mill (Q3)**.
2. Continuing on that path **veer to the right** on a path that takes you down an avenue away from the hall (Q4).
3. Immediately looking right there is a long grassed avenue (Q5) leading to an **Obelisk (Q6)**.
4. At the Obelisk turn **left** following the low fenced boundary of the **Deer Sanctuary (Q7)**
5. Reaching a more substantial path turn **right** until you reach a brick wall (Q8) and gate where you turn **left** through some **tall gates (Q8)**.
6. Pass through two tall gates, and **turn left** onto another **grassed avenue**.
7. Follow this until you see the low fence of the Deer sanctuary skirting a path on the right. **Turn right** just before the **Slaughter House (Q9)**.
8. Having looked at the Slaughter House return and continue along this path until you reach the **main tarmac Charcoal Drive**. Across this you will see **the Deer Barn (Q10)**.
9. Returning to Charcoal Drive walk towards the Main Dunham Hall. Looking on the right for the wood carved statues (Q11)
10. Reaching Dunham Hall walk down the main drive to the front door (Q12). **Reaching the front door turn left** pass under the clock tower and return to the car park.

Map



Activity Sheet / Walk Diary

We went on our walk on (date).....,
with.....



Q1.  Ancient tree approx 500yrs old

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Q2.  Look for the Clock Tower.

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Which way is the wind blowing?

North, south, east or west.



Q3.  Look for the Mill.

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Can you find the water wheel
or mill grinding stones? _____



Q4.  Look for the two lions

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They say that when the clock strikes 1 o'clock the lions tail twitches!!!

Q5.  Look for **Ancient, Veteran and Notable Trees**. ☐ **Ancient Trees** have the **WOW factor**, with lumps and bumps and strange shapes with thick trunks. **See Q1**. To measure a tree trunk you can do it in **HUGS**. An Ancient Tree trunk takes about **3 adult hugs** from finger tip to finger tip.

Measure some of the trees you find in HUGS.....

Q6.  Look for the OBELISK built in 1714


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Q7.  Look for a white deer


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There are four different colours of deer in the park, black, common, menil and white.

Q8. 


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Look for a tree in a wall and a tall gate. Why do you think this gate is so tall?

Q9.  Look for the Slaughter House


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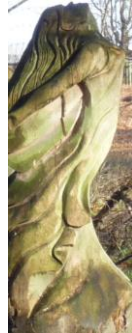
Explore this building.

Q10.  Look for the Deer Barn
inside.



☐ Have a look

Q11.  Look for



Tree trunk carvings.

Q12.  Look for



How long do you think he has been here?

Notes on Dunham Massey

Finding Ancient Trees

Oak - 3 adult hugs

Beech - 2 adult hugs

Scots Pine- 1 adult hug

Rowan - one adult hug

Birch - a wrist hug

Hawthorn - an elbow hug

Taken from the Woodland Trust website; www.ancient-tree-hunt.org.uk/ancienttrees