

Tiny Treks - Pennington Flash Leigh

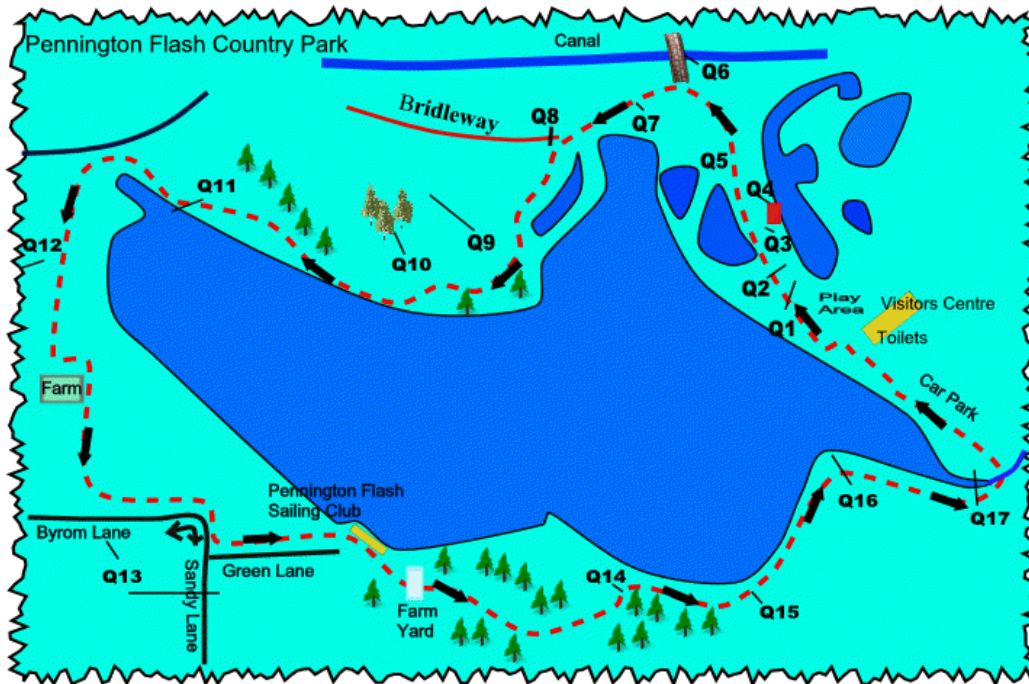
Start: PENNINGTON FLASH COUNTRY PARK, Off St Helens Road, Leigh, Greater Manchester, WN7 3PA.

Facilities: WC, Parking (pay and display), Information centre, Play area, 9-hole golf course. (Free parking at a small car park off St Helens Rd)

Walk: Approx 3.5 miles (2:5hrs).

Walk instructions

1. This walk is anti-clock wise around Pennington Flash. Exit the main car park and walk towards the information/Wardens office, pass the children's play area..
2. At the path junction **(Q1)** take the central path that goes straight ahead **(Q2-Q5)**.
3. As you get to the embankment that joins the Leeds Liverpool Canal **(Q6)** turn left.
4. The Flash is on the left with a viewing point at rest for binocular carrying visitors **(Q7)**.
5. Go left through a gate to the left just before the bridleway starts to climb **(Q8)** and down to the water. Note the unusual stile on the bridleway at the top of the hill.
6. This path continues down toward some Flash pools and hugs the main flash. Eventually the path goes uphill **(Q9, Q10, Q11)**.
7. Just prior to reaching **the road** follow a path that goes to the left. It can be muddy. Still keep the flash to the left. **(Q12)**
8. You eventually reach a farm, walk toward the farm and the footpath runs to the left of the farm gate carrying straight on and emerging onto the farm lane towards **the road**.
9. On reaching the road turn left. Use the footpath on the opposite side. **(Q13)**
10. Turn left onto "Green Lane", Pass the sailing club. The footpath goes through the Farm-yard ahead and emerges back into the country park. **(Q14, Q15, Q16)**
11. As the path divides take the left one. These routes will take you to a wooden bridge. You turn left **(Q17)** and return to the car park/information centre.



Activity Sheet / Walk Diary

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

with.....

The weather was.....

Pennington Flash was once a farming and coal mining area that was subject to flooding. With mine subsidence made it ideal to be flooded and used as the nature reserve it is today. This is a good place to visit in spring or winter to see different birds visiting the "Flash".



Q1. Look for 

A wooden woodpecker ☐

Q2. Look at the hedge on the right. Does it grow like this naturally or has it had some help?



The cross branches are called "pleachers" and they help make the hedge sturdy and without gaps.

Q3. Look along the fencing for letter D. What shape is with it? Δ or $\diamond$ or O

Q4. Look for  NEW HIDE ☐. Have a look inside and see how many different birds that you can see.

Q5. Look for a letter E. What shape is it with? Δ or $\diamond$ or O



Q6. Look for ☐. This is an unusual foot bridge that goes over the Leeds Liverpool Canal. What number is this bridge? 6 or 8 or 9?

Q7. Look for a letter L. What shape is it with? Δ or $\diamond$ or O



Q8. Look for  ☐

Q9. As you go through the gate on the left there is a large field where you might see.



A Skylark ☐

Q10. Look for 



☐ Silver birch.

Q11. Look for 



☐ Bull rushes.

Q12. Look for 



☐ A Bridge no more.

Q13. Look for  Byrom Lane ☐, Green Lane ☐.

Q14. Look for 



☐. No clues for this one!!

Q15. Look for 



☐. Any ideas what this is for?

Q16. Look for 



☐. East Bay Hide.



Q17. Look for 

☐ . Is it a fish or bird?

Things I want to remember about this walk.