Starting at Lostock Gralam Station the route passes Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre, following attractive country lanes around Knutsford. It finishes at Mobberley Station.

Obtain a Day Return ticket to Mobberley - but to start the ride, alight at Lostock Gralam Station. There are nine low steps up on to the road from the station.
Using trains to travel to the start and from the finish points of your bike rides is a great way to explore lovely countryside further afield without resorting to the car.

All local train companies will carry bikes free of charge, but some operators will only carry bikes free at off-peak times. Please check their web-sites for details.

This leaflet, produced by the Chester Cycling Campaign, is part of a growing series of suggested rides incorporating a train journey to get to the start point.

About the Chester Cycling Campaign

Chester Cycling Campaign is campaigning for a safe and cycle friendly city. We support and encourage Chester residents to make increased use of cycling facilities.

The Campaign supports moves locally and nationally to bring cycling up to the levels seen in many European nations and to integrate cycling and walking and public transport.

In this way we hope to contribute toward the improvement of health and the urban environment through greater use of bicycles.

About the Route

The Jodrell Jaunt

This route, making use of the Northern Rail service on the Mid Cheshire Line from Chester to Manchester, is entirely on the country lanes between Northwich and south of Knutsford. Passing many attractive pubs offering food and refreshments, the route is mostly flat with one or two minor hills.

Goostrey offers a few shops where sandwiches and refreshments can be purchased.

The Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre provides an interesting stop on the ride with views of the Lovell telescope from its award winning cafe.

The ride finishes at Mobberley station which is an attractive rural station with the Railway Inn nearby that serves food.

Note: Bikes on Trains

Most Northern Rail trains can take up to two bikes on a first come first served basis. However, this is subject to space being available, particularly during peak time. Conductors have responsibility for the safety of their train and have the right to refuse entry if the train is busy.

We advise cyclists to travel off-peak and be aware that you are not guaranteed to be able to take your bike on the train. Please do not travel as a large group and expect to be able to get all your bikes on the train.

For more information and to download all of the cycle rides that have been devised by Chester Cycle Campaign

www.chestercyclecity.org
At your local station obtain a Day Return to Lostock Gralam - if starting from the Chester side of Lostock Gralam obtain a Day Return to Mobberley to allow for your return journey.

START ride at Lostock Gralam Station. Turn right out of Lostock Gralam station and proceed down Birches Lane. After half mile, take care crossing the busy A556 and continue straight on.

1. After three quarters of a mile, turn left into Hangman’s Lane and carry straight on at fork. After one mile, turn left into Common Lane and follow bend to the right. Cross over the M6 and turn right immediately into Baker’s Lane signposted NCN 573.

2. At stop sign at junction with B5081, make a dogleg right and left to carry straight on into Townfield Lane. Take care crossing the busy A50 and continue straight on following NCN 573. At Boots Green, bear right into Booth Bed Lane, following signs to Goostrey. At the crossroads in the middle of Goostrey outside the Trading Post shop, turn left at the stop sign.

3. Turn left into Church Bank just past the Crown Pub and before St. Luke’s Church. (There are two pubs in Goostrey, the Crown and the Red Lion, as well as several shops selling sandwiches and refreshments.)

4. Fork left into Blackden Lane, following signs for Blackden Heath and Peover Heath. (Very pleasant lane with glimpses of Jodrell Bank radio telescope.) Continue straight ahead ignoring any turnings.

5. Turn right into Red Lane following signs for Wilthornton Green. At the T junction, turn left and cross railway bridge heading towards the Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre.

At this point you can visit Jodrell Bank Radio Telescope where there is a cafe.

6. Very soon after passing the Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre, take the first left into a minor lane (Batemill Lane), signposted for Over Peover. Enjoy the swooping bends until you reach a crossroads. Turn right into Boundary Lane, signed for Chelford.

7. Ignore all crossroads and turnings until you reach the busy A537. Cross the road with care and continue straight on, ignoring all side roads signposted for Chelford and Over Peover. At the give way sign, continue straight on.

8. At the T junction just past the Stag’s Head Hotel, turn left - signposted for Mobberley - and then take the first left soon afterwards. At the T junction, turn right into Faulkners Lane. Carry straight on through the bends to the T junction, and turn right into Hall Lane.

9. After 200 metres, turn left into Newton Hall Lane signposted for Mobberley Golf Club. Continue for three quarters of a mile, and then fork left into an unnamed and unmarked lane signposted for the Cheshire Cycleway. After about 300 metres, turn left at the T junction into Davenport Lane signposted for the Cheshire Cycleway.

10. After another 200 metres, bear left to continue on Davenport Lane, following the signs for Cheshire Cycleway. At the T junction, turn left following the signs for Cheshire Cycleway. If you take a minor detour right at the T-junction it takes you to a dead end close to the south end of Manchester Airport’s Eastern Runway, where there are often good views of planes taking off and landing.

11. After a quarter of a mile at a T junction, turn right following the sign for Mobberley station. Fork left into Station Road, signposted for Mobberley station.

FINISH at Mobberley Station where your ticket will be valid for the return journey to your local station. The Railway Inn next to Mobberley station serves food and refreshments.
This leaflet has been produced by Chester Cycling Campaign with financial assistance from Cheshire East Council.

The vision for cycling in Cheshire East is:

“more people cycling in safety and with confidence for everyday journeys around the borough.”

For more information about cycling in Cheshire East Borough and local cycle groups in the area, follow the link below...

http://tinyurl.com/CheshireEastCycling

For more information about the Chester Cycling Campaign please visit www.chestercyclecity.org

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