The Tatton Trail

Starting at Northwich Station the route goes near the famous Anderton Boat Lift, before going near Knutsford and through the picturesque Tatton Park, finishing at Mobberley Station.

The route follows quiet country lanes but crosses a few busy main roads.

20 miles long (32km)

Route Difficulty: Easy

This ride starts from Northwich Station — There is level access to the road at Northwich Station from Manchester bound trains from Chester. Purchase a Day Return to the furthest point in the ride from your local station.
About the Route
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This route, making use of the Northern Rail service on the Mid Cheshire Line from Chester to Manchester, is mostly on the country lanes between Northwich, Knutsford and Mobberley, with short lengths on shared use cyclepaths. Passing many attractive pubs offering food and refreshments, the route is mostly flat with one or two minor hills. The stately home at Tatton Park has toilets and a cafe.

The ride includes two country parks—Carey Park in Northwich near the famous Anderton Boat Lift and the splendid Tatton Park near Knutsford (Cyclists can enter the park without charge).

**NOTE:** in Winter the entrance to Tatton Park from Knutsford is closed on Mondays

The ride finishes at Mobberley station 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.

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.

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.

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

[www.chestercyclecity.org](http://www.chestercyclecity.org)
At your local station obtain a Day Return to Northwich. If travelling from the Chester side of Northwich obtain a Day Return ticket to Mobberley to allow for your return journey.

START ride at Northwich Station. Leaving the front of the station by the ticket office, take the combined station and supermarket access road turning left where it joins the road past the supermarket filling station. Then at the traffic lights shortly afterwards turn right. This leads to a roundabout.

1. At the roundabout, take the second exit by 'LA Fitness' signposted 'Free Car Park'. At the next roundabout, go straight across. After passing a car park on your right, look out carefully for a paved cycle track going off to the right, towards a bridge with a large metal archway entrance with a sign for Carey Park. On entering the park, carry straight on following the signs for Marbury Lane and The Flashes.

2. After 100 metres, turn right following the signs for Marbury Lane and The Flashes. After a further 100 metres, upon reaching the fence by the Recycling Centre, turn left following the cycleway signs for The Flashes. After 100 metres, exit Carey Park onto a paved lane and turn left. Continue on this very pleasant traffic free lane through the woods for about one and a half miles, ignoring all turnings. On reaching a main road at a T junction, turn right into Marbury Road and head up into the village of Comberbach.

3. Take care on this busy road until you reach the Spinner and Bergamot pub. Turn right into Budworth Lane opposite the pub, signposted for Great Budworth. Cross the busy A559 with care and go up the hill into Great Budworth. (There is a pub, George and Dragon, which does food.). Continue through the village to a T junction.

4. Turn left into Budworth Road, signposted for Arley Hall Gardens and Cheshire Cycleway. After passing a cattery on the right, turn left into a small unmarked lane (Old Hall Lane) just before reaching the B5391. Cross over the M6 and continue until reaching the very busy A556.

5. Cross the dual carriageway carefully and continue straight across, going into Dairy House Farm. Following bridleway signs (along Swain’s Walk), go through the farmyard and continue uphil on the wide, unpaved, but well surfaced bridleway passing under some power lines.

6. At the end of the bridleway, turn left into a minor road (Tabley Road) and proceed into Knutsford. Cross the very busy A50 with great care, and continue straight ahead into Garden Road. At the end of Garden Road, look out for the lane on the left which goes to the Tatton Park entrance. Turn left into the lane.

7. Follow the lane through the stone entrance archway and past the ticket booth. Cyclists are not charged to enter the park and to use the roads. (NOTE: This route through Tatton Park is closed on Mondays in the winter.) Follow the park road and the signs for the Mansion. On reaching the Mansion area, there are toilets and a cafe, the Stable Restaurant, available.

8. Leave the park following Rostherne Drive towards the Rostherne entrance. On reaching the main road, go straight across into Rostherne Lane. After 300 metres, turn right into Marsh Lane. After approximately three quarters of a mile, bear right into Birkenheath Lane. On reaching the main road (Ashley Road), turn left. Follow this road until you reach Ashley village. Immediately after passing Ashley Station on the left, take the first right into the busy Mobberley Road.

9. Continue on Mobberley Road for one and three quarter miles, ignoring the first road on the left. At a sharp left bend half a mile later, take care turning right (almost straight on signposted for Knutsford) then passing the Chapel House Inn pub, turn left into Smith Lane, signposted for Mobberley Station and the Railway Inn.

10. Turn left after a quarter of a mile into Station Road, signposted for Mobberley Station and the Railway Inn. The Railway Inn is a country pub that serves food and refreshments.

FINISH at Mobberley Station where your ticket will be valid for the return journey to your local station.

Bike hire available from
Knutsford station under the Abellio “bike and go” scheme
http://tinyurl.com/KnutsfordBikeGo
Tatton Park from DB Bike Hire:
http://tinyurl.com/TattonCycleHire

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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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