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Finally lifted. Follow the path for approx. 5 miles until you reach Maghull.

At the Coastal Road, turn left and follow the path over the

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and follow the path up and around to the Coastal Road.

Continue north along Andrews Lane, at the end of the road, turn right and cross the level crossing then turn immediately left into

From Crosby Lakeside Adventure Centre, head south towards the park. Turn right through the car park and head towards the coast. Keeping the lake to your right follow the path to join the Promenade. Upon reaching the Promenade you will see

Antony Gormley’s Another Place statues also known as the Iron Men. These 100 cast iron spectacular life-size sculptures spread out up to nearly 2 miles of the foreshore and almost 0.6 miles out to sea. Continue north passing Crosby Leisure Centre.

The pink line on the map indicates an alternative route north from Crosby Lakeside as the Promenade may be impassible due to windblown sand.

At the end of the Promenade when you reach the coastguard station, continue north through the car park rejoining the cycle path to Hightown. After 1.2 miles you will reach Hightown where you continue north straight ahead along Blundell Road (through a residential area) and then along School Road. When you reach the Hightown pub, turn right into Alt Road and then left just prior to the railway station. Continue north then bear right prior to the entrance to Altcar Training Camp. Also known as Altcar Rifle Range, the camp covers 250 hectares of beaches, sand dunes, fields and small woods and is used for both military and civilian training. The land was given by Lord Selsdon and first used for the Grand Lancashire MHR contest on 29th October 1860.

Continue north for approx. 1 mile until you cross the bridge over the River Alt, following the surfaced path until you reach Andrews Lane in Formby.

route Description

1. From Crosby Lakeside Adventure Centre, head south towards the park. Turn right through the car park and head towards the coastal area.

2. As you reach Freshfield Station, cross Victoria Road and continue north along Montagu Road alongside the station car park. Continue onto the cycle track until you reach the level crossing. Cross the railway (please dismount and walk taking care whilst crossing), continue on foot across the Formby Golf Course until you reach a gate; (this is for your own safety, as you will be crossing the Fairway which is a public footpath and walking will allow golfers more time to see you), go through the gate and bear right through the Pinewoods along the unsurfaced path for approx. 1.6 miles (There will be a loose surface and the possibility of pine cones here, so please take care). At the point where the track changes to a surfaced track, go through the gate and bear right across the field under the railway bridge. Turn left and follow the path up and around to the Coastal Road.

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4. Continue north along Andrews Lane, at the end of the road, turn right and cross the level crossing then turn immediately left into Formby Street. Turn left after passing the Railway pub and follow the path around under the bridge before turning immediately right back along the cycle path. The community centre is on your left. After the community centre, as you reach the end of the path, turn left and join the path to the Promenade. You should now be on Freshfield Road, continuing north towards Freshfield Station.

You have the option to follow the blue line here along Browne Lane to go into Formby village for refreshments.

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6. At the Coastal Road, turn left and follow the path over the river bridge. Cross Pinfold Lane (again taking care) and continue until you come to the signal controlled junction of Liverpool Road. Cross the junction via the T junction, continue along Moor Lane then onto Plows Lane past Moor Lane Leisure Caravan Park on your left. Continue to follow Plows Lane and then turn right following the Trans Pennine Trail (TPT) signs and head south along the Cheshire Lines Path. The Cheshire Lines Path is a disused railway line converted into a multi-use route linking Southport and Maghull. Built in 1884 by the Cheshire Lines Committee, it was closed as a passenger service on 7 January 1952 and good six months later. The line remained in intermittent use from Altcar to Altcar and Hil House to provide access to private sidings until May 1960, when the line was finally lifted. Follow the path for approx. 5 miles until you reach Maghull.

7. At the end of the Cheshire Lines path, turn left through the barriers and follow the path to the controlled T junction, cross Southport Lane using the crossing and continue right and then first left into Broomes Road following the TPT signs. When you get to the end of the road, keep left along the route to the roundabout to the right into Meadowway. At the end of the cul-de-sac go through the barriers and rejoin the path. Continue bearing right onto an unsurfaced path, continue over the rise, then down to the Alt River crossing.

8. Follow the path passing through Broomes Road, cross at the T junction and continue along Chapel Lane to the next T junction on Northern Perimeter Road. Cross the road following Chapel Lane which leads into Aldins Lane. Continue until you reach the swing bridge. Turn right here, no longer following the TPT signs onto the coastal walk, continuing for approx. 2 miles.

9. Leave the coastal walkway just before the first foot bridge over the coastline and enter Rimrose Valley Country Park. Follow the path, at the first crossroads, turn left passing the electric substation on your left. Turn immediate right, exit the park at the barrier and continue on foot crossing Walmer Road (at the 5 lamps war memorial). Continue on foot crossing Walmer Road and turn left into Racecourse Road following this route, you will cycle through pine woods, the Cheshire Lines path which links Maghull to Ainsdale. When you get to the end of the road, turn left along the route to the roundabout to the right into Meadowway. At the end of the cul-de-sac go through the barriers and rejoin the path. Continue bearing right onto an unsurfaced path, continue over the rise, then down to the Alt River crossing.

10. Disturb here and walk to the pedestrian crossing to your left at the 5 lamps war memorial. Continue on foot crossing Walmer Road on your right and continue along Chapel Lane. Continue down Great Georges Road, at the end of the road, continue straight ahead along the path to Crosby Lakeside Adventure Centre.

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