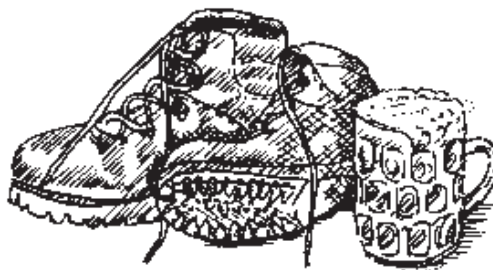


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INTRODUCTION

More Pub Walks in Cheshire and Wirral is the companion volume to *Best Pub Walks in Cheshire*, published by *Sigma Leisure* in 1990. Now in a new edition, it was the first in their *Pub Walks* series and has continued to be one of their ten best sellers.

In *More Pub Walks* Jen Darling has used the ten walks which wouldn't fit into the original book and has added twenty more. She never ceases to be amazed at how rapidly the countryside changes and advises walkers to carry an up-to-date map, for example the Ordnance Survey's new *Explorer* series, in case any problems arise.

The length of each walk has been included on the Contents pages as the author thought this would be helpful. A short description of each route is also given at the start of each section.

Please, please make sure that it is alright to leave vehicles in a pub carpark before starting out, otherwise find a convenient spot nearby. The telephone numbers of featured pubs are given at the start of each walk, together with information about them.

Cheshire provides a wide variety of scenery, whether you want to enjoy windswept walks in the Pennine foothills or potter over the patchwork plain on field paths, canal towpaths, or following stretches of the long-distance routes which criss-cross the county. Included in the text is a wealth of information on local history, magical legends and the flora and fauna which enhance any trek.

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