



IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE VIKINGS



A 'walk' along one of the main routes from Meols to Chester.

Distance: 19.2 Miles
Time: Approx 6hr 30min
Start: Station Road, Meols, Wirral CH47 9RA
End: Chester Cathedral, Chester CH1 2DY
Car Park: Station Road, Meols, Wirral CH47 9RA
Bus Stop: Greenfield Kennels; Banks Avenue; Bertram Drive;
Railway: Station Road, Meols, Wirral CH47 9RA

Warning:

This 'walk' although along a potential series of very old roads does also proceed along quite a few modern busy roads with limited footpaths along the roadside. It may be better to drive this 'walk'.

Directions

- = **Meols:**
Starting at Station Road, follow the road to Heron Road and along to Pump Road.
- = **Greasby:**
From Pump Road head across the roundabout to Mill Lane. Proceed to Mill Hill Road, then to Manor Road. From Manor Road to Thurstaston Road & onto Irby Road.
- = **Thurstaston:**
Cross onto Mill Lane, then down Telegraph Road and along the A540 to Heswall.
- = **Heswall**
From Heswall follow the A540, the Chester High Road past Little Neston and then Willaston.
- = **A550**
Cross the A550 and follow the A540 till you reach the Chester Roundabout. Follow the road past Blacon into Chester City Center. At the Chester roundabout go straight across. The Cathedral is a few hundred yards up this road on the Left.

History

This route is one of the traditional routes to Chester, possibly following the ancient trackways.

The cathedral's construction dates from between 10th century and the early 16th century, having been modified a number of times throughout history, a typical characteristic of English cathedrals; however, the site itself may have been used for Christian worship since Roman times.

Chester Cathedral is a Church of England cathedral and the mother church of the Diocese of Chester. The cathedral, formerly the abbey church of a Benedictine monastery dedicated to Saint Werburgh, is dedicated to Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Since 1541, it has been the seat of the Bishop of Chester.

In 1093 a Benedictine abbey was established on the site by Hugh Lupus, Earl of Chester, with the assistance of St Anselm and other monks from Bec in Normandy. The earliest surviving parts of the structure date from that time.

