



IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE VIKINGS



A walk along the Prenton 'Roman Road', through the fields of Brunanburh to Brimstage Hall

Distance: 2.5 Miles
Time: Approx 49min
Start: Saddle Club, 1 Roman Road, Wirral, CH43 3DB
End: Brimstage Hall, Brimstage Road, CH63 6JA
Car Park: Use Prenton Dell Road, CH43 3DB
Bus Stop: Nearest, Prenton Hall Road,
Railway: Nearest, Heswall, CH60 1XF (end of walk)

Directions

- Start:**
From Saddle Club on Roman Road join the continuation of the Roman road across Prenton Golf Club.
- Storeton:**
Follow the footpath across the Golf Club and toward Storeton by Lever Causeway.
- Lever Causeway**
Follow Lever Causeway, past Station Road and Rest Hill Road.
- Footpath:**
By Rest Hill Road, there is a footpath with sign to Ivy Kennels. Follow the road they cross the edge of the field on the footpath.
- Brimstage Lane**
Turn right and follow Brimstage Lane towards Brimstage. At Brimstage cross the road toward the Hall.

History

The 'Roman Road' is a nice local legend but there is no evidence of a Roman Road. Maybe this was once a medieval trackway. Prenton was a township in Woodchurch ancient parish, Wirral hundred, which became a civil parish in 1866.

Storeton is made up of Great Storeton and Little Storeton. A Roman quarry is inside Storeton Woods taking sandstone to Chester. Storeton has Viking connections, the name deriving from the Old Norse Stor-tún, meaning "great farmstead". The village is mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086 as Stortone.

It has been thought that the poem Sir Gawain and the Green Knight refers to Storeton Hall. Storeton Hall dates from the 14th century.

Below Storeton are the fields which it is believed maybe one of the locations for the Battle of Brunanburh. 937 AD.

Brimstage Hall construction date is unknown as well as its original purpose. Estimates suggest it was built some time between 1175 and 1350 containing a moat with high embankments. Sir Hugh Hulse and his wife Marjory are recorded as the hall's first occupants with documents showing the granting of permission for the construction of a tower on 11 February 1398.

In 1432, the estate was inherited by the Troutbeck family, with Sir William Troutbeck occupying Brimstage Hall and later dying in the War of the Roses. In 2014 the site was redeveloped into a shopping complex.

