



7th Ramsbottom (Greenmount)
Greater Manchester North

WALK 5

REDISHER WOOD CIRCULAR

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| Start | Greenmount Old School |
| Finish | Greenmount Old School |
| Duration | 2½ hours (approximately 5 miles) |
| Terrain | Stiles Parts can be boggy and slippy, especially in or after wet weather Some overgrown and narrow paths Passing deep water |

- 1 Leave the Old School heading towards Holcombe Road. Cross Holcombe Road using the Zebra Crossing and turn left.
- 2 Turn right past the church along an unmade cul-de-sac leading to Lomax Street. This leads to a short footpath to Hunt Fold Drive.
- 3 Cross Hunt Fold Drive and turn right and then left into Larkfield Close.
- 4 Turn left into Hove Close and as you drop down and turn the right hand bend, you will see the entrance to Greenmount Golf Course ahead.
- 5 Go through the golf course entrance and turn right, with houses on your right, following the edge of the golf course.
- 6 As you come to the end of the houses on the other side of the hedge, the footpath goes right, through the fence and then left, following the edge of the golf course.
- 7 Go through another fence where the path forms a 'T' junction with the more trodden path to the right. Turn right. (The path to the left leads back to the club house on the golf course).
- 8 Go through another fence and straight on. Follow the fencing on your right, under an oak tree and go through a stile onto a track with the farm ahead, left.
- 9 Turn left, along this track, to the rear of the farm, with the farm on your right. Go through a stile to the right of the gate and follow the footpath by the hedge on your right and houses on your right.
- 10 Go through the stile at the end of the field, along a narrow gennel and up steps to the main road.
- 11 Cross the main road, turn right and then left up the tarmac bridleway, Redisher Lane. Keep straight on the lane and go through the gate at the entrance to Redisher Wood.



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- 12 Follow the main track as it sweeps down and left. Do not go over the bridge on the right. Follow the main track as it crosses the stream, then follow the footpath, keeping the stream on your left.
- 13 Keep to the main path, with the stream on your left. You will pass some Lodges (old mill reservoirs), now silted up and partially overgrown, on your left. You will reach a branch in the path, with a wide, stone path curving off uphill to the right and a smaller path following the stream down to the left. Take the smaller path, by the stream, with the stream on your left.
- 14 The path leads you past the waterfall and up to Simon's Lodge, passing the Lodge with the Lodge on your left. The path is narrow and slippery in places. Also, the Lodge is deep and dangerous. If anyone is unfortunate enough to fall in, under no circumstances enter the water. There are buoyancy rings attached to ropes at the lower and upper ends of the Lodge.
- 15 At the far end of the Lodge, the path goes through a gate and joins a wide, gravel bridleway. Turn right along the bridleway, initially with the stream on your right and then go across the stepping stones.
- 16 At the signpost, continue along the bridleway up the hill to the top and through the gate.
- 17 At the next signpost, go straight on, over the hill. The path at this point is a little undefined and it is best to make for the left of the ruined farm, ahead, right, where a track becomes visible again, passing the rear of the ruined farm and curving downhill to the left, down the hill to the valley bottom and a wooden gate.
- 18 Go through the gate. Here there is a signpost indicating three tracks, one straight up the hill, one slightly right and a less-defined third path between them, also going slightly right.

Take the track straight up through the wood. This is, initially, a very steep and slippery climb, directly up the hillside, bending slightly left about two-thirds of the way up. The path leads to a wooden gate. Go through the gate, then turn sharp right and follow the fencing on your right to a stile. Note the standing stones in the field ahead, slightly left. Go over the stile and follow the fencing on the left.

- 19 Shortly after the stile, you will see the standing stones in a line in the field on the left. There is also a fence line on the right running straight down the hill, through the wood. Running from the point where the fence line meets the path you are on is a footpath to the right, running at about thirty degrees to your right. The path is initially not well defined and is easily missed, running through the heather. Take this path, right, away from the fencing, down the hill. Keep on this main path, down the hill, ignoring any path to the right or left. At the point where the main path appears to turn sharp right, down the hill and a less-well defined path goes straight ahead, through the trees, take the less-well defined path.
- 20 This path leads to a stepping stile into Sapling Wood, with a notice on the fence to that effect. Go over the stile and turn right immediately, winding down the hill. This is a short, steep and slippery descent. At the bottom, turn left, following the level footpath.
- 21 At the junction of two paths, bear right and go down the hill to a small stream.
- 22 About 20 metres before the waterfall, cross the stream towards a holly tree and follow the footpath with the stream on your left.



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- 23 Go down the steps and join the main track, turning left. You have now completed a circle of the woods.
- 24 Follow the main track up to the gate, through the gate and down Redisher Lane.
- 25 On reaching the road, cross the road and turn right, taking the first footpath, left, down the steps and the narrow gennel to a stile.
- 26 Go through the stile and follow the hedge, with houses behind, on your left, along the edge of the field, to a gate.
- 27 Go through the gate and along the track behind the farm. Follow the track round to the left, in front of the farm, along Hol House Lane, past the Primary School, to the main road.
- 28 At the main road, turn right and follow the pavement to the centre of Greenmount.
- 29 On reaching the Zebra Crossing, cross the road, turn right and then left down Brandlesholme Road to reach your starting point, Greenmount Old School.