



7th Ramsbottom (Greenmount)
Greater Manchester North

WALK 6

GREENMOUNT, REDISHER WOOD, PEEL TOWER & WHIPNEY LANE

Start	Greenmount Old School
Finish	Greenmount Old School
Duration	3 hours (approximately 6 miles)
Terrain	Stiles Parts can be boggy and slippy, especially in or after wet weather Some overgrown and narrow paths, rocky in places, with steep climbs

- 1 Leave the Old School heading towards Holcombe Road. Cross Holcombe Road using the Zebra Crossing and turn right.
- 2 Turn left past the church along a track and 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. Turn right and go over the main bridge, then sharp left, following the path by the side of the stream, with the stream on your left.
- 13 Cross a small wooden bridge then turn right, up the steps, to the top of the waterfall, which is on your right. Follow the path and cross the stream approximately 25 metres after the top of the waterfall.
- 14 Follow the path up hill, passing between two large trees and then bearing right, through the wood. The path then turns sharp left as it continues to climb through the wood and then sharp right, eventually reaching a fence, which you keep to your right as the path climbs straight up a very steep hill to a stile.
- 15 Go over the stile and follow the stone wall on your right. Go through the gap in the wall in the top right-hand corner of the field and follow the path up hill, keeping the stone wall on your left. This leads to a stile onto a track called Moorbottom Road.
- 16 Go over the stile, cross Moorbottom Road at go over the stile in the fence opposite. The level path soon bears left and turns into a steep, rocky climb up to a stile onto another track.
- 17 Go over the stile and turn left, following the track up and round to the right to reach Peel Tower.
- 18 Go round to the back of the tower and take the track heading away from the tower across the moorland. This path can be very wet and, being peat towards the far end, difficult to traverse. The track leads to a gate in a fence.
- 19 Go through the gate and turn left to follow the fence line. (Do not be tempted to try to go between the fence and the stone wall). Follow this path downhill, over a stile and down to meet Moorbottom Road once again.
- 20 Turn left along Moorbottom Road and then take the first stile on the right, though a field, following standing stones on your right. The path leads to a fence with a wooden frame over which you can climb. Climb over the fence and turn right along a narrow footpath for about 50 metres, where you will see an old stone gatepost and a path on your left.
- 21 Take the path on the left, down through the wood, to reach a gate. Go through the gate and follow the path uphill to an old ruined farmhouse.
- 22 To the left of the ruin is a signpost. Take the path to the right, along the left side of the ruin, towards an old gate post. You are heading for a metal gate in the fence in the distance, down to the left, which you may not be able to see and the path is overgrown with nettles and such. If you make your way across the more grassy areas to the right and look down to the left, you should see a sandy-coloured track and a clear grassy path down to the left to it. If you head for this, you will see the gate.
- 23 Go over the stile by the side of the gate and down the bridle path. Cross the stream by means of the stepping blocks and continue up the bridle path to another gate. Go through the gate onto a lane, having passed Simon's Sundial cottage on your left and reaching a converted farm building on your left.
- 24 At the first bend in the road, which is to the left, take the path on the right, initially through woodland, by a stream on your left. This path is considerably overgrown and eventually leads to a stile over a fence into a field.



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- 25 Go over the stile and head for the stile by the far gate post. If you cannot make this out, use the electricity pylon as a guide, since the path across the field is somewhat undefined.
- 26 Go over the stile, onto the road leading to the Army Training Camp and turn left, following this road down to the main Hawkshaw road. Part way down the Army Training Camp road is a pathway on the right which may be taken in preference to using the road itself.
- 27 On reaching the main road, take the footpath on the left and then cross immediately to a stile opposite. Follow this track (Whipney Lane), with the holly bushes on your left. Where the track becomes a footpath, by a large gate on the left, follow the footpath, across the field, heading to a large oak tree
- 28 Go over the stile by the oak tree and follow the path through woodland, eventually reaching the cottages on your left and Greenmount Golf Club. Go through the gate onto the lane and round the back of the Golf Club, through the car park.
- 29 Follow the path down past the green mobile telephone transmitter, across the bridge and up across the golf course taking care to check for golfers playing from your right.
- 30 On reaching the entrance to the golf course path, retrace your steps up Hove Close, Larkfield Close and back to your starting point, Greenmount Old school.