

Points of Interest

New Cut Heritage Trail was completed in 1821 to bypass a bend in the River. You can walk in the footsteps of the world's oldest horse, 'Old Billy', who pulled barges on the Old Cut, and lived to the ripe age of 62.

Woolston Lock was restored in 2019, and overlooks the River Mersey. As you crossover the bridge, you may be lucky and spot a Grebe, an Atlantic Salmon or even an otter making its way up what was once the most polluted river in Europe.

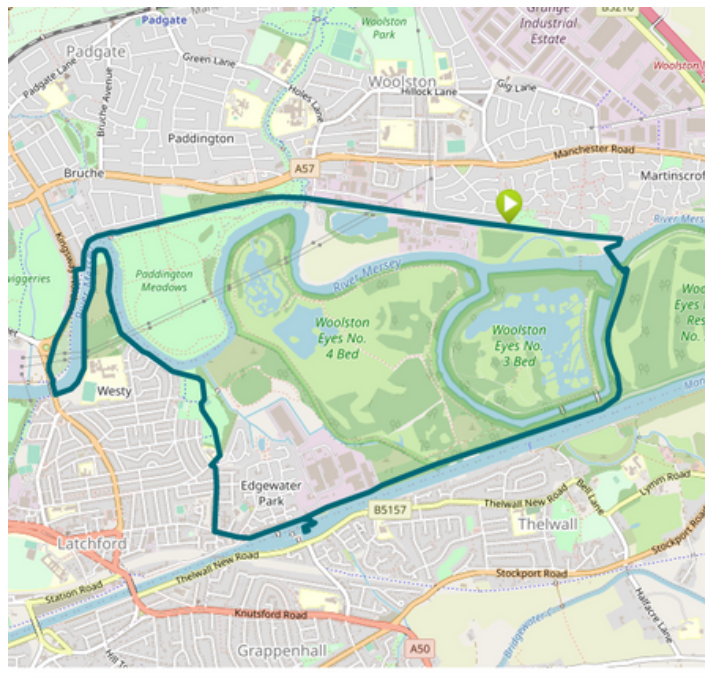
Woolston SSSI is an important site for wildlife. It is managed by Woolston Eyes Conservation Group, and entrance to the reserve is by permit only.

The Manchester Ship Canal was completed in 1894. It proved to be an amazing feat of Victorian Civil Engineering employing 16,000 navvies at its peak and using steam powered cranes and locomotive. Sadly, the work was dangerous and at least 130 died many of whom were undocumented and so were buried in unmarked graves.

Latchford Locks Offer great views up and down the Manchester Ship Canal.

Paddington Meadows are one of the few remaining waterside meadows in Warrington, Paddington Meadows also contains some of the oldest examples of hawthorn hedge boundaries in Cheshire.

Warrington Heritage Loop Map



Warrington Heritage Loop

4 Miles /6.5 KM
Trail starts at the New Cut
Heritage and Ecology
Trail





A pleasant walk that takes in the New Cut Trail, Woolston Eyes, the River Mersey and the Manchester Ship Canal.

-Start and Finish:

Woolston Neighbourhood
Hub,
WA1 4JT

-Refreshments can be found
at places such as:

Café Ocho
(64 Dam Lane, Woolston,
WA1 4EP)
and The Pickering Arms



Scan the QR code to get the
trail on Strava.

Route

Start from **Woolston Neighbourhood Hub** WA1 4PN where there is free parking., then walk in a westerly direction down Hall Road and turn left onto **Laburnum Avenue**.

At the end of Laburnum Avenue turn right onto **Manchester Road** and cross over at the traffic lights and head left in an easterly direction towards the **Hope and Anchor Pub**. Opposite there is a difficult to spot track take a right down there in a southerly direction.

Eventually you will reach the **New Cut Heritage Trail**. At a T junction, turn left and head in an easterly direction. Eventually you will reach the **Old Woolston Lock**. Cross over the bridge over the **River Mersey**, then turn right, past **Woolston Eyes**. Follow the **Manchester Ship Canal** towards **Thelwall Lane**. Continue straight over at the roundabout on **Thelwall Lane**, and take the 2nd road on the right, **Nook Lane**

At the end of Nook Lane at the junction with **Ash Acre Meadows** take the footpath up past West Hall Care Home, then go left when the path forks behind the care home, and take the next left across the field at **Westy Park**.

After you pass the community centre (keep to your left), and pick up the path on the **Mersey Walk**. At the end of the Mersey Walk, look right and go onto the path for **Westy Point**

Follow the River Mersey until you reach the **Kingsway Bridge**.

Take the left hand side ramp to get you over the bridge in a northerly direction this involves walking along the side of a busy road. (**Kingsway North**).

At the other side of the bridge turn right onto the **Paddington Bank** – the footpath alongside the **River Mersey** in a general easterly direction

Once you reach signs for the **New Cut Heritage Trail**, at the junction with **Bennett Avenue** you are back to the “Cuts”.

Follow the **New Cut Heritage** in an easterly direction for approximately 600 metres to pick up the track that eventually leads to the **Rope and Anchor Pub** on **Manchester Road**. Turn left towards the Traffic lights then up to Laburnum Avenue and right towards Woolston Neighbourhood Hub.

For Further information on the trail visit:

www.carbonlandscape.org.uk