

A straightforward and simple route that is not without interest. Can be walked entirely on tarmac or entirely on grass.

Start at Errwood Hall car park (Red Dot - SK17 6GJ - SK 012 748 – Elev: 295m). Leave the front of the car park and turn left. You are then heading along the tarmac straight up to the Pym Chair car park (SJ 994 766 – Elev: 471) , a surprising 3.27 km. You can of course take the well established roadside grass tracks either up or down, or both.

Plenty to hunt for on the margins, including Bilberry in summer for the pickers with a delicate touch. Also plays host to the Green Hairstreak Butterfly. The three green circles on the map denote access to well established routes, just for information, including in order:

1. The wide gateway leading to Goyt Forest / Hoo Moor (Route 2) and a farm. Immediately on entering the tall Willow herb is a veritable zoo for Butterflies in season. Pond Number 5 is also on the route. This route is the Midshires Way.
2. Another gate and lay-by with access to Foxlow Edge and St. Joseph's shrine. I have often seen Stonechats rest opposite the lay-by.
3. The route to Shining Tor which is the highest point in Cheshire and only 3 metres from the footpath which is in Derbyshire.

The road is quickly iced over in winter, especially above 300 metres elevation (Gate 1). I walk it in snow and ice with crampons. Without iron on your feet choose the grass track, both up and down.

Remember this is a public highway and can get busy with cars, vans and cyclists.

NB: From Pym Chair down into the Goyt is Derbyshire County Council responsibility. From the gate, the cattle grid and car park at Pym Chair is Cheshire East Council responsibility and they have replaced the cattle grid.

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Distance: 6.54km (GPS)