

Stoke to Longport

The Heart of the Potteries

DISTANCE: 6 miles / 9.65 km

TIME: Allow up to 3 hours

Pavements and canal towpath.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESS: Limited due to steep canal bridges. Westport Lake is fully accessible.



1 Turn right out of the front entrance of Stoke-on-Trent Station. Turn right again to go under a low bridge. You'll soon see the Trent & Mersey Canal below you. Take steps down on your right (or ramp via Wharf Place on your left) to join it. Turn left along the towpath.

2 After about 30 minutes, at the junction with the Caldron Canal, continue straight on.

3 After 15 minutes you will arrive at Festival Park Marina. Ignore the road bridge and cross the black footbridge further along to join the right hand towpath.

4 After 5 minutes cross the next bridge to re-join the left hand towpath.

5 About 30-40 minutes later you will pass Middleport Park and a play area on your right. After that:

a. turn right across canal bridge 125 to visit to visit the historic Middleport Pottery, OR

b. continue on the towpath for another 20-30 minutes to arrive at Westport Lake.

6 Walk around the lake.

7 Retrace your steps back along the canal, leaving at Canal Street just before bridge 126. At the main road turn right.

8 Before the pedestrian crossing turn right down Station Street. You'll see Longport Station at the end.



Look for the blue wayfinding signs along this route – they will help you find your way.

