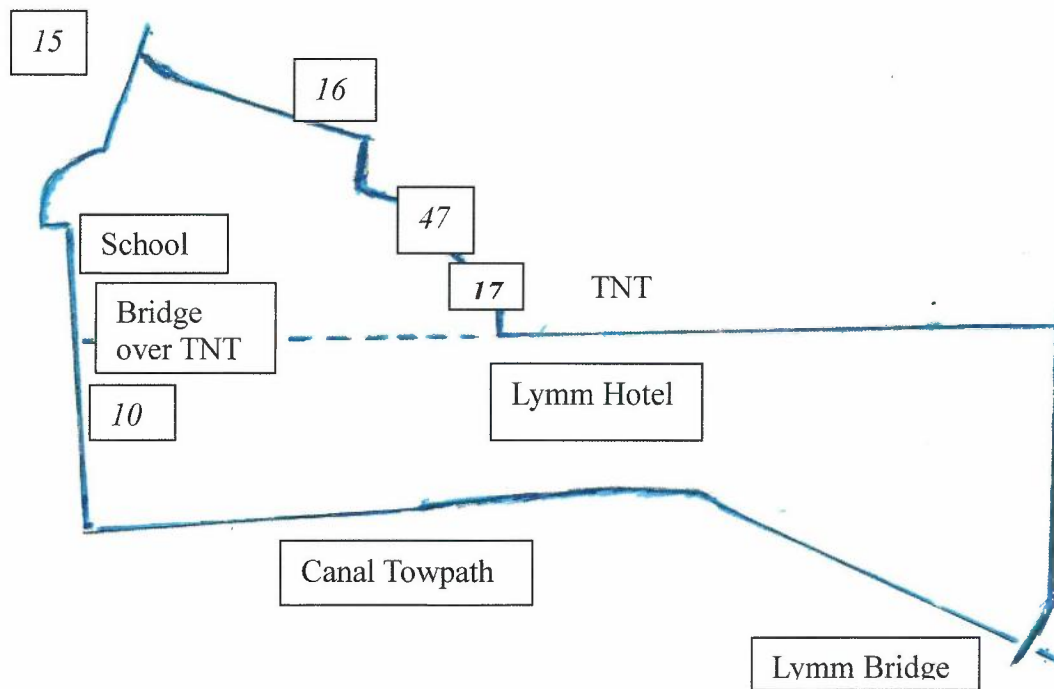


## Fishing Ponds and Canal Circular Walk



Parking is available in Pepper Street near Lymm Cross (Pay and Display) and at the Rangers' Hut by the Lymm Hotel.

Starting from Lymm Cross, go over Lymm Bridge, then take the left fork into Dane Bank Road. Go down this road and cross the road at the bottom into Lymmhay Road. Follow this road to the Trans Pennine Trail (TPT) where you turn left. Walk along the Trans Pennine Trail past the Lymm Hotel until you find a footpath crossing the trail with steps down from both sides. Turn right here and follow the path (no. 17) to Albany Road. Then turn left and then right into Whitesands Road. The road turns to the left and in a little while you will find a short footpath on the right (no. 47) leading to Whitbarrow Road. In Whitbarrow Road turn left and look for Footpath no. 16, which leaves the road by number 80A on the opposite side. This path will lead you past the fishing ponds up to a permissive byway (no. 15), which, if you turned right, would take you up to the Manchester Ship Canal. But don't turn right, turn left towards Pool Lane. Turn right in Pool Lane, which will lead you past the Statham Lodge Hotel. At the Hotel turn left and, just before Statham School, turn right into Footpath no. 10. This will lead you over the Trans Pennine Trail to the canal towpath. Turn left on the towpath, which will bring you back to Lymm Bridge. Cross the bridge and you are back where you started.

Total distance 2.3 miles, 3.5 km. 1 hour 30 minutes.

Terrain Generally good paths, but often muddy on Footpath no. 10.

**Suggested by Tony Elbra, Lymm footpath warden.**