



# Hummingbird House

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## Chadkirk Chapel (3½ miles: fairly easy)

**A stroll down to an isolated chapel beyond the River Goyt.**

*Allow 1½–2 hours. One easy climb.*

- 1** From the front door, turn right and walk down The Turnpike to the T-junction with Marple Hall Drive, where you turn right.
- 2** Cross the two ends of Turncliff Crescent and the end of Merepool Close then, when Marple Hall Drive bends left, go through the gap ahead of you. Follow the Alan Newton Way past the site of Marple Hall (on your right) and continue to the left, below the playing fields of Marple Hall School on your left.
- 3** At a junction with a narrower path on the left, follow the main path as it heads downhill. (Shortly, unless you're in a hurry, ignore a stepped path on the right, which cuts a corner.)
- 4** Towards the bottom of the slope, follow the main path round a sharp right-hand bend, then cross a side-stream and follow the River Goyt upstream.
- 5** At Chadkirk Bridge, cross the river and follow the broad track ahead of you.
- 6** At the end of the track, turn right through a wooden kissing gate into trees. The path bears left along the bottom of the wooded bank, climbing slightly to pass the bottom of a stepped path up the slope.
- 7** At the nearer end of the walled garden by Chadkirk Chapel, turn left (the path ahead leads to a bench with a pretty view of the chapel). The path along the wall leads out to the road.
- 8** Cross straight over onto another path and turn right.
- 9** At another gate, turn left, away from the road, signposted "Car Park". This path skirts some farm buildings then leads along a ditch with woodland on the right and fields to the left.
- 10** Close to the A627, it bends left and runs parallel to the road and stream to a car park.
- 11** At the far end of the car park, climb a couple of steps up to Vale Road. Turn right to the main road.
- 12** Turn left along the pavement and follow it over Otterspool Bridge, then pass a garden centre on your left.
- 13** Immediately after the entrance, turn left over a stile into fields and climb the bank ahead of you. Cross the field ahead to a gate into woodland.
- 14** Cross a stream and follow the track ahead as it climbs the slope and then runs along the top edge of the wood with fields to the right.
- 15** Shortly after a gate, the path you descended on the outward journey joins from the left, and from here on you are retracing your steps.
- 16** Continue along the path below the school grounds and exit onto Marple Hall Drive.
- 17** Walk up the road until you see The Turnpike on the left.
- 18** Turn left and follow the road back to Hummingbird House.

