

HESWALL FORESHORE (DIRECT ROUTE) continued

after the first house on the left (No vehicular access to Dee View Road'). **8** At the bottom, steps lead down to Dee View Road, where you turn right. **9** Cross Thursaston Road into Delavor Road. Follow Delavor Road for half a mile, ignoring all turnings to left and right. **10** Just beyond the old railway bridge over the Wirral Way, bear right (Broad Lane) then left (Banks Road). **11** At the end of the lane, continue beyond the car park to the foreshore. Beyond the boatyard (right) you can continue along a sometimes marshy path along the foreshore for as far as you like, returning the same way (or see the extended route from step 14 for a longer return via Heswall Dales). **12** Return the same way via Banks Road to its junction with Broad Lane. **13** Just beyond the right-hand bend, go through a gate on the left onto the Wirral Way, and turn right. **14** Follow the Wirral Way for a little under half a mile, passing under the Delavor Road bridge after a short distance. Follow either the main trail or the parallel footpath to the right (which offers views over the Dee Estuary). **15** Shortly after the second overbridge, the trail bears right to a road junction. **16** Turn left and follow Davenport Road for quarter of a mile before turning left into Station Road. **17** Follow Station Road for a similar distance, keeping right past the junctions with Rectory Lane and The Lydiate (left). **18** Cross Village/Gayton Road into Wallrake and follow the road to its junction with Dawstone Road. **19** Turn left for 30 metres then right into a driveway with a footpath sign (FP 9). **20** At the top of the driveway, join the enclosed path on the left, which winds between fence and wall to emerge into The Beacons. **21** Keep right (uphill) at the first path junction and cross an open area with a bench to the right. **22** Go straight on over a crossing path into the trees. Bear left at a fork and then left again and stick on this path until you emerge from the trees within sight of a bungalow. **23** Turn right then, very soon, left (before the bungalow) onto a path that leads to a driveway. **24** Turn left then take a footpath to the right of Tower Cottage, which leads shortly to Beacon Lane. **25** Turn right and follow Beacon Lane to its end. **26** Turn right up Rocky Lane, keeping left at the fork. **27** When you reach the main road, turn right to return to the Harry Beswick.

HESWALL FORESHORE (EXTENDED ROUTE)

4.5 miles: Moderate

Head down to the Dee via various green spaces, follow the shoreline for a mile, then return via Heswall Dales. Allow 2-3 hours. The foreshore path may be soft underfoot. Paths in the Dales are occasionally uneven, and potentially muddy, in places.

1 From the front of the pub, turn right and walk along the pavement beside the main road. **2** At the lights, cross over and turn right, crossing the end of Rocky Lane. **3** By a litter bin, turn left and follow a surfaced path between the library (left) and Heswall Hall (right) into Hill House Gardens. **4** Follow the tarmac path along the right-hand side of the park, then turn left at the top. Pass a bug hotel ('Btingham Palace') on your left and exit the park via another tarmac path out to Rocky Lane. **5** Turn right (downhill) and walk down to Heswall War Memorial. **6** Cross and turn left above Dawstone Park, then turn right through a gate into the park. Follow the path to the left, down the side of the park, then turn left into Brow Lane, and then right to the road (School Hill). **7** Turn left and walk down to the end of the road. **8** Cross into Church Farm Court and turn left into the churchyard. Pass to the left of the church building then, beyond the tower, continue along a path that leads down through the graveyard towards the estuary. **9** On reaching Rectory Lane, turn right. Follow the roughly surfaced road as it bends right and left, meeting Farr Hall Drive. **10** Ignore two turnings to the right, at the second following the road left to cross the old railway bridge over the Wirral Way. **11** When you reach the end of Davenport Road, turn right and left (Park West). **12** Walk down to the Dee Estuary, then head down steps ahead of you onto the saltmarsh. **13** Turn right along an informal path immediately below the seawall. This path, which may be soft underfoot at times, follows the high tide mark above the reedbeds of the Dee Estuary for half a mile to a boatyard. **14** Continue beyond the boatyard onto a similar marshy path along the foreshore. **15** Beyond ironclad and concrete sea defences, and then a section of piled boulders, the sandy shoreline path leads eventually to the outflow of a small stream at the end of Heswall Fields. **16** Ford the stream and turn right,

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finally leaving the estuary. **17** Take the right fork and follow the path round to the left. By a gate on the left into Heswall Fields, turn right past another gate into trees. **18** Follow a hedged path along the edge of the wood that emerges into a field. **19** Turn right across the field, then bear left onto another tree-lined path that leads to the Wirral Way. **20** Turn right and follow the right-hand track for 60 metres, then cross the other track and follow a fenced path opposite that leads out to Pipers Lane. **21** Turn right and follow the lane for 300m to its junction with Redstone Drive, where you turn left and climb the hill (passing Ferns Close and Broomfield Close on the left). **22** On reaching the T-junction with Oldfield Drive at the top, cross straight over onto a narrow path through gorse and bracken that winds left and right then meets a broader path. **23** Turn right and follow this path, shortly ignoring a minor path off to the left to reach a fence with a 'Heswall Dales' sign. **24** Cross a perpendicular path and continue in the same direction, between gorse bushes out to an open area with a bench by a junction giving wide views over the Dee. **25** Keep on along the obvious path then keep left at a fork to drop down into a wooded valley, rounding the end of a garden on the left. **26** Turn right for a short distance, then turn left up the side of the valley on an inconspicuous path leading up to some steps.

Now jump to step 12 of the [Heswall Dales walk](#), for directions back to the Harry Beswick.



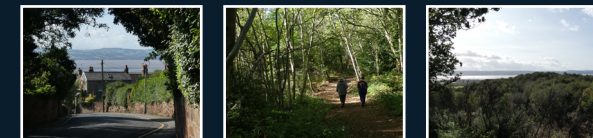
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ENJOY THE SPLENDOUR OF THE
HESWALL DALES AND THE
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HESWALL DALES

(2.5 miles)

A stroll around our local nature reserve, with good views over the Dee into Wales.

HESWALL FORESHORE

(3.5 miles)

The quickest route down to the Dee, returning via the Wirral Way and The Beacons open space.

HESWALL FORESHORE

Extended Route
(4.5 miles)

Head down to the Dee via various green spaces, follow the shoreline for a mile, then return via Heswall Dales.

HESWALL DALES

2.5 miles: Moderate

A stroll round our local nature reserve, with good views over the Dee into Wales. Allow 1-2 hours. Although quite short, there are quite a lot of ups and downs on this walk. Paths in the Dales are occasionally uneven, and potentially muddy, in places.

1 From the front of the pub, turn right and walk along the pavement beside the main road. **2** At the lights, cross over and turn right, crossing the end of Rocky Lane, and continue past the library and fire station to the traffic lights at the end of The Mount. **3** Cross and continue ahead, passing the entrance to Puddydale car park (right) and Tesco (left). **4** Just beyond the Tesco entrance, go through a gap in the wall on your left onto a tarmac path. This path runs through trees to the right of the supermarket car park (keep right where necessary) then descend steps. **5** At a meeting of paths, turn right. Beyond a cycling barrier and some bollards join a driveway and walk out to the road. **6** Cross with care and take a few steps to the right, then turn left into a narrow footpath with a Heswall Dales sign. Walk between properties then descend a slightly rocky path to the bottom of a small valley. **7** Ignoring a bridge over the stream on your right (our return route), turn left and walk downhill parallel to the valley bottom, crossing a plank bridge to the other side of the stream and passing the bottom of a sloping garden. **8** When you meet another path, turn right (in front of the fence) then fork left (waymarked with a horseshoe). Follow the path uphill to a junction with another path. **9** Turn left here and head downhill again. **10** At the next junction, turn right; ignoring a minor path to the left, continue along the low wooden fence on your right. **11** Not long after the fence ends, turn right onto an easily missed path that leads, via steps, out of the valley you have been following. **12** Shortly beyond the top of the steps you meet a more prominent path – turn right here over a rocky step. **13** Follow this attractive path, with views over the Dee Estuary, to a junction. **14** Turn right (signposted 'Bush Way 290m'). **15** Just before the next obvious junction (a path you used on the outward journey), turn left through a gap in the wooden fence, past a stone post. This narrow path leads across heathland then descends into a small valley. **16** Turn left and follow the path up the valley. **17** After 200m or so, near the head of the valley, turn right up steps, then bear right. **18** At a junction, keep right, heading gradually downhill parallel to and above the valley you

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The Dee Estuary from Rocky Lane



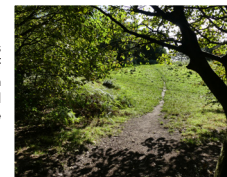
The Dales are a series of small valleys running down towards the Dee from the highest point on the Wirral. The area, with its low outcrops of red Triassic sandstone, is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest as a rare example of lowland heath, and provides superb views over the Dee Estuary to Wales.



St Peter's Church, Heswall, has a medieval tower and an 18th-century body that was rebuilt in 1875 after a lightning strike severely damaged the church.



The Beacons is a small area of woodland with numerous paths and views over the Dee



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previously walked up, until you reach a bench. **19** Follow the path round to the left beyond the bench then, at an easily missed fork, take the lower path right, down into the next valley. Cross the bridge to rejoin the path into Heswall Dales. **20** Turn left and climb the rocky path, then continue along the enclosed path out to the road. **21** Cross the road, turn right and then left up the driveway (FP 14). **22** Pass between bollards at the end, then through the metal barrier. **23** At a junction of paths, turn right and follow a tarmac path that leads, via steps, to a path near the rear of the supermarket. **24** Turn right into the end of a rough road (Feather Lane) and follow it past the bottom of Castle Drive (left), and the top of another track (right) out to The Mount. **25** Cross and turn left, then shortly turn right into Mount Avenue. **26** Turn left through the second car park, into Hill House Gardens. **27** Turn left down the tarmac path at the left of the gardens and exit between Heswall Hall (left) and Library (right) out to the A540. **28** Turn right to return to the Harry Beswick.

HESWALL FORESHORE (DIRECT ROUTE)

3.5 miles: Fairly easy

The quickest route down to the Dee, returning via the Wirral Way and The Beacons open space. Allow 2 hours. Mostly all-weather walking on roads and pavements (though paths within The Beacons open space are unsurfaced and may be soft underfoot). There is an appreciable though never particularly steep climb on the way back.

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