

# Factsheet: *Leg One*

## Heaton Park to Boggart Hole Clough



### Description

Although there are occasional stretches of urban much of the course is through parkland and Bailey's Wood. It is quite flat and some of it is alongside the River Irk.

The course is not overly long - about 7 km - and with cafés in both Parks it all makes for a pleasant excursion.

The shortest walking distance between the Start and Finish is 4.0km, but with 12 checkpoints the route stretches to about 6.9km.

### Transport

#### *Public*

		Get on at	Get off at	Duration	Freq	Walk	Cost
To the Start	Metro	Market Street	Bowker Vale	17min	15min	800m	£4
	Bus No 59, or 135	Piccadilly Gardens	The Woodthorpe	25min	15min	700m	£3
To the Finish	Bus 118	Piccadilly Gardens	Blackley	30min	30min	50m	£4

### Café and conveniences

There are 4 cafés within Heaton Park : there is one by the lake, one at the stables block by the hall where there are toilets, one at the Heaton Park golf centre and the Hidden Gem at Heaton Park garden centre. At Boggart Hole Clough, the Lakeside café is 400m down the drive from the Finish.

### Safety

Depending on your choice of route you will have one or even two busy roads to cross before you reach your first checkpoint. Note the safe crossing points on your map. Later you will find that checkpoints 12 and 13 have been placed at controlled crossing points on the busy A664 Bury Road.

There is a section of boardwalks and steps mixed with tree roots on this leg and there may be muddy patches here and there. Take care.

### The Start and Finish in detail

**Start**

**Post Code**

Heaton Park  
M25 0DL

**Feature**

By the gates at the T junction on the road  
leading to Heaton Park south car park



**Finish**

**Post Code**

Boggart Hole Clough  
M9 7BR

**Feature**

Old root stock in open  
ground to the east of the  
visitor's centre car park

