



Factsheet: *Leg Six*

Heaton Norris Park to Millgate Fields

Description

The first kilometre is gloriously and unrepentantly urban: the mighty A6 heads North/South to Carlisle and Luton. The M60 shoots East/West under Stockport's famous viaduct only to return about 60kms later, and the river Mersey emerges from beneath the town. No wonder the place was immortalised by Frankie Vaughan's 1983 tribute to Stockport.

And once seen how can anyone forget the iconic, or is it ironic pyramid?

It's a minor miracle that the town planners have left the pedestrians with a way through. But they have.

The photo to the left is of Hollywood Park. Urban glamour, Stockport style.

The rest of the route follows the Mersey - if you choose - before crossing the A34 (Kingsway) by pedestrian bridge - if you choose - before entering Millgate Fields

The shortest walking distance between the Start and Finish is 4.8km, but with 12 checkpoints the route stretches to about 7.7km.

Transport

		Get on at	Get off at	Duration	Freq	Walk	Cost
To the Start	Bus 192	Piccadilly Gardens	Stockport, Kingsgate	29mins	5mins	300m	£4
To the Finish	Train	Manchester Piccadilly	East Didsbury	19mins	30mins	1.5Km	£5

By Car

The Heaton Lane multi-storey car car park just 400m from the Start. (SK4 1AQ). Parking is also available 800m at the Start at Decathlon - as are trainers and energy bars. There is a small car park just beyond the Finish at the end of Millgate Lane. (M20 5GS)

Café and conveniences

Stockport has some world famous fast food, including the incomparable Gregg's. There is no café in Millgate Fields

Safety

As you leave the Start you have to cross the A6. There are two recommended crossing points from which to choose, both controlled and both mapped.

The run down Green Lane between checkpoints 2 and 3 is through an industrial area (Royal Mail parcel office and VW garage) so plenty of vehicles about during the week.
 You must use the crossing points on the M60 roundabout as the traffic travels fast and often runs the red lights. This will lead to the M60 footbridge.
 If leaving Checkpoint 8 in a NW direction along the woodland trail beware of tree roots and also take care at the end of the trail when exiting onto Craig Road down steep wooden steps.
 Cross Kingsway (the A34) in the last third of the route either by the pedestrian bridge - checkpoint 13 - or by the controlled crossing points to the West of checkpoint 12.

Start and Finish in detail

Start

Post Code	Feature
Heaton Norris Park SK4 1EZ	The goal posts



Finish

Post Code	Feature
Millgate Fields M20 5GS	On Millgate Lane on the bridge just before the car park



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