



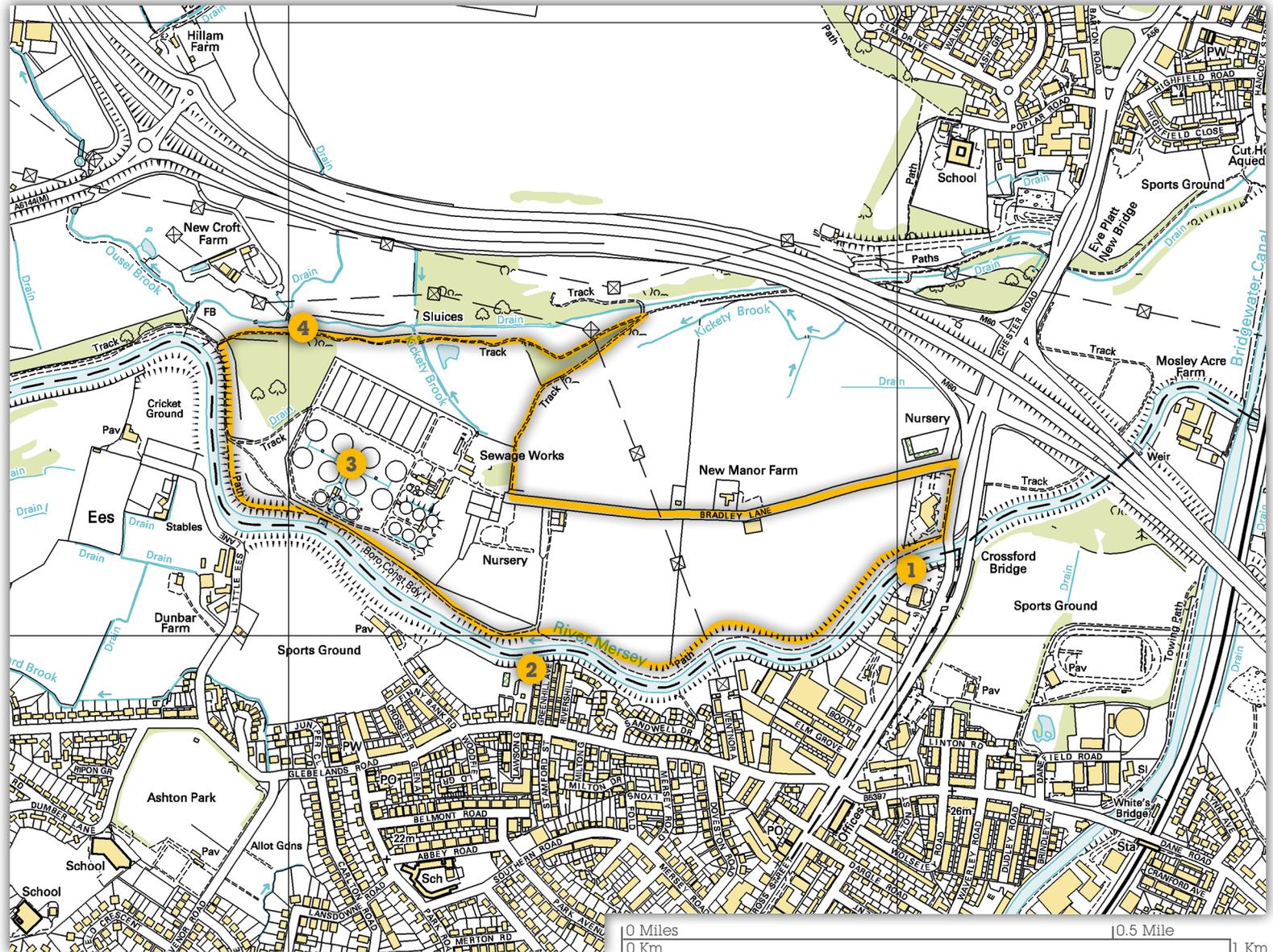
THE RIVER MERSEY AND KICKETY BROOK

ACTIVE TRAFFORD GREENSPACE

 Distance: 2.2 miles / 3.9 km  Allow 50 mins

This walk is one of ten exciting routes designed to help you explore some of Trafford's most beautiful countryside and parks on foot.

Trafford supports a diverse range of open spaces from the historic Longford Park, to visitor attractions such as Sale Water Park and Dunham Massey. Recreational routes, such as the Trans Pennine Trail and Bridgewater Way, pass through the borough's heart, linking local communities and visitors to the Mersey Valley and beyond.



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WALK DESCRIPTION

This circular route takes in quieter sections of the River Mersey and Trans Pennine Trail. The route starts on Bradley Lane and follows the river westwards from Crossford Bridge (A56). Once here walkers can enjoy views of the river as it meanders through the valley and take a moment to appreciate the birdlife. The route then passes eastwards onto the Trans Pennine Trail and alongside Kickety Brook. Walkers are encouraged to take a sharp right where the path divides and follow the woodland track to rejoin Bradley Lane.

Those looking for a longer walk or wishing to explore Stretford Meadows should continue on the Trans Pennine Trail.

ACCESSIBILITY

This section of the Trans Pennine Trail is surfaced. Other paths may become muddy after rainfall.

Suitable for off-road cyclists. Limited access for wheelchairs and prams.

TOILETS

None.

START POINTS

Bradley Lane, M32 8RH

TRANSPORT LINKS

Bus Stop: Cross Street / Dane Road (southbound), Cross Street / Crossford Bridge (northbound)

Car: Parking available at Kiwi Nurseries, Bradley Lane. Please inform owners on arrival

POINTS OF INTEREST

1 River Mersey: The River Mersey represents the historic boundary between Lancashire and Cheshire. Prior to a clean-up campaign in the 1980s, it was one of the most polluted rivers in Europe. It now supports a whole range of wildlife.

2 Flood Defences: Levees were constructed in the 1970s to curb and confine large sections of the River Mersey. The 'rapid' effect is created by weirs which slow the river and help to aerate the water for freshwater fish and invertebrates.

3 Sewage Works: Water treatment works are managed by United Utilities and provide an important habitat for wildlife in the Mersey Valley.

4 Trans Pennine Trail: A national route that stretches across northern England, from Hornsea to Southport. The trail is part of the E8 long distance route which links Cork in Ireland to Istanbul in Turkey.



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Trans Pennine Trail