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## Pennyffordd to Buckley

*An interesting and easy walk that takes you through a variety of farmland, marshland and fields.*

1. Exit Pennyffordd station from Bidston platform, turning right through a gate to pass White Station Cottage on the left, cross stream which brings you onto 'Wat's Dyke Way'<sup>i</sup> footpath. Continue along field edge to cross stream then farm track. Ascend the side of a shallow valley before descending to cross footbridges. Continue along field edge crossing a ditch into next field and follow the field edge to gate.
2. Turn right and follow field edge which takes you across old railway track bed and along a grass track. Turn left, cross stream and continue along a narrow path between wire fences. Turn left through a gap which leads into small planted woodland. Cross stream and ascend field edge with fence line on right hand side. Cross stream onto a stoned access track which brings you onto a grass track leading to a diagonal double stream, Cross and turn right along field edge on right hand side heading in a north direction crossing a further 3 stiles to join the A5118.
3. Turn right for 357M, take footpath on left immediately after garage. Follow footpath through thicket, cross stream into field and follow field edge in a generally north direction

Distance	4km (2.5 miles)
Time	1.5 hour
Difficulty	Easy *lots of stiles
Landscape Quality	Woodland, farmland, fields, marshland
Livestock	Yes

- passing through a gap into the next field. Continue in the same direction along 4 fields crossing 4 streams. Turn right and follow the field edge crossing 2 streams and passing through a narrow path to stream then crossing private driveway to cross stream into an open space and a further stream which brings you onto Bannel Lane.
4. Turn right for 55M, cross road to signed footpath, cross stream into field and head in a generally north east direction to stream in hedgerow. Cross the next field diagonally to stream in right hand field corner. Follow field edge to stream which brings you onto the A549 Chester Road. Turn right for 186M passing two access roads on your right then right again into Station Rd which leads you down to Buckley station.

<sup>i</sup> The Wat's Dyke Way is a 61 mile walk through the border country between England and North Wales exploring its rich cultural heritage - the route is based on the course of Wat's Dyke, a Dark Age earthwork thought to have been constructed for the Saxon rulers of Mercia to protect their boundary with North Wales.