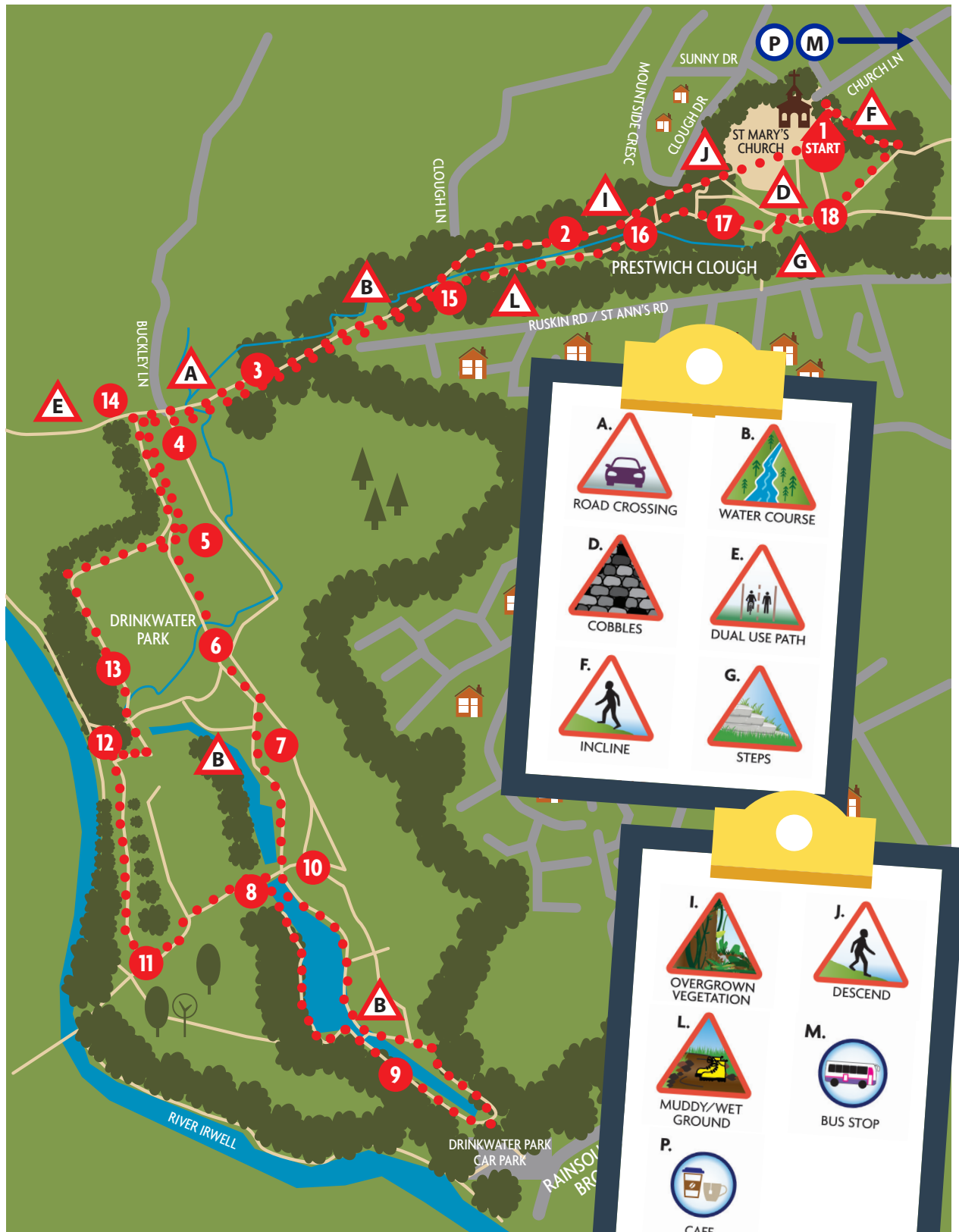


BURY SELF - LED WALKS ROUTE MAP

PRESTWICH AND ST MARY'S - PRESTWICH CLOUGH AND DRINKWATER CIRCULAR



WALK NAME: Prestwich Clough and Drinkwater Circular

STARTING POINT: St Mary's Church Entrance, Church Lane, Prestwich M25 1AN

BUS SERVICE: 90; 92; 93; 94; 95; 97; 98; 484

DISTANCE: 5.6 km / 3.5 miles • **DURATION:** 75-90 minutes • **STEPS:** Approx 7,300

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

- 1 From St. Mary's Church's gates, walk along the ginnel to the left of the gates and follow the path round to the right, keeping the wall on your right.
- 2 Continue downwards along the footpath through the woodland, crossing the brook at the footbridge.
- 3 Continue along the footpath, passing through the gate, leaving the Clough and crossing over Buckley Lane.
- 4 Turn left at the entrance to Drinkwater Park onto a broad concrete path. Follow the path as it turns sharply to the right.
- 5 As the path straightens take a left turn off the path onto a wide dirt path heading south.
- 6 (Various paths lead off to the east and west of this path) Take the second path on the right.
- 7 After a short distance, turn left onto another path and follow the path southwards, along the east bank of the lake. (On reaching the bridge across the lake you'll find a good spot to sit and take in the scenery.)
- 8 Once over the bridge take a left turn onto a path leading south along the west bank of the lake.
- 9 Follow the path to the end of the lake turning left and left again to circle back up the east side of the lake now heading north back towards the bridge.
- 10 On reaching the bridge, now cross for the second time and go straight ahead in a westerly direction, passing between football fields.
- 11 At a fork in the path, bear right, now heading north along the east side of the River Irwell.
- 12 After approximately 250m, the path turns sharply to the right, and then to the left, passing the end of the lake and coming to another path that crosses it.
- 13 Continue straight ahead. After a couple of 100m, the path turns sharply right, and meets with the path that entered into Drinkwater Park from the Clough.
- 14 On leaving Drinkwater Park turn right towards the Clough crossing Buckley Lane and through the gate into Prestwich Clough.
- 15 Keep to the path (do not cross the brook until you reach the second bridge).
(*If you wish, there are now several paths to your left that will link you onto the original route you started the walk on, now going up-hill.)
- 16 Once across the bridge take the right hand path for an alternative way up the clough.
- 17 Ignoring the first flight of steps, pursue the path, keeping the brook on your right.
- 18 Mount the next flight of steps, then take the path to the left. (The right hand path leads to St. Mary's gardens), climbing straight up bringing you back to the ginnel leading to the church gates where the walk ends.



Fairly Easy: Suitable for most walkers, some woodland trails, and off road footpaths, mainly level terrain with some inclines and occasional steps.