

WALK NUMBER 9

WALK FROM ASTON INGHAM VILLAGE HALL TO THE LLAMA FARM AT KILCOT BACK THROUGH SPRING WOOD & RESLAW WOOD

Approximately 2 hours

In the spring the walk through the wood is lovely with wild daffodils, bluebells & wood anemones. In wet periods the path through the wood can be wet in places.

1 With your back to the Village hall walk along the road away from the Church. Turn right up Oaks Lane, & walk for about 3/4 mile, or 15 minutes until you reach a signed bridleway on the left at Marshalls Farm. (ignore an earlier footpath off to the left). Walk straight up this bridleway until you reach a track at the top. Turn left, ignoring all footpaths on the left. Cross over a stile on your right & keeping the hedge on your right, pass through a kissing gate. Walk diagonally across this field, passing a ménage on your left, to a kissing gate onto a road.

2 Turn left & walk along the road pass Hudgemoor Farm, taking in the views of the Cotswolds on your right. Turn left onto a track via a kissing gate. Follow the track into Acorn Wood. Keep to the main track.

3 At the bottom of the track turn left, (the main track turns sharp right) then immediately left again & through a field gate & walk in the direction as indicated by the way mark arrow. Keep the hedge on your right, at the end of the hedge bare left & walk towards a 'dingily dell'. Walk through the dell, keeping the hedge on your right. (At the time of writing we had to cross an electric fence, we have reported this to Gloucestershire Rights of Way)

4 Keeping the hedge on the right until you come to a kissing gate on the right. Pass through the kissing gate keeping the fence on your right. Pass through a gate & keep in the same direction. At a junction, turn left & walk past the Llamas. Then quickly bare right through an enclosed path, then a grassy track. At the end of the buildings join a driveway. (The owners seem very friendly & are very used to people walking through their property, but please make sure you stay on the path)

5 Walk up the driveway until you reach a footpath on the left & right. Take the left footpath (in the direction of the arrow on a pine tree) across the field towards the wood, heading for a gap (wood access). The stile is overgrown, but you can access the wood by the track on the left. Walk up the track & quickly bare right & follow the path as indicated by the many yellow arrows until you reach a fence. Turn left

& pass over a stile near a metal gate. Continue in the same direction. As the fence ends continue walking in the same direction, ignoring paths left & right. Pass through a barrier & walk up the path to a track.

6 Cross over this track to a kissing gate. Head across the field diagonally right, heading towards a large tree. Continue in the same direction to a stile in the far-right corner. Ignore the path leading to the metal field gate & kissing gate in the left corner. Cross over the stile in the right-hand corner of the field to rejoin the hard track. Follow this track left, ignoring both a footpath sign immediately opposite and a wooden kissing gate on the right a bit further on. You will come to a metal gate & kissing gate into the wood on your right. Go into the wood & follow the track downhill until after a short while you come to some steps & stile on the left into a field.

4 Cross this stile & turn right & continue in the direction of the waymarked arrows crossing over 3 stiles. After the 3rd stile, which is next to a gate, continue in the same direction ignoring any tracks to the right. You will see a yellow arrow on a tree trunk. Go down a steepish descent bearing left to another stile, there are several yellow arrows on tree trunks to direct you. Cross over this stile & turn left, crossing over a stile & bridge, walk uphill, keeping the hedge on your left to a kissing gate into Oaks Lane. Turn right & walk downhill to the Aston Ingham Road. Turn left & back to the Village Hall.