

FROM VILLAGE HALL TO THE YEW TREE, CLIFFORDS MESNE.

NUMBER 8

Approx 4 miles Approx time 2 hours

This walk only has one stile and that does have a dog gate. During wet weather the walk through Reslaw wood can be wet but the colours in Autumn & the wildflowers in the Spring are very good.

1 From the village hall walk right along the Aston Ingham road, heading away from the Church. Turn right up Oak Lane & walk for approx ¼ mile, ignoring footpath sign on your left, until you reach a bridleway on your left. Walk up this bridleway. At the top of the bridleway you will reach a track, turn right & walk along the track.

2 At a 4-way junction, by some fancy gates, continue in the same direction. On reaching a road turn right & then within a few yards turn left by a pond (geopark way). A nice coffee stop by the pond. Continue on the path ignoring paths on left & right until you reach a road by a bus shelter & village hall. Cross the 1st road & you'll be by the village hall on your right. Cross the 2nd road & walk down a grassy path. (Restricted byway) In the spring this path can be overgrown, but it is passable. At the fork take the right track. At the T junction turn left.

3 At the road turn right & walk down the road. At the double field gates pass through the kissing gates & follow the direction of the way marked arrow baring slightly to the right. Ignore track to left. Pass through more kissing gates by a cottage.

4 At the end of the cottage cross a footbridge on the left. Continue straight on, ignoring another footbridge on the left. Walk along the track to a road. You will see the Yew Tree Pub. (At the time of writing pub still under renovation)

5 If you intend to visit the Yew Tree walk up the road, if not turn right. At road junction turn left, signposted Aston Ingham. At another road junction turn right signposted Newent. Passing Oak Tree Common (another coffee stop) turn left & proceed along the road (ignore byway to the right). At a fork take a bridleway to the left.

6 At the 4-way junction that you visited earlier turn left & walk down the track, ignoring a bridleway & then a footpath on your left. Take the next footpath on your left through a kissing gate into Reslaw Wood. Walk down this track, ignoring stile on your left, continue to walk downhill until nearly at the bottom you'll reach a Y junction, take the left path then after a few yards you'll reach a T junction, again take the left path. Continue on this path until you reach a small bridge & gate. Walk through this gate & turn left then immediately left again (almost turning back on yourself) & pass through another gate.

7 Walk along the field keeping the hedge on your left to a kissing gate. Pass through the gate & continue in the same direction. You will reach a stile & bridge, ignore the stile on your left. Cross the stile & walk up the field in the same direction to a kissing gate onto a lane. Turn left & walk down the lane to the Aston road, turn left & walk back to the village hall.

6 At the 4-way junction you visited earlier turn left. Pass the bridleway & footpath on your left, then take a left track through a kissing gate into Reslaw Wood. Walk down this track ignoring a stile on your left. Continue down hill & at a Y junction turn left & follow the waymark arrow. Cross over a small bridge turn left then immediately left again & pass through a gate. (almost turning back on yourselves)

7 Walk along the field keeping the hedge on your left, pass through a kissing gate. Walk in the same direction to another stile & footbridge. (ignore stile on your left) Cross this stile & walk uphill, keeping the hedge on your left to a kissing gate onto a lane. Turn right & walk downhill until you reach the Aston Ingham road. Turn left & walk back to the Village Hall.