

## Walk 5

# Wellesbourne to Walton and Back

This is a good walk during or after rain using all roads and tracks, avoiding muddy fields, with no stiles. It can be done with fields and 4 stiles when conditions permit. The length can be varied by cutting across from Walton Lane to Jubilee Drive at one of two points or continuing to Walton Hall.

### Walk Overview

- ↔ 3 miles / 4 miles / 5 miles ⌚ 1hr30 / 2hr / 2hr30
- 🏞️ Easy walking on roads and footpaths, 4 stiles, muddy in places
- 🅅 Chestnut Square or the lay-by near the sports field
- 🏠 Walton Hall Hotel 01789 842424, Watermill Barn 841076, Coffee Stop 470800, Stag's Head 840266
- 📍 OS Map: 205 Stratford SP277551: Stag's Head CV35 9QS

From the Stag's Head in Chestnut Square, cross the main road and proceed down Chapel Street, noting the old shops and the flood level marker. Turn right into Lowes Lane and then left by the way marker (or, to avoid muddy fields, continue to the top of Lowes Lane and turn left). Follow the path into a field and head straight across it to a stile on the far side. Continue a short way round the field boundary to a footbridge over the River Dene. Cross the bridge and go up a slight hill to the field boundary, where you turn right towards the Mill Farm buildings. Pass the stable buildings on your left and follow the way markers straight ahead, passing the watermill on your right. You now keep the hedge on your left and continue through one small and two larger fields to reach a track.

**Short walk (3 miles / 1hr30)** Turn left before the ford, and go up the short hill, turning left at the top onto Jubilee Drive. Or: Turn right and cross the footbridge by the ford. Turn left and proceed along the road into Walton village.

**Medium walk (4 miles / 2hr)** Turn left in Walton Village, cross the bridge and join Jubilee Drive.

**Long walk (5 miles / 2hr30)** Keep to the main road through Walton and continue for about ¼ mile until you reach the turning on the left to Walton Hall and the Parish Church. The road sweeps down over the lake to the Hall – now a hotel, and past the Church of St James d'Eivile. The present-day Hall dates from the 1860's, but it was built on the site of a much older house. Refreshments are available at the hotel. Keep following the road in front of the hotel buildings and round the left-hand bend. This drive leads to the main B4086 Wellesbourne to Kineton Road after about 1½ miles. This is a busy road, so do take care as you turn left and follow it back to Wellesbourne. Turn left just after the Surgery and then right at the back of the library. Continue past the Village Hall, cross Willow Drive and turn left down Bridge Street to return to the Stag's Head. It is possible to avoid most of this road by taking a rather overgrown footpath on your left, just after the Village sign on the Kineton Road. This path leads down to the foot bridge that you crossed at the beginning of the walk, so you can retrace your steps back to the Stag's Head.



## Walton

**Walton Hall:** The current building was extensively altered in the 1860's. It was originally the home of the Mordaunts, but has been a boarding school and a hotel and time share in more recent times.