

Cancer Research UK Walk – 12th May 2007

Bubbenhall to Warwick – Distance approximately 12.5 miles.

The route of the walk is covered by the Ordnance Survey Explorer Map for Coventry and Warwickshire - No. 221.

The route generally goes south from Bubbenhall via Wappenbury and Hunningham to the Stag Inn at Offchurch where refreshments will be provided. From here the route continues southwards to the disused railway line, which is followed to the Grand Union Canal. On reaching the canal it is followed westwards through Leamington Spa, over the Railway Line and River Avon. The canal is left at Bridge 49 (Coventry Road) and from here the Centenary Way is followed into Warwick.

1. Leave Bubbenhall via Paggett's Lane (Grid Ref 364 723), which is located to the east of the A445 just north of the main road into the village.
2. In about half a mile take the left hand fork in the lane and continue past *Shrubs Lodge* (on the left). Soon after (about quarter of a mile) the entrance to *Wappenbury Wood* is reached.
3. Continue along the path (Nunwood Lane) ignoring the wide entrance on the right into the woodland. Go past a metal barrier with *Shady Acres* on the right and take the path into the wood. (Do not confuse with the lane to the left of the path)
4. When the path forks take the left path and, 200 yards further on, go through a gate and head slightly left across two fields aiming to the left of a white building. Soon the road between Weston under Wetherley and Princethorpe is reached.
5. Cross the road and take the path to the left of the farm buildings. The path goes downhill into a field.
6. At the end of the field go through the gate and immediately right, through another gate, along a waymarked path (indistinct) with a hedge on the right and pass through a gate. Soon after a gate on the right is reached (waymarked). Go through this and then left to the road at Wappenbury.
7. At the road turn left and shortly afterwards take the right fork in the road towards church (*St John the Baptist*). Take the right fork in front of the church and in a few yards take right turning (waymarked).
8. In about 100 yards a gate will be seen on left. Go through gate and take downhill path towards the bridge over the River Leam, which can be seen at the bottom of the hill. Cross the bridge and follow the obvious path soon going along field headlands, with hedge on right, to the road at Hunningham.
9. Turn right and walk diagonally across the T Junction to a right of way. Follow the right of way through a field (there may be horses in it) and enter another field - the Church at Hunningham will be seen directly ahead of you. Here, ignoring waymark, turn right to the river and follow it downstream (left).

Anyone concerned about walking past the horses should follow the road towards Offchurch. After reaching the second minor road on the right (about a third of a mile from T junction) turn right down this road. Immediately on the left a right of way sign will be seen. Follow this which will bring you to the stile mentioned in 10.

10. Follow the line of the path when it leaves the river and soon a third field will be reached. The entrance to this field is via a stile - N.B. the area around stile can be very muddy. Cross the stile and continue forward, keeping to the right of the hedge.
11. At the end of this field the river will once again be seen, also a yellow way mark sign. Follow the direction indicated by the sign and go up a slight rise into another field - the fifth field since leaving the T Junction at Hunningham.
12. Enter the 5th field and after about a quarter of a mile at a sign, where the path forks, take the left fork, which goes away from the river. Walk across field and continue following the obvious route which goes to the right of some farm buildings - ignore path coming in from the right and farm track to the left.
13. Having passed the last building continue forward - wire fence on the left - and at end of field go through a metal gate and through a woodland strip.
14. On leaving the woodland continue in the same direction keeping to the left of a hedge and follow obvious path along field headland to *Manor Farm*. Follow right of way between farm buildings and cross track/lane into field. Continue ahead to road and the *Stag Inn*.

Lunch Stop (approximately half way)

15. On leaving *the Stag*, turn right and soon after, having passed the road on the left to Hunningham, take the ascending path on the right which goes past *Nine Hills Cottage*. Enter field and turn right. Follow path uphill towards trees and in less than a quarter of a mile a road is reached via a gap in the trees. Here turn left and soon after, where it joins the road from Radford Semele, cross the main road and take the obvious path downhill to the disused railway line.
16. At the railway line turn right and follow the track to canal which is reached via a steep descending path.
17. At the canal turn right and follow the canal into Leamington - N.B. Bridge 41 (Tachbrook Road) is about 2.3 miles from the start of Canal section.
18. Continue along the canal past the *Moorings Public House* before going under the Myton Road Bridge, over the Railway Line and River Avon (ignore the path down to the River Avon) past *Tesco's* (on other side of canal), under Emscote Road Bridge and onwards until the Coventry Road Bridge is reached (Bridge 49) where the canal is left. - N.B. this point is 2 miles from Bridge 41.
19. Turn right over the Canal Bridge and continue towards Warwick. Just before the Railway Bridge is reached turn right along a path and in approximately quarter of a mile take the path left, under the Railway Bridge and uphill with the WCC Car Park on the right. Cross over Cape Road passing the Police Station on the left and turn the corner on right to the Staff Club.

If you would like to do this walk another time, there is a bus service (539) from Warwick to the start of the walk at Bubbenhall. Details of times can be found on the Warwickshire County Council website <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk>