

Cancer Research UK Walk 10th May 2008

P.M Route visiting Baddesley Clinton, Rowington, and the Grand Union and Stratford on Avon Canals.
Approximate Distance - just over 6 miles.

1. Leave Lapworth Village Hall and follow the road right, towards the canal. Before reaching the canal turn right into Brome Hall Lane and immediately cross the road and go through the car parking area to the canal (Kingswood Basin) and turn right.
2. Cross the footbridge over the canal and continue alongside the basin to a second footbridge; cross this and turn left along the canal (This is the link canal between the Stratford on Avon and Grand Union Waterways.)
3. Follow the canal under the railway bridge and cross footbridge at the junction with the Grand Union Canal (Sign-posted Birmingham) and follow canal to Bridge 65 where canal is left.
4. Taking care (No footpath) cross road, turn right, and walk past Navigation Inn and house. Turn left down track marked with oak leaf sign and a sign for 'Train and Trek', opposite gates to *The Manor House*. Follow track through gate into stable yard. Route goes to the right of the stable block.
5. Go through gate and follow direction signs diagonally across the field heading for the far right hand corner. N.B. when checking on this route there were horses in the field but they took no interest in walkers, however, the entrance to the field was very muddy.
6. Enter 2nd field and follow hedge on right - obvious path - to 3rd field (Signed as being Baddesley Clinton National Trust Property). Enter field and initially continue with hedge on right until corner is reached. Turn corner, then go ½ left diagonally across field to driveway to Baddesley Clinton House. Turn right on drive and follow sign towards car park and house.
7. Go past car park (on left) and turn left along a path sign-posted 'to the Church'. Follow path which goes through churchyard and in a few feet take path on right sign-posted Heart of England Way. ***NB from here the Heart of England Way is followed to the Grand Union Canal.***
8. Continue to follow signs along field paths until a metalled track is reached. Go ahead along the track passing a farm on the right. Here the track becomes a rough path which leads to a road.
9. Turn left at the road (keep on right side to face oncoming traffic). Soon after passing a windmill conversion on the right, and opposite *Green Farm*, go right into field. Follow track between fence on left and tape on right (to separate walkers from horses). At end of field, to the right of gate, is a gap in hedge and kissing gate. Go through hedge and kissing gate and follow sign direction over hill to gap in hedge. (If the gap is not immediately noticed follow hedge to left)
10. Follow signs continuing in same direction and soon, having gone up a slight hill, Rowington Church will be seen. Go past line of trees, downhill to gate, and then up hill with hedge on left. Near the top of ascent go left into another field and follow track to churchyard.
11. Follow path through churchyard to main road. Cross road with care and go left and immediately right (on a bend) down lane - signposted as Footpath/bridleway - and in a few minutes the Grand Union canal will be reached.
12. Cross the bridge over canal and turn right to follow tow path to Bridge No 63 by the Tom O' the Wood Public House. Leave canal, turn left and soon after turn right into Dicks Lane. Follow lane, which goes under a railway Bridge before reaching the Stratford on Avon Canal.
13. Cross bridge and follow track away from canal. At T junction of paths turn right and follow track. When farmyard is reached continue ahead and at meeting of five tracks continue ahead taking main track/lane to left of farmhouse.
14. Follow lane (Brome Hall Lane) to main road and then turn left to Lapworth Village Hall.

The maps used on this walk are the OS Explorer maps 220 and 221

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