

WARWICKSHIRE

Packwood House to Baddesley Clinton walk

A beautiful walk through the Arden countryside, taking in the Stratford-upon-Avon canal and tranquil National Trust places in Warwickshire.



Information

Address: Packwood Lane, Packwood Lane, Lapworth, B94 6AT

OS map: Explorer 220

Activity: Walking

Moderate

Dog friendly: Dogs on leads on public footpaths; dogs are not permitted inside the house at Packwood or Baddesley Clinton.

Full trail: Miles: 5 (km: 8)

Access: Challenging

Duration: 2 hours 30 mins

Terrain

Uneven sections with some steps, kissing gates and stiles, field paths may be marshy following wet weather. Livestock are present, along with some water hazards (ponds and ditches).

Total steps: 11

Start point: Packwood Lane, on the Causeway, grid ref: SP174722

1. Turn left out of the car park and walk along Packwood Lane with the house on your right, to reach the junction with Rising Lane.
2. Turn right at the junction, walking along Rising Lane until you reach a fork in the road.
3. At the fork, take the left-hand lane and turn left over a canal bridge. Cross the road and on the far side of the bridge, take the footpath down to the towpath.
4. Turn right along the towpath, following the Stratford-upon-Avon canal past a series of locks. Shortly after the canal goes under the railway is Kingswood Junction, where the South Stratford Canal meets the Grand Union Canal. Turn left over the bridge and carry on along the towpath.
5. At bridge 65 take the steps up to the road, turn right along the road, past the Navigation Inn and take the footpath on the left signed for the Heart of England Way.
6. Follow this along a drive, through a stable yard and across the fields to meet the drive at Baddesley Clinton. The house and garden are well worth a visit, and the restaurant serves hot and cold lunches, teas and a selection of homemade cakes.
7. To visit Baddesley, turn right and follow the drive to the car park and visitor reception. The walk continues left along the drive, passing Badgers' Dell on the right just before the drive curves to the left.
8. At the end of the drive, cross the road and walk up the lane opposite. Look out for a public footpath sign on the left and follow the path across the fields, going through a series of kissing gates to rejoin the road at a canal bridge.
9. Turn right along the road, taking a footpath on the right, just after the railway bridge. Follow this down a drive and to the right along a hedge lined path which circles round to the left.

10. Emerge onto a lane and take the footpath signed opposite, heading up the field with the hedge on your left to meet a road.
 11. Turn right along the road, taking a footpath on the left by the sign for Packwood House. Follow the avenue back to Packwood, crossing over Two Pits Pool and onto Chestnut Avenue from where you get a beautiful view of the house.
- End point: Packwood House, on the Causeway, grid ref: SP174725
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