

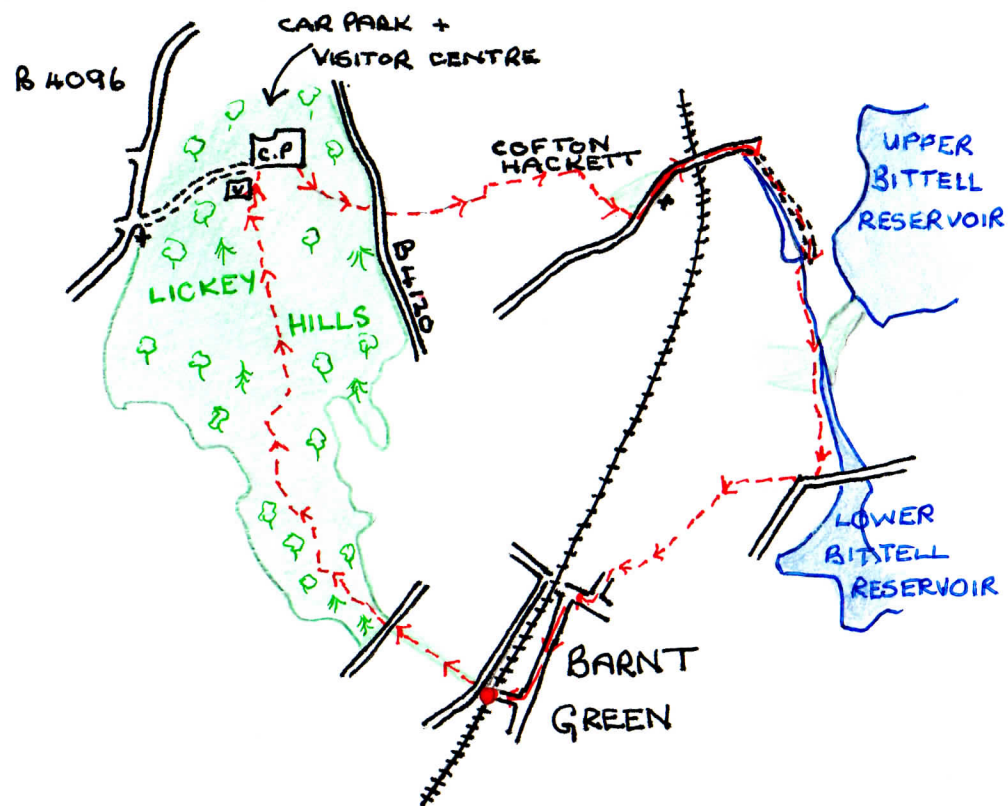
Lickey Hills & Barnt Green (Re-walked 05.01.2019)

Distance: 4.5 – 5 Map: OS Explorer 220 Start: B45 8ER

From car park at Lickey Hills Visitor Centre go through iron barrier/gate on right (sign posted – Woodpecker Trail). Walk up wide path towards brow of hill with wooden railed fence on right hand side (view of Bittell Reservoirs & B'ham). Behind descriptive board take right hand of two narrow tracks through heather, leading straight down hill along water run-off to meet a wide track. Turn left and continue until track starts to go up hill. Turn right down through the trees, following a natural gully until you reach the wide North Worcs path (NWP – pine cone symbol). Cross NWP and go down steps to road below. Cross road and continue directly opposite down a private drive by a railing gate (right of way) and into field (still the NWP).

Continue along path across two fields, over a metalled track and into a field. Continue across the field to a fenced area of undergrowth at bottom of hill. Path turns right to follow hedge down to lane. Turn left, pass a small church (St Michaels & All Angels, Cofton Hackett) and continue under the railway line to a junction. Leave NWP and take bridle path that forms access road to Barnt Green Sailing Club on right. Where road turns 90° left into Club, continue ahead on bridle path. The path turns right. (On left is a route to view reservoir).

Continue to right, following bridle path along side Lower Bittell Reservoir to another lane. At elbow of lane go through a gate on right and follow well defined footpath diagonally up ploughed field, keeping group of trees on your right, to a fence with way markers. Through the fence is a junction of footpaths – keep straight ahead. Walk alongside the hedge, through a kissing gate, cross a bridge to reach playing field at Barnt Green Sports Club. Follow hedge, and as it bears left take the marked path through an arch in the hedge. Turn left along the back of the building into the car park. Head for entrance into Margesson Drive. Turn left and follow round to its junction with the B4210. Turn right towards the railway bridge, then



first left into Hewell Rd. Continue ahead then take second right into Station Approach. Cross bridge over railway lines. Cross road and take bridle path to Lickey Hills. (To left of Cherry Hill Drive).

Follow bridle path the remaining 1.25 miles to car park. At one point it crosses a small lane. Turn left onto lane then immediately right back onto track. Ignore all tracks that veer off. Keep to wide, central path which is a little up and down. At one point there's a slight swing to the right and then left, crossing a small stream. Continue past children's play area up to Visitor Centre. Car park is up path to right of building.