

Studley

(Re-walked 23rd March 2017)

Distance: 4.8 miles

Map: OS Explorer 220

Starting Point: 071637 (Pool Rd, Medical Centre car park on left, Studley)

Walk out of the back right hand corner of car park down footpath past Studley Infants School. Turn left into Needle Close and continue to Alcester Rd. Turn left and then cross road.

Continue to mini roundabout and take drive on right past public toilets, towards Priory Court. Bear left through kissing gate (KG) and take path over bridge, crossing the River Arrow. Follow river to the right, crossing a meadow to KG. Keep hedge on left hand side walk across four fields. Follow hedge to right in front of barn, then go between farm buildings to their drive. Turn right and follow this to the road. Turn right down the road.

Turn left following way marked route through spinney and pass between houses to a KG. Walk diagonally to left through parkland to a gate in the hedge. Walk ahead between house and pond. Studley Castle is on the right. Keep glasshouses on the left and cross drive to KG into narrow field. Keep fence on the right heading for gate into woodland.

Follow path through wood, turn left and follow hedgerow along track between pools. Before building turn right on track and after 100m take track to left before hedgerow begins. Aim for an oak. Go through hedge on the right and cross field diagonally to the left to a footbridge. Go through gate, follow a wire fence through another KG then take path keeping farm on your right going downhill to a road.

Turn right for about 150m cross a small footbridge in hedge on right.

Walk half left through a young wood. At farm gate bear right and follow stream to a KG onto farm track. Take the track ahead and bear left towards village church. Head for metal fence and go left through a hedge gap into cemetery. Cross track into churchyard. Continue through churchyard to main gate. Turn left briefly and take KG on right down into a field. Cross footbridge and keep to right of meadow with river bank on right. Aim for houses and KG into estate road. Take first left into Mallard Road and at end bear slightly left into Manor Road. Keep ahead uphill to Alcester Road. Turn right, cross road and turn left into Needle Close. Retrace steps to car park.

