

Wooten Wawen – Bluebell Walk

Re-walked 5th May 2018

Distance: 6.75 miles

Map: OS Explorer 220

Starting Point: The Navigation Inn, B95 6BZ

From car park walk up towpath crossing canal at bridge 53. Continue to bridge 51. Cross canal and continue ahead on footpath. Continue up hill, where it can be boggy. (There is a parallel track on left.) Path skirts edge of Austy Wood and its bluebells. Keep right at way marker as you leave wood, following Monarch's Way. Enter field and follow right hand hedge. At the field end the path arcs left. Descend hill, walking through farm buildings to a driveway. Turn right (Monarch's Way) for 100m. Turn left through gate onto bridleway. Follow left hand field edge up hill towards wood. Continue alongside woods to a kissing gate (KG) in corner. Continue on way marked path through wood. Towards end of wood fork left and continue over footbridge to exit at a KG onto a house driveway. Cross driveway and go down hill via steps to lane. Turn left and after 150m turn right through hand gate next to farm gate. Immediately climb stile and then climb hill to the top, aiming to right of wood. Climb stile and cross field diagonally right. Climb stile and turn left onto lane. Soon the road bends gently right with driveway on left. Go through KG next to driveway. Follow right hand hedge to KG in corner. Walk along edge of wood for 25m and turn left over stile into field. Descend the hill and follow track to right. Go through metal gate into field, crossing towards green cow sheds. Turn left at sheds and almost immediately go through metal gate. Keep fence on left, going through a wooden KG, over a driveway and at the rear of houses. Turn left onto road for 30m then right at way marker. Continue through fence opening into field with large bird pens. Cross track to enter another field through metal gate. Continue ahead through a KG and descend to main road.* Cross road, turn right and follow verge to canal bridge. Cross again and follow tow path for nearly 2 miles back to Navigation.

* *It's possible to extend this walk for about another mile.*

Cross main road, turn right and then almost immediately left down Ossetts Hole Lane (signposted Yarningdale Common). Follow the road for 400m then, just before a right hand bend, turn left at way marker through trees. Continue straight ahead, across field towards a gate leading to canal and bridge 46. Turn left along towpath and follow it back to Navigation Inn a long stretch of at least 2 miles.

