

## Wootton Wawen

(Re-walked 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017)

Distance 4.6 miles

Map: OS Explorer 220

Starting Point: Bulls Head Car Park, Wootton Wawen B95 6BD

From car park, cross road into The Dale. At right end of cul-de-sac walk along a path to a stile into pasture. Follow path along edge of fields to metal gate on right. Climb bank and turn left to follow path between two fences which opens out into a field. Continue ahead to the River Alne.

Pass through kissing gate (KG) following path between river and water works. Leave path through metal gate, cross this field diagonally right towards corner, keeping railway on your right. Go through KG, turn left down driveway, leading to a lane. Cross river and go right under railway bridge to KG.

Bare left slightly, following remains of fence/hedge in centre of field.

Keep this on your left heading towards wooden gate. Follow path, keeping river close on the right. Then take a slight diagonal, aiming for yellow signed post. Cross metal railed bridge, going through metal gate into an overgrown field. Take winding, trodden path across the middle to place where one large oak tree is ahead. Ignoring road signs in overgrown hedge to right, bear slightly left of tree to reach a track. Follow track to metal gate and onto road.

Turn left on road and walk for about a mile.

Road goes up hill, past White House Farm on right, then uphill past Wheat Hill Farm on left. Where road goes downhill, but before bend, go through signposted metal gate on left.

Go directly across field through metal gate to a bridge and gate. Walk directly across next field aiming for KG. Cross an **active railway line** to another KG into a field with newly planted conifers. Walk to another metal gate, and continue ahead towards large oak tree in middle of field. Keep tree and hedge line on your left and Silesbourne Farm behind you on your right. Climb gently uphill towards gate. Keep ahead, with white house on your left and hedge on right. Go through KG in hedge and turn immediate left keeping hedge on your left until you reach a KG.

Turn right after gate to cross bridge over Stratford Canal. Take steps down on left to join tow-path.

Turn right along path to bridge 55. Cross over and continue to bridge 54.

Leave canal, turning left along track, passing bungalows on right. Turn left at end of track onto lane with Field Farm barns on right. After 50m go through signed metal gate on right onto track and continue ahead along overgrown path with hedge on right to wooden KG.

Pass the "Vehicular Graveyard" to another wooden KG. Bear diagonally right passing through third KG to reach bridge over River Alne. Cross bridge, take path to right through gate, walking along old earthworks. Go through a wooden KG on driveway to a large gate leading on to main road.

Turn left and return to Bulls Head.

