

Starting at Witton Park Arena, a longer route involving hills and a few steps leading to the wonderful view at the Wainwright Memorial on the beautiful Yellow Hills.

WAINWRIGHT'S Ramble

LONG ROUTE: 4.5 MILES
SHORT ROUTE 2.5 MILES

Explorers - feeling fitter and want to do more!

Wainwright Walk - Route Directions:

1. Walk up the main drive to the left of Witton Park Arena and turn left at the crossroads. Follow the surfaced path through the Adventure Play Area until you reach the Snowy the Crow sculpture on the right.

2. Turn right here following the signed bridlway up through the woods. Climb the wooden steps (these can be avoided by turning right then left) and continue gradually uphill along the path at the edge of the wood. Continue straight ahead through two sets of bridle gates to reach Under Billinge Lane.

For the shorter 2.5 mile route which does not visit Billinge Hill summit and the Wainwright Memorial turn right here along the lane and walk past the farm on the right. Walk as far as the first signed footpath on the right that begins in a small layby. The route directions from here start at number 7 below.

3. Walk through the gateway under the stone wall almost opposite, by the Billinge Wood sign. The path turns right uphill through the woodland. At the first crossroads of paths turn left and there is a short steep climb uphill. Bear left at the next path junction continuing uphill. The path eventually joins a bridlway. Turn left along this to come out of the woodland.

4. Go through the kissing gate next to the field gate almost opposite. Aim for the trees straight ahead on the far side of the field. Cross a stile in the fence and continue straight ahead to the little hill and the Wainwright Memorial. After enjoying the views retrace your steps back to the wood.

5. Continue straight ahead along the bridlway track through the wood. At the first waymarker post turn right uphill to reach a higher path. Turn left along this path and it eventually swings right to another waymarker post. The summit of Billinge Hill can be visited by turning right here. After visiting the summit, retrace your steps back to the path.

6. Continue along the path which becomes a wide track running gradually downhill through open woodland. Follow it all the way to the bottom of the wood where it reaches a gateway in the wall next to Billinge End Road. Stay in the wood and turn right here, where the path appears to fork into two. Take the left lower fork and the path runs past a pond on the right. At the next junction turn left downhill and the path drops down to reach Under Billinge Lane. Turn left here to reach the small layby on the right.

7. Turn right here through the kissing gate and join the signed footpath leading straight ahead through a field. Cross two fields via kissing gates to enter Big Cover Wood. Follow the path straight ahead downhill through the wood. It leads down steps and crosses a little bridge by the woodland Adventure Play Area. Turn right after the bridge and continue straight ahead where it joins the surfaced path passing behind the Pavilion Cafe and toilets. At the path crossroads turn left and follow the drive back down to the Arena.

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A rewarding route that takes in the wonderful vista of Billinge woods. Keep your eyes open as there are plenty of animals to spot in the woods. Rabbits, mice and the occasional fox can be spotted!

