

A few gradients on this walk into the old estate, hidden within the woods. It's possible to extend the route by a mile if you follow the longer route down to Snowy the crow. No stiles and the steps can be avoided too!

HISTORIC Footsteps

SHORT ROUTE: 1.5 MILE
LONGER ROUTE: 2.5 MILES

Stroller - active and enjoying it!

Historic Footsteps – Route Directions

1. Start to the left of the Arena and walk straight ahead up the main drive. At the crossroads of paths turn right and follow the path behind the Pavilion Café and toilets. When a litter bin is reached on the left, turn left through a walled gateway leading to the Lily Pond.

2. Turn left and walk alongside the pond following the path under the wooden arbor. Continue straight ahead to reach an ornate gateway at the opposite end.

3. Turn right along the drive and go through the gateway leading to the old stables and cobbled courtyard. To the right of the stables walk to the back of the small car park where there is a gated ice house.

4. Turn right in front of the ice house to join a path in the top right hand corner of the car park. The path winds uphill through woodland and at the path junction turn right and continue uphill to stone ruins. Turn left through the ruins (the small stone steps can be avoided) to reach a metal kissing gate on the right at the edge of the wood.

To follow the longer 2.5 mile walk, continue from route direction number 7.

5. To follow the shorter route, do not go through the kissing gate but continue straight ahead along the path along the woodland edge. This leads to a flat, open grassy area. Bear left here to reach the site of Witton House. Walk along the left hand edge of the grassy area and turn first left down a path that starts by a tree with a distinctive u-shaped bough.

6. The path becomes a cobbled drive running gradually downhill back to the car park. Turn right through the car park and continue straight ahead down the main drive to return to the Arena.

7. For the longer 2.5 mile walk: Go through the kissing gate and enter the field. Walk straight ahead to the boundary on the opposite side and turn left with the fence on the right. Pass through another metal kissing gate in the top field corner. Take the left lower path through the woodland. This swings left downhill to emerge at the edge of the Show Field with the Snowy the Crow sculpture on the right.

8. Turn left along the path that climbs steeply uphill through the trees. Keep going straight ahead with the wooden fence on the right and the path swings left then right to follow a tree-lined path adjacent to the site of Witton House. At the far end of this path aim slightly left to pick up the path beginning to the left of the tree with a distinctive u-shaped bough.

Continue the walk by following direction number 6 above.

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