

FARNDON WALK 1B

From the corner of the Surgery Car Park, cross the High Street and go up Walkers Lane, between the last Thatched Cottage and April Cottage, in a northerly direction, towards Churton.

The route is more or less straight with open fields to the right.

From these fields the Sandstone Ridge can be seen with, on the right in the distance, Beeston Castle at its left edge & white Bolesworth Castle occasionally catching the eye.

Keeping to the footpath, go through FOUR Kissing Gates to emerge into a gently sloping field, with views of Churton ahead to K/G number five, and K/G number six.

At K/G number six you need to follow the path going in a slightly left diagonal direction to reach the Farndon/Churton road. **BE CAREFUL HERE** as the K/Gate leads straight onto the main road with no path – **CHILDREN and DOGS** need to take care. **1 MILE**

Cross the road to the footpath and walk left towards Farndon for about 200 yards.

At Stannage Lane turn right and up this narrow but pretty lane – the occasional vehicle may have to negotiate with you, but the lane gradually widens as you come into Churton village.

At the cross roads, (dog-leg), turn left into green/sandy Knowle Lane.

Surface can be a little wet at times. This takes you around right & left bends to reach a T Junction of lanes. Turn right and then immediately left into pretty/narrow lane. Follow path down to a gate.

This lane has varying kinds of vegetation through the year & is a sun trap for butterflies

At the gate go ahead down to a large Plantation. Immediately take a **2 MILES** small path on the left past fallen tree branches. Follow this through the trees until it reaches a wider path. Go left along this path which actually follows the river, (although this is out of sight). Through a K/Gate into a field and follow on to another K/Gate and wooden gate.

As the next field is walked, the river comes into view on the right, completing a huge loop after the River Alyn joins it. Through a further K/Gate onto a narrow path and to a lane, (Townfield Lane). Cross straight over Townfield Lane onto short narrow path, **3 MILES** (this has proved very muddy in the winter), then two gates in bad repair.

Here any dogs have on to be put on a lead to progress through the Fish Farm buildings

Make sure to follow signs to a leafy path, leading to open fields. The next field sometimes has livestock in it so please check before letting dogs off their lead.

Cattle are sometimes curious but not usually a problem, unless you are squeamish.

The path takes you along the river, with beautiful views of the Welsh foothills, at Marford, Rossett and Gresford. **4 MILES**

Pass through a K/Gate with chalets and caravans on the left to another K/Gate and into more fields. The next barrier is the only stile on the walk and following the river to another K/Gate past chalets on the right.

Pay attention to the signs as the path sometimes is close to chalet entrances.

The final chalet passes close to a K/Gate quickly followed by two more to progress to the Farndon/Holt Bridge and left back to the Surgery **5 MILES**