

FARNDON WALK 3

From the corner of the Surgery Car Park, walking away from the Thatched Cottages go down Old Lane alongside a large old house in a generally southerly direction. At the end of this lane, on the right, there are some wide steps that take you down to the river, where the walk turns left along a "board walk" to a bench seat.

From here take in a lovely vista looking North, back along the river to Farndon/Holt Bridge, built in 1339.

Continue along grassy fields with the River on your right through 2 K/Gates until approaching the by-pass bridge, over the river. On the left are some steps up to the By-Pass, take care here.

1 MILE

Turning right at the top of steps onto a wide paved area, cross the river, looking for a staircase down. These steps take you onto the Welsh side of the river. Go down the steps through the K/Gate then right, under the by-pass and along the lane.

Escape route back into Farndon. Take gate on the left, (under the bridge), walk up to the Play Area on a slight rise, then down past the ruined Holt Castle. Go past and to the right to reach a narrow path up to Holt Cross. Follow the road right, down to the bridge and up the hill back to the Surgery.

Follow this lane, until you see a K/Gate on the left. Go through this gate and keep to the path with the river on your left. This path sweeps along the bend of the river, until you see a K/Gate. Pass through the gate, across a lane and through the K/Gate opposite. Turn left over ditch and then right, keeping ditch on your right.

Very good views of the Welsh Hills ahead.

Carry on along this path until you find a neat little wooden bridge, over the ditch, on your right. Turn right over this and continue along path with ditch now on your left. You can now pick out the houses in Holt and the allotments. Go through a K/Gate, out onto the lane, under the by-pass, then up the lane, into Holt.

2 MILES

Escape route back into Farndon as above. The gate is now on the right.

At the top of the lane, for safety reasons, go right to the main road, cross and go left on far pavement, towards Wrexham. Turn right into Smithfield Street, walk past the end of Smithfield Drive, until you come to The Green. Cross the road into small overgrown path on the left, between two houses. Go up this, cross over road, on to footpath until you reach a track. Go right, along the edge of field, through a K/Gate, to get to main Holt/Rossett Road. Careful as no footpath here. Going left for short distance, then turn right into Chester Lane, After walking this lane for a stretch it veers slightly left

3 MILES

Proceed down the lane. The lane descends and levels out. Here there's a convenient break in the hedge, on the right. Go through the gap, turning left along the edge of the field to the river. Continue right, along the path, with the river on your left, towards the Bridge. Pass through the K/Gate at the end of the bridge, take care for traffic at traffic lights.

Cross the bridge, through traffic lights and turn up steep lane on your right, The Twychooks'. Continue over cross road and follow the lane around the Church wall. Pass 'The Memorial Hall' on your left and continue round the lane to the Surgery.

4.5 MILES