Route Directions

The walk is circular starting from St Wulstan’s Local Nature Reserve Car Park

1. Leave the car park and head back up the road crossing two roads on the right, The Crescent and St. Peter’s Close. Where the road name changes from St. Wulstan’s Drive to Assarts Lane and before the first bungalow, turn right on to a bridleway.

2. Follow the bridleway round the back of the houses until a gate is reached.

3. After passing through the gateway ignore bridleways to the left and right and take the path straight on in a northerly direction.

4. At the next stile head diagonally NW across the field keeping a temporary fence on your right to another stile.

5. Ignore the paths to the right and take the path heading towards the hills. Keep on this path, passing through two gates and over four stiles, until you reach the Wells Road (A449).

6. Turn left and in about 40 yards/metres cross the road to a path on the opposite side and climb the hill to Holywell Road passing an old gas lamp on the climb.

7. At Holywell Road turn right towards a green bench seat, then double back on a path parallel to the road then, when you are opposite the path you came up, turn and climb up the hillside.

8. At the ‘T’ junction of paths turn left then immediately left again onto a contour path.

9. Where the path branches off to the right just past a stone sign (Holywell) take the left contour path. Follow the path through the old quarry ignoring any other paths leading off the contour and continue to where the path is crossed by another path. (Stone sign Black Hill/Holywell The Wyche).

10. Turn sharp left down the path to Holywell Road.

11. Turn left onto Holywell Road and continue to just before the road curves left. Take the path down to the Wells Road by a telephone box.

12. Cross the Wells Road and walk a few yards/metres north. At first lamppost turn right down steps to Richmond Pitch. Turn left at the bottom. This is Kings Road, pass Homestead Close.

13. Take bridleway to right just past Hazel Hollow Cottage 18 Kings Road. Pass through an iron gate and follow the path through trees.

14. Ignore the stile on the left and take the bridleway to the right down the field through another gate then cross the path described at 3 but continue on the bridleway down the right of the field to another gate. Pass through the gate to another gate immediately on the right.

15. Pass through the gate and ignore the bridleway to the left. Take the footpath diagonally across the field to a double stile.

16. After crossing the stiles turn right for a short distance to a bridge with stiles on the right. This is the entry into the St. Wulstan’s Local Nature Reserve.

17. Cross the bridge and stiles and turn left. Follow the path round to where a more substantial path has been laid. Follow the path back through two kissing gates to the car park or spend more time walking around the reserve.