



Armistice Walk Towcester by The Waendel Walkers Club



Distance 13.5 KM App No PT312

Start & Finish: The Saracens Head Hotel, 219 Watling Street (A5) NN12 6BX

OS Maps Explorer 207; Landranger 152 Grid Ref SP 69195 48830

Route Last Checked 30th December 2017

Fee £1.00

This Route Description is valid from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018

This walk has been established by members of the Waendel Walkers Club (BWF Club No 01) and is a qualifying event in the IVV award scheme. It can be walked at any time

Notes:

1. If there's been heavy rain parts of the walk may be very muddy and fields waterlogged – recommend gaiters are worn
2. Paths may be feint where crossing fields with crops – alternative directions are given where this may happen
3. You will cross the A43 and the A5 – this is clearly mentioned in the description below
4. Livestock will be present in some fields, please keep dogs under control
5. There is free parking (up to three hours) along Northampton Road – opposite Saracens Head Hotel
6. Public Transport is available from Northampton and Milton Keynes (buses X89; 89)

From Saracens Head Hotel walk along the A5 heading away from Towcester town, after about 500 mtrs turn right down Old Tiffield Road heading towards Tove Valley Business park, passing B&M and Tesco stores. Walking on the left-hand side of the road continue until you reach a red crossing point in the road and take the footpath on the left, by the Tove Valley sub station, which is brown. Follow the footpath to the main road, cross the road taking the footpath directly opposite, this is the A43 so take **EXTEME CARE WHEN CROSSING**.

Continue along footpath on reaching the road turn left and continue along the road for about 100mtrs, take signposted footpath on left into Brickyard Farm Kennels, follow road around to the right and you will see five bar wooden gate with waymarker on left hand post, go through gate and continue through wooded area following the path. Exit the wood over the stile and walk around fallen tree bearing slightly left, about 100mtrs in front of you, you will see a white disc on a post with a new post next to it, head

towards the post, exit the field over the stile and turn right following right hand edge of field, exit the field over double stile.

Question 1: How waymarker discs are there at this crossing point and what are their colours?

Continue in the same direction crossing field exit field over stile and head towards buildings, on exiting the field continue in same direction along concrete track towards the buildings. Cross over stile onto road and continue in the same direction heading toward a telephone box which will be on your right, continue to follow this road out of the village of Caldecote. As the road goes around to the right take the bridleway directly ahead of you going through the old rusting iron gate and continue along tracks hedge on left.

Continue into next field passing white gate keeping to left hand side of field, hedge on left, after about 200mtrs go through gate on left waymarker disc on post and turn right, hedge on right. Exit the field through the gate and continue in the same direction hedge still on right ignoring gates on your right continue in the same direction hedge on right. Exit the field through the rusty gate and continue in the same direction hedge still on right.

Question 2: How waymarker discs are there on the gate and what are the colour of the arrows?

After about 5mtrs take the distinctive path on your left and head towards the two trees which are close together, cross over small wooden bridge and over stile, head just to the left of the lone tree in the middle of the field. Cross over the stile and continue in the same direction, wire fence on right, cross over stile and continue in same direction, as you come over the brow of the hill you will see gap in hedge, head towards gap and cross over stile and continue in same direction. As you go past the hollow in the ground with a single tree on your right, turn right and head up bank, cross over stile and turn right.

After about 5mtrs turn left heading along track, after about 30mtrs hedge will be on your right, cross over concrete track over stile into field and continue in same direction hedge on right. Go through green metal gate and continue in the same direction hedge on right, cross over stile and continue in the same direction following distinctive footpath. As you go down the bank if it has been raining the stream may not be following its usual course so take care, go over small wooden bridge, cross over stile and continue in the same direction. As you come to the wooden fence on your right (white building in front of you) follow the fence around to the right, (there are stiles in this fence which is the official footpath, but as it only cuts of a very small corner, no harm staying in the field). Go over stile next to the white house to road and turn left.

Question 3: What is the name of the white house?

Continue along road passing Home Close on your left and then East Coat Arms on your left at the crossroads turn left, passing 6 Birds Hill on your right, as you go down the hill the land on your right is the site of the Pattishall POW camp used during the Great War. As you follow the road up the hill take the footpath on your right and head towards the derelict building. You are now walking on soil which would have been walked on 100 years ago by prisoners of the Great War, cross over stile just to the left of the old building, to the road and turn left. Cross road at the zebra crossing and take the signposted footpath to the right of the school, school on left wooden fence on right.

Go through the kissing gate and continue in the same direction, hedge on right, through kissing gate then turn left, hedge on left. At the end of the field go through gap in hedge and continue in same direction hedge on left. At the bottom of the field turn left, after about 5mtrs turn right over wooden bridge, turn left and follow path around edge of field, cross over stile on your left follow direction of waymarker on distinctive footpath, wire fence and houses on left. Go through small wooden hand gate and turn right, hedge on right wire fence on left. Cross over stile and continue in same direction, heading towards wall, cross over stile and turn right. Follow the path (possible blue tape fence on right) go through small wooden hand gate onto tracks (Suttons Walk) and pass garages on your left.

On reaching the road turn right, continue along this road ignoring footpaths until you reach the junction with the **A5**, cross road with care to signposted bridleway (opposite) going through metal gate, follow tracks passing derelict building on your right, continue to follow tracks. On reaching end of the field turn left, waymarker's on post, hedge on right heading towards woods. On reaching the woods turn right then immediately left, wood on left. At the end of the wood continue in the same direction hedge on right.

Question 4: How many waymarker arrows are there on the gate post?

Go through open gate into field, at the end of the field follow tracks for about 1km. Go through metal hand gate (may be very muddy) and continue along track passing farm buildings on your left. The tracks turn to a road, continue along road passing houses on your left.

When you reach the road junction with small grass triangle cross over and take signposted footpath just to the right of the village notice board passing green iron barrier wall on left. At the end of the wall you may see a faint path going through field, if a path is not obvious then turn left and follow edge of field, hedge on left. Ignore wooden footbridge with two hand rails on your left and continue to follow field. Follow edge of field as it goes

round to the right and cross over small wooden bridge with one hand rail and cross over stile into field, continue in same direction .

Cross stile over small wooden bridge and then head towards distinctive path to the right of lone tree. Follow path heading towards the left-hand end of the wall in front of you. Go up the bank (you will note there are waymarker posts, but they have fallen down) cross road with care, this is the **A5**. Stay on footpath passing Jacks Hill Café on your right and then Bell Plantation Garden Centre on your left. At the roundabout where the A5 meets the A43 cross at the Pelican Crossing going straight over to stay on the A5 back towards Towcester and the start point, The Saracens Head.

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