

# Dayhills

Distance 4 miles

Time 1¾ hours

18 stiles

## Directions

Map: OS Explorer 258



Cross the road from the Village Hall car park to the Green Man and continue over the hump-back bridge and up the hill. Just after the turning on the left to All Saints' Church there is a footpath sign on the right (2) that directs you over a stile leading to a path between the barns of the livery stables.

Follow this path right through to two farm gates. Taking the left-hand gate, follow the footpath straight on through two narrow fields to the far end where there is a bridge across a ditch leading to a stile.

Cross the stile and go straight on to a stile in the opposite field boundary just to the right of Shaw Wood. Go over the stile there and walk up the hill, keeping the wood on your left. Cross the next stile and carry on straight ahead, past the wood, to a stile set in the hedge opposite (3)

Climb this stile and go straight ahead with the field boundary on your right, to a stile in the corner of the field. Crossing this it's a few paces to the stile into the lane leading to Shaw Wood Farm.

Turn right along the lane to the T-junction into Butterhill Lane. Turn right again and follow the lane, passing Woodend Farm on your right. 200m further on there is a footpath sign and a stile on the right (4). Follow the footpath over this stile and go straight on over a second stile.

Turn half left and walk diagonally across the field to a stile beside a gate in the left hand field boundary. Cross the stile and walk straight ahead with the field boundary on your left until you reach Dayhills and the stile leading to the main Uttoxeter Road (5).

Cross the stile and the road to the narrow lane opposite. Follow the lane as it bends to the right, then take the left-hand fork towards Dayhills Farm. You will shortly see a stile on the right-hand side of the track indicating where the footpath branches off. Follow the footpath down the hill to a gate at the far end of the field, to the right of Dayhills Farm (6).

Go through the gate and walk half-left diagonally across the field, up hill to power line pole in the centre of the field and then down hill towards the brook behind Oulton House. Before reaching the brook, take the footpath that turns to the right, away from the brook (7). This directs you back up the small hill behind Oulton House. Walk up the hill skirting Oulton House farm buildings on your left-hand side, then bear left at a stile in the fence to the right of Oulton House.

Cross the stile and walk diagonally across to the far corner of the field where there is a small bridge across a ditch. Go over this and straight on to the stile leading to the drive from Oulton House. Turn right after climbing the stile and follow the track over the cattle grid. 50m further on there is a stile on the left, and a bridge across the brook (8). Cross both and follow the power lines up the hill to a stile.

Go over this stile and carry on diagonally across the next field, climbing up a bank to a stile beside a farm gate in the far corner. Cross the stile and go half-right a short distance to a second stile. Crossing this, turn left and follow the field boundary on your left to another stile. Climb over the stile and down a steep bank to a small gate leading to the road from Garshall Green to Milwich (9).

Turning right, follow the road around to the left, then take the right-hand turn into The Allways, which leads back to the Village Hall car park.