

Fox's Wood

Distance 4 miles

Time 2 hours

21 stiles

Directions

Map:OS Explorer 258



Starting at the Village Hall car park, cross the road to the Green Man and continue on over the bridge and up the hill. After 300m take the road left to All Saints' Church. On entering the churchyard turn right and follow the path to the gate behind the church.

Go through the gate and turn right down the hill and across a double stile beside a farm gate. Continue up the hill climbing two stiles to cross an old lane. Turn half-left across the field to a stile in the far field hedge. Climb this and walk half-left then it is a short walk to another stile beside a farm gate. Cross the stile, turn half-left and walk diagonally across the field to the gap in the hedge.

Turn through the gap into a large field and walk straight ahead towards the red brick buildings on the horizon. The footpath runs through the middle of the field to a farm gate on the opposite side. Go through the gate and turn half-right and it's a short walk to a farm gateway. Go through this and turn left, climbing up the hill towards Beacon Bank Farm (2).

At the top of the hill, with the farm on your left, turn right and walk 50m to a stile beside a farm gate on your left. Climb the stile and cross the field to a stile beside the gate into Fox's Wood. Cross this and follow the track down through the wood to Fox's Wood Farm. At the bottom of the hill, go through the farm gate into the yard of Fox's Wood Farm (3).

Follow the footpath signs that direct you left through a second farm gate. After about 50m, turn right through a farm gate into a large field. Go straight on across the field, keeping to the right-hand hedge, to a farm gate with a footpath sign. Go through the gate and cross to the opposite corner of the field where there is a stile beside a farm gate.

Cross the stile into a small field and continue straight ahead over two more stiles until you cross a stile on to a wide track with two more hedges on either side (4). Turn left, through the gate across the track, towards Old Gayton Gorse. Continue straight on until the lane ends at a fence with a gate and a stile beneath a large oak tree.

Climb the stile and turn left up the hill to a stile set in the hedge on the brow of the hill. Cross this and walk straight down the hill. At the bottom of the hill there is a farm gate and a double stile to the left of a large pond (5). Crossing these stiles, go straight across the field towards Coton Mill Barns.

At the far side of the field, go over the stile and turn right into Mill Lane. After about 200m, turn left into Coton Mill yard. Turn immediately right past an open barn to a stile set high in the opposite hedge approached by steps in the bank (6). Climb the stile and turn left, following the field boundary until you reach a stile on your left. Cross this and go straight ahead with the brook on your left.

At the far end of the field is a farm gate with a stile 10m to the right. Cross this and go straight ahead, ignoring the bridge over the stream which you pass on your left-hand side. Keeping the brook on your left, find instead a double stile in the far corner of the field near the brook (7).

Still keeping the brook on your left, follow the footpath to a gate beside a stile. Cross the stile and go straight on. It is then a short walk to a double stile that crosses into the garden of the Green Man Pub. Opposite the pub is the Village Hall car park.