

# Fradswell Park

Distance 4½ miles

Time 2 hours

28 stiles

## Directions

Maps:OS Explorer 258

Turn right out of the Village Hall car park into the Allways (1). Follow the road to the T-junction then turn right. After about 50m there is a stile in the bank on the left-hand side. Climb this and walk straight ahead with the field boundary on your right to the stile in the far field boundary. Cross this stile and walk straight across the field to the stile opposite. Climb this stile and continue straight ahead, now with a hedge on your right side. At the far end of the field there's a small bridge and a stile. Cross these and follow the footpath to the far right-hand of the field where a stile leads into Potmans Lane (2).

Cross this stile and turn right down the lane. Just round the first bend there is a stile beside a gate on the left-hand side. Climb over the stile and walk downhill to a gap in the line of trees in the far right-hand corner of the field. Go through the gap and turn immediately right to a stile leading on to Darley Lane (3). Climbing over this stile, turn left to follow the bridleway until you reach a pedestrian gate. Go through the gate and straight on with the field boundary to your right. The bridleway continues, passing to the right of a corrugated iron shed, until it runs into the driveway of a red brick house (4).

At the end of the driveway turn sharp left and follow the lane for some 200m to where a fingerpost points to a stile to the right of the road. Cross this stile and go straight on, with the field boundary on your left to the stile opposite. Climb over this and go straight across the field to a stile beside a farm gate giving on to the main road (5). Cross this stile and the stile on the far side of the road, then go straight on, following the field boundary on your left-hand side through two farm gates, to arrive at a third farm gate with a stile beside it.

Cross over the stile and walk diagonally across the field down into the dip at the far right corner. Here cross a small stream to reach the stile in the far corner of the field (6). Climb over this stile and go straight ahead, keeping the hedge on your left-hand side until you reach a waymarked farm gate midway along the far field boundary. Go through this gate and down the centre of the field to the stile in the opposite field boundary (7).

Do not cross this stile- instead return back up the field, this time taking the footpath that runs diagonally up to a stile beside a farm gate in the far left corner of the field. Climb over the stile and walk straight ahead until you pass the gardens and outbuildings of Fradswell Hall on your left (8). At this point bear left to a stile in the opposite field boundary. Cross this stile and walk diagonally across the field to a stile in the far right corner. Climb this and go straight on with the field boundary on your left over two more stiles.



After the second stile keep straight on, now with the field boundary on your right. Cross the double stile followed by a single stile at the far side of the field then go straight across the field to the gated bridge across Gayton Brook. After the bridge turn half-right when it is a short walk to a stile leading into Wallbrook Road. Turn right and follow the road for 50m before turning left down Mill Lane (9). After 0.5km there is a finger post pointing right into Coton Mill yard.

Climb over the stile into the yard and turn right past an open barn to a stile set in the hedge opposite, approached by steps in the bank (10). 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 (11). Still keeping the brook on your left, follow the footpath to a stile beside a gate. Cross the stile and go straight on. It is then a short walk to a stile that crosses into the garden of the Green Man Pub. Opposite the pub is the Village Hall car park.