



THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Stay on the public rights of way unless you are on open access land or where there are permissive roaming rights.
- Be safe: plan ahead and follow waymarkers.
- Leave gates and property as you find them.
- Protect plants and animals.
- Take your litter home.
- Keep dogs under close control.
- Be considerate to other people.



TAKING NOTHING BUT PHOTOGRAPHS

LEAVING NOTHING BUT FOOTPRINTS

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Fownhope Village Walk 1



Walk Length 5.5 miles (2.5 hours)

The walk has a few gradual uphill sections, but they are not prolonged.

The paths are mostly waymarked and cross a mixture of pastureland and wooded areas with views across towards Wales from Haugh Woods and through the Mordiford Gap from Common Hill.

From the village walk start point at the back of the car park on the recreation field return to Capler Lane and turn left back past the church.

Cross the main road into Common Hill Lane. Take the first left into Church Croft. At the footpath sign on the right, opposite the bus stop, take the green lane up the hill (1).

Climb over the stile on the left at the top of the hill and cross the field diagonally to the next stile. Go through the woods to the junction with a bridleway, the Wye Valley Walk. Cross over the bridleway, and, with the cottage on your right, locate a path through the trees to a waymarked gate. Follow the footpath through the young woodland to a gate at the road next to a house on your right. Turn right on the road, past the house, "The Horns" (2).

After 50 metres take the metal gate on the left at the footpath sign and cross the field straight ahead to a bridge. Go over the bridge and then bear right following the edge of the field with a hedge on your right, then pass through a metal gate to a track at the corner of the field at the edge of Haugh Woods. Turn right on this track. After 250 metres turn left on to the Forestry Commission track into Haugh Woods about 100 metres before a house on the road below (3).

Follow this track uphill past Rudge End Quarry Information Signboard on the left, until you meet another track joining from the right. Continue straight on up the hill passing a bench on your left looking over the valley. Follow the track to the right at the second junction at the top of the hill, where there is a track in front of you, take the track to the right. This track turns to the left and gradually climbs to the third junction, turn left and follow the track up to a gate at a minor road. Cross the road into Haugh Woods car park and picnic site. Turn right in the car park and follow the path closest to the road through the picnic benches and into the forest roughly parallel to the road. At the cottage at the end of the path turn right, past the barrier and return to the minor road. Turn right (4).

After 50 metres turn left back into Haugh Woods at the Forestry Commission sign. Follow the track straight ahead, but ignore the right track after 200 metres and carry on downhill for a further 450 metres where the main track bends to the right (note the path runs between a Butterfly Trail Information Board on the right and a lime green marker post on the left). At this point, carry straight on to a narrower track straight ahead into the woods. After 50 metres take another narrow path on the right, continue downhill until the track branches to the right, take the right turn. Keep going downhill until you reach a small wooden bridge over a stream. Cross the bridge and over the waymarked stile beyond it to enter a field (5).

Head for a gap in the hedge which is really a gate next to a stile but is often left open. Entering the second field continue walking towards Rudge End Farm in front of you, eventually reaching a wooden stile next to a five-bar gate at the end of the second field. Go over the stile and follow the fence line on your left to the corner of the field, where there is a stile. Go over the stile and head down the track ahead until you join another track, where you turn left and walk to the road, where again you turn left. After 50 metres take the metal gate on the right at the footpath sign and cross the first field to a bridge. Next continue straight on into the second field up the designated path to the metal gate at the top. Walk through the gate to a second metal gate at the top of the slope, go on through the gate and then turn left. The path brings you to a crossing of tracks, one being the Wye Valley Walk (6).

Take the track that descends to a minor road signposted – "Local Info Kiosk" where there is an old water pump offering shelter from the rain, if necessary, as well as the Local Information

Kiosk. Turn right on the road and continue on the road for about 300m passing "Little Bryalls" on your left and another house up a track on your right. At a public footpath sign on the left, where two tracks join the road from the right, turn right, taking the left-hand fork, passing a gate to "Clear View" on your left (7).

Follow this track straight on, taking the waymarked footpath at "Little Barn" rather than the wider tracks to the cottages and going straight ahead where another path turns to the right. Continue straight on through the woods parallel to the field below to a junction with a waymarked path. Turn left and in a short distance join green lane back down to Church Croft (8).

At the end of green lane head downhill down Church Croft to Common Hill Lane, where you turn right and follow the road until you come to the High Street. Cross over the road and into Capler Lane opposite, walk along for about 200 metres and turn right at the Recreation Field sign and follow the track towards the pavilion and the car park.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FOWNHOPE

**Visit the parish website, www.fownhope.org.uk
or find us on Facebook.**

You might choose to walk the other village walks; there are leaflets for them available from the West End Stores or The Shop@ Coo Corner in the High Street as well as copies which you can download from the parish website.

Or check out the Parish Trail which you can see on the High Street or Recreation Field noticeboards.