

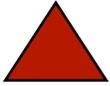
Via Beata Way of Blessing

Wellingborough to Merry Tom Crossing 14 miles

Overview

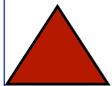
From Wellingborough, crossing the busy A5195, the route follows long bridlepath over open flat countryside to join the Northamptonshire Round, turning west to Pitsford Water. Merry Tom Crossing is at the junction of Midshire Way and the Northamptonshire Round

From church cross the Wellingborough Road. (This is a fast dangerous road and the footpath signs have been removed. Take great care)



Footpath goes north east towards Manor Farm, leaving it on your right. At the junction with B574, turn left (south west) onto bridleway, past Blackberry Fox Covert. Cross the Hardwick Road to go ahead to join the B574 at Appleby Gate for 200 yards. (Junction with Moonshine Gap and Sywell Road), turn right (NW) onto bridlepath towards Hardwick Lodge. Follow bridle path to left of the Lodge to join the Northamptonshire Round (NR) long distance path. With Hardwick Wood on your right, walk along field margin towards main road, turn left with the main road on right until footpath sign onto layby.

Turn left on layby till you reach footpath NR sign to cross A43.



Turn right along field margin to post with footpath NR signs. Follow footpath across field, through gaps in hedge.

Straight ahead, then over stile. Turn left to finger post. Turn right to finger post. Turn left across hardcore granite chippings. At finger post, turn left, then right along field margins. Over stream via wooden bridge.

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Straight ahead, cross meadow up the hill, through gate. Continue forward towards Holcot, over wooden bridge, then two stiles.

Through gap to right of metal farm gate, then turn left, then right into Walgarve Road. Turn left onto Main Street, then take Brixton road, direction Brixworth and Market Harborough.

Cross causeway.

Turn left into Brixworth Park, and walk on north side of Pitsford Reservoir till you reach Northampton Sailing Club.

Turn right towards roundabout, second exit, then past Brixworth Cricket Club, following Brampton Valley Way signs.

Turn left down bridleway towards Merry Tom Crossing, also signed NR.



MAPS AND REFERENCE

Explorer 224	Corby, Kettering & Wellingborough
Explorer 223	Northampton & Market Harborough
Wellingborough	SP697884 (?)
Merry Tom Crossing	SP681733