

West Haddon to Ashby St Ledgers - 6 miles

Overview

Route follows Jurassic Way to Ashby St Ledgers. Easy undulating walk with good views across countryside.

Maps and Grid References

OS Explorer 223	Northampton & Market Harborough (South)
OS Explorer 222	Rugby & Daventry
West Haddon	SP629717
Ashby St Ledgers	SP5768

Turn right from church, down High Street, At the roundabout, turn right onto West End, (signposted Crick). Cross West End, into The Green. Take footpath between school and village hall, signposted Jurassic Way.(JW) (This path will be followed to Watford).

Stile, continue to bottom right end of field towards barn, cross stile (JW). Up field, with hedge on right. Stile (JW). Turn right immediately and walk diagonally across field.

Go through gap in hedge, over stream and go uphill, keeping hedge on right. Over gated footbridge, into field. Make for a gap just below a barn. Over stile and footbridge (JW). In next field, make for clump of trees. Through gate and follow JW sign. Keep hedge on right. (Wind turbines visible on left). Then through wide hedge gap, then across next field. Follow JW sign. Through kissing gate, turn left. Make for second turbine from right. JW marker. Cross field with furthest right turbine ahead. Through gate (JW) then towards high hedge, under power lines. Gate (JW). Enter small copse, keep hedge on left.

Take right hand track diagonally, aiming for gap between turbine 2 and 3 (counting from right). Through gap in hedge onto tarmac chipping track. Turn left and go downhill past turbine. At T junction, go straight ahead crossing field towards ornate railway bridge. Through gate, then walk between avenue of trees towards Watford church. Near top of pasture, turn left towards fence and barn. Over stile. Turn left (JW), then right onto Church Street.

Leave church, turn right onto road on Jurassic Way (JW).

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On bend turn right (JW). Through gate (JW). Walk down field to corner, over stile and bridge. Cross field to motorway tunnel. Stile. Cross meadow to footbridge over lock. (JW). Cross A5 .Cross to (JW) footpath. Under tunnel (JW), turn right then over two stiles. Over sleepers then straight ahead.

Round field, turn right (JW), down footpath before electric fence. Through wood. Stile then straight ahead towards church. Through electric fence, 2 stiles (JW). Cross pasture, through kissing gate. Turn right into churchyard and church.

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