

# Worcester to Knightwick - 8.5 miles

## Overview

Starting at Worcester Cathedral, this walk leaves the city via the River Severn. It continues through gentle countryside taking in Elgar's birthplace in Lower Heath to the village of Knightwick. Towards the end, climbing up into Ankerdine Common Nature Reserve before dropping steeply to the Talbot Hotel and pub.

## Points of Interest

Elgar's birthplace at Lower Heath, with museum and café.  
Talbot Inn. Waystation. Good overnight facilities and restaurant.

## Maps and Reference

OS Explorer 204	Worcester & Droitwich Spa
Three Choirs Guide	Download and print
Three Rivers Ride	Download and print
Worcester Cathedral	SO840546
Knightwick	SO731554

## Route

From Worcester Cathedral, take Severn Way from College Yard. At Spires Theatre, turn left. At River Severn, turn right and cross river bridge. Turn right. Pass under railway bridge. Walk up Holywell Hill. Cross Henwick Road onto Oldbury Road for one mile. Go past Ostler Drive. Past Comers Gardens. Then take Public Bridleway - signposted Three Choirs Way (3CW) to Oldbury Grange (1/2 mile). Through wooden gate, straight ahead on Bridleway (3CW) to Lower Broadheath (1/3 mile). When you enter village, turn right on main road to Museum.

Walk down main road (1/4mile), crossing Bell Lane onto Ankerdine Road (direction Ankerdine). After 250 yds turn left on footpath (3CW). Make for left hand corner of field. Through metal gate and over footbridge. Keep hedge on left to metal 5 bar gate. Again, keeping hedge on left to metal gate.

To metal gate in corner. Footbridge and metal gate. Left through 5 bar gate, keeping hedge to right. Through further metal gate (3CW). Footbridge and style. Go straight ahead, with hedge on right to metal 5 bar gate.

Go straight ahead. Cross to metal gate by dead tree. Cross meadow to metal gate and footbridge. Cross field, over 2 stiles, keeping hedge on left, then to corner of field. Turn right to derelict Blackfield cottage (1 mile).

Go beyond the cottage 50 yards. Footpath hidden in hedge on left.

Footbridge, then gate. Go ahead, hedge on right. Two stiles. Keeping hedge on right walk to corner and stile. Keeping hedge on right go ahead to wooden gate. Turn right over stream then go straight ahead to houses. Turn left on road into Broad Green. (1/2 mile)

At T junction, turn right (past sign describing this SSI site). After houses, take footpath onto Doddenham (sign hidden) (3CW). Edge of field to metal gate on right. Farm building. Turn right past Baggotts Wood. Through gap in hedge straight ahead, keeping hedge on left. Farm track to road, turn right (3CW) 100 yards, turn left, through metal field gate. To metal field gate.

Walk downhill towards Doddenham. Exit field towards road at top right hand corner. Turn left onto road (30 yards). Turn right up Easinghope Lane (200 yards). Turn left onto Worcestershire Way (WW) through gate. Walk with wood on left. Turn right and follow WW signs. Through metal gate into Ankerdine Common Nature Reserve. Find your way through the reserve to car park (3CW). Turn left down road to Knightwick. Go straight ahead over bridge to Talbot Pub and Bakery.

The way station is the bench outside the pub.

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