

Knightwick to Stoke Lacy - 9 miles

Overview

Starting at The Talbot Hotel, the path ascends through a narrow, enchanting wood. It mostly follows the Three Choirs Way (3CW). Some walking on quiet country lanes with little traffic. Some parts of the walk through isolated farms.

OS Maps and Grid References

OS Explorer 204 -	Worcester and Droitwich Spa
OS Explorer 202	Leominster & Bromyard
Three Choirs Way Guide	Download and print)
Knightwick	SO731554
Stoke Lacy	SO620495

Route

From bus stop, cross A 44 direction Suckley. After 500 yards turn left at fork (3CW) to Chapel of St Mary and St Andrew. Footpath from Chapel graveyard to stile at bottom left of churchyard, then up hill to fingerpost on road.

Turn left (3CW) along road for 1/3 mile. Turn left on footpath. Keep left along field margin to metal gate, footpath into wood. Follow path through the wood (1/2 mile) to modernized cottage. Take path through garden following the arrow to stile (3CW). Join track on left to road. (3CW). Walk up drive, Turn right To T junction, turn left. Turn right opposite The Norchards. Up field to stile to meadow, keeping hedge to left. Walk to next stile. Stile. Cross to metal gate. Straight ahead (3CW). Up field to Cross Keys Pub, Suckley Green (3CW). Cross road to footpath by Knowl Farm.

Through wooden gate, path to hill, then to gate (footpath sign). Cross meadow to stile at top (3CW). Turn left. Turn right, keeping hedge on right to stile. Turn left (3CW) on track. Through farmyard to Upper House. Turn right (FP). Cross another meadow to metal gate at bottom (don't go to the left). Keeping trees on left.

Change to OS 202

Follow green lane. At end of lane, go straight ahead, past first orchard on right, then with fruit trees on left go up right hand side of orchard and round to stile on top. To next stile. (3CW). Turn left through wood. (3CW) Stile. Bear right. Then turn right (3CW) through wood. (very overgrown) over footbridge, then go straight ahead. Cross field diagonally to bottom gate. Go ahead up to road (3CW). Chapel Cottage, turn right to Pink Pub.

Turn left onto B4219 for 500 yards. Turn right to Stanford Bishop, just over 1.2 mile to The Hawkins. Turn right and follow FP signs to right of farm buildings. Ignoring the footpath signs, turn right with barn on left, following the line of barbed wire till you can see Lower House ahead. Follow down hill to gap to right of the buildings. Over stile. Continue

down to road over one more stile. At road, turn left, (50 yards) then right down to Upper Venn Farm over cattle grid. At farmyard, go up hill, leaving cattle shed on right (FP).

Here 3CW crosses Herefordshire Trail. Uphill to 2 stiles (3CW). Walk towards hole in hedge. Walk up diagonally to top right hand corner of field towards Mudderfield Road. (3/4 mile) On farm track to Mudderfield Court. (1/4 + mile) Go ahead on green lane into field, cross to stile (3CW) to FP sign on Stoke Lane. Turn right. (1/2 mile). Continue to follow 3CW south to Hopton Court. At road, turn right to Stoke Lacy.

The way station will be at the church eventually.

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