

# Via Beata Way of Blessing

## Section 19 - Merry Tom Crossing to Watford -13 miles

### Overview

Walk starts in open countryside following the Northampton Round, then after Ravensthorpe, crossing openfields to West Haddon. Some signs missing so need to take care. Path complicated to Watford because of windmills and poor signage. Paths often not insight when they cross large fields.

Continue on down path on Northampton Round/ Midshires Way to A5199. Turn left off path onto footpath. Walk via field margins towards farm buildings. Turn right up hill to hedge then alongside hedge to footpath sign on road at top of hill at The Red House. Turn left on A5199

Turn right. Turn right again towards Brampton Hill on Northampton Round. Through gap, continue on bridleway leaving NRound. At five way crossing of footpaths, turn right towards wood at bottom down bridleway towards Sander's Covert.

Turn right by wood, leave on right at junction going straight ahead by bridle way towards Cank Farm. Continue through farm, then through metal gate onto road. Turn left, then right towards Teeton, and North Lodge Cottage.

At cottage, follow footpath sign across field, go over stile by farm buildings, through metal gate to end of hedge. Walk up hedge line to top, ignoring other signs.

At copse turn right down field margins (footpath ploughed up and planted). Go straight ahead to footpath signs, go through hedge and descend hill with hedge on left hand side to footbridge.

Go straight ahead by Keep Right Signs to footbridge onto road, turn left towards Ravensthorpe.

Go up Church Hill, turn right onto Coton Road. Turn left onto footpath at Cuffy's Fields. Down hill

following footpath sign across field to stile in hedgeline. Turn right down hill. Turn left, just before bottom of hill at tree. Across then turn right to bottom. Continue across bridge.

Turn left, then straight ahead over wooden bridge on left. (OS 223-SP652720).

Look for kissing gate hidden in trees on left (Don't go up hill). Round fields. Through gate on left, cross field diagonally in summer.

At West Haddon, walk through estate, down hill to roundabout. At church, turn up ?? road. Footpath sign by school. Join Jurassic Way. Turn left Follow signs overstile. Down field with hedge on right, diagonally across field, over stream then uphill and straight ahead. Cross field, uphill to stile. Second stile, below small barn, to footbridge. Cross field, leaving pit to left. Over stile. Turn left up hill to house on hill. Stile. Cross field with house on right. Stile on right. Through farm yard (Beware large labrador). At cross roads, turn left onto footpath (not Crick). right through metal gate. Left at Jurassic Way sign, hedge on left. Turn right towards windmills, lining up nos. two and three and walk across field to tunnel under railway. Continue over meadow between Long Spinney and Barleypiece spinney. Footpath in left hand corner by barn. (Sign saying Bull in field).

Over stile into road. Turn left and then right towards church.

### MAPS AND REFERENCE

OS Explorer 223	Northampton & Market Harborough (South)
Merry Tom Crossing	SP733681
Watford	SP604691