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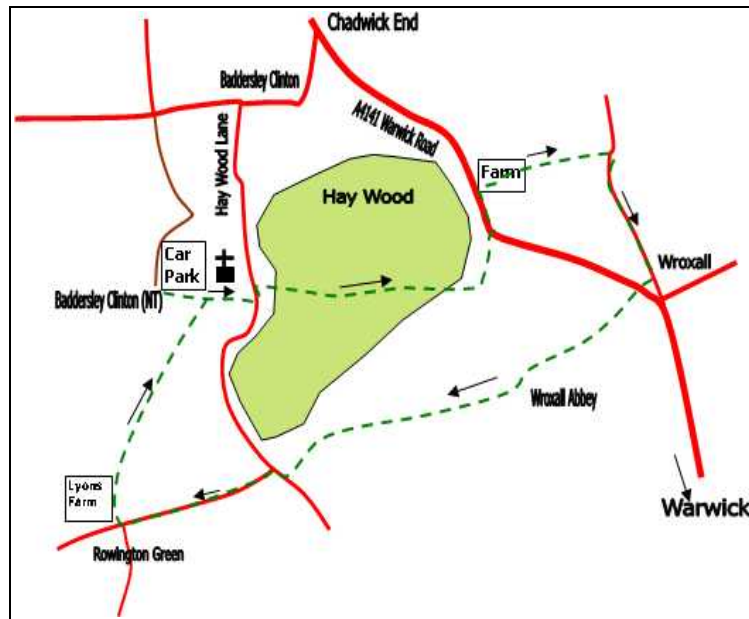
Baddesley Clinton to Wroxall Abbey

This walk of around 5 miles takes around two hours. It starts from Baddesley Clinton. Whilst the parking there is free, it is National Trust property and Sunday's can be busy, so bear in mind you are taking a liberty parking there unless you are visiting the house. Alternative parking can be found either at Hay Wood or at the lane that runs to the church which is just off Hay Wood Lane.

This walk goes through Hay Wood, through some farm land across the other side of the Warwick Road, and back through Wroxall Abbey, taking in some glorious rolling Warwickshire countryside on its way.

The walk has only one style (we think, but can't remember where!) but can be muddy when wet; there are no steep hills. It does cross the Warwick road so small children would need to be carefully supervised.

The pictures are from a sunny morning in June 2006.



1: From Baddesley Clinton, find the lane to the Church.



Assuming you are starting from the car park at Baddesley Clinton, from the grassy extension car park, looking up from the entrance to the right, there is a large wooden gate that leads to a path. Turn left along the path and walk to the Church.

2: Walk straight through the Church Grounds



The footpath goes straight along, though you might wish to pop your head through the Church door and admire this small church.

3: Leave the Church Grounds



Leave the Church, continuing straight on from the path, through the gate and onto the small lane that shortly joins Hay Wood Lane.

4: Turn Left along the lane



After turning left, walk a short way and you will find a track on the right.

5: Turn Right up the track



Turn up the track, past a small bungalow

6: Go through the gate to the woods



After a short while, you will find a wooden gate. Go through this and then you walk for a mile or so through Hay Wood, always going straight ahead.

7: Go straight on when you meet another track



You eventually arrive at a cross roads - carry straight ahead.

8: Look for a gate on the right of the path



Carrying on still further, eventually the path bears to the left. At the same point there is a gateway to the right. We go right through the gate, following the way marked trail.

9: Go diagonally across the field



Walk diagonally across the field to the barns on the other side. There is a gate just to their left.

10: Go through the gate



The gate has an unusual fastening. Carry down the pathway up to the wooden gate.

11: Go through the gate and turn left



Turn left through the gate - the path goes in front of a private house.

12: Bear to the right



Follow the track out to the right and you will join a small country lane. Follow this on to the main road - Warwick Road.

13: Cross and turn left



Taking care crossing the road - not busy but traffic comes at speed. Turn left along the pavement and walk for a couple of hundred metres until you find a farm house.

14: Go through the middle of the farm



Turn right between the walls and walk to the farm buildings.

15: Go to the left



The path goes to the left of the building at the end, you then join an obvious track.

16: Follow the track



Follow the track for some time until you arrive at a gate onto a small lane.

17: Follow the lane



Turn right and follow the lane. At first it passes between fields, but then you will see a few picturesque cottages on the left.

18: Turn right before the iron fencing.



Eventually you reach an iron fence. There is a gate on the right which we go through. On Sunday afternoons, the hall the fencing surrounds provides afternoon teas according to roadside signs.

19: Through the field and cross the road.



Keeping to the left of the field, you soon arrive back at the Warwick Road. Taking care crossing the road with fast traffic, cross over and take the track that can be seen opposite.

20: Through the gates



Go through two large gates and follow the obvious track

21: As the track bears left, take the gate to carry on.



After a while, you arrive at a fence where the path appears to bear left. There is an old iron kissing gate ahead and we take that, following a similar line to the path we have just been on, up to the wood ahead.

22: Through a new gate and up to the wood.



After a few steps there is a new gate. Go through this and head up to the woods and then take the path through them.

23: Out of the woods, bear slightly left



Follow the path to the left of the next woodland area.

24: Bear to the right



As you reach the next tree, take the path to the right following the way mark.

25: Through the gate and straight on



Go through the gate, and then follow more or less straight on up the small slope in the open field.

26: Go to the left of the Oaks



As you walk through the field, you will see woodland ahead. There are two large oaks in front of this. Bear to the left of them (you might just spot the yellow blobs of a way mark on them) and then walk near the edge of the field.

27: At the end of the field, turn right



At the distinctive gate post, go through the gate and turn right.

28: Follow the right side of the field



The path follows a slow curve to the left around the edge of the field. At the gate at the end of the field, go onto the lane, turning right.

29: Walk along the lane to the next junction



Walking along the lane, go to the next turning on the left, which is signposted Rowington. Follow the road for some time until just after the 40 mile an hour signs. Before then you might notice the interesting house on the left based on an

old windmill.

30: Passed the limit, spot the path on the right



Just after the speed limit sign, you will find the pathway on the right which we take. From now on we essentially walk in a straight line all the way back to Baddesley Clinton...

31: Pass the farm



32: Take the main track on the right...



33: Take the footpath ahead when the track turns left



34: Through another gate



and keep following the same line across the barely noticeable bridge.

35: Keeping to the right, we find another gate



Following into the right of the field, we eventually come to another gate. Carry on through and the path carries on to Baddesley Clinton Church with a wire fence on the left and hedge on the right.

36: Go back through the Church yard to Baddesley Clinton

At the end of the path you join the lane to the church; turn left to take you back through the Church and along the lane to the car park on your right.

If you have any problems, comments or suggestions on this walk, send them to us at info@dorridge.org.uk. If you have any favourite local walks, let us know and we could publish those too.