

WALK EIGHTEEN

WILMCOTE TO BILLESLEY



It's not too long or strenuous (about three miles), but I would advise that you choose a dry day as there are a couple of places where it tends to get a bit muddy at this time of year. It is basically a walk from Wilmcote to Billesley and back but much shorter than one described earlier. The first half is across fields, with the return along country lanes.

Start in Wilmcote by the green and walk up Swanfold. Just after turning right at the top, go through the narrow passage on the left into the open field. Turn left and walk up the left hand side up towards the gallops. At the top of the large field go through the gap, ignore the stile on the left and go straight on to cross the gallops (care!). Go over the stile by a metal gate, and enter a field.

Walk half right to the far corner (towards the wood) and in the corner cross a stile on the left. Walk straight on up the next field, with the wood on your right; continue around the top of the field and then cross the stile on your right to enter a copse.

Follow the path down hill (can be slippery), go over the improvised stile at the bottom, go straight across the narrow field and turn left just before a ditch. In fifty yards cross the bridge on the right and walk up the field with the hedge on your left.

After 100 yards take the stile on your left and walk half right across the field (between the dovecote and the moat) to the far corner. Here go over the stile to join a road, adjacent to Billesley Manor drive. Turn left along the road and walk back to Wilmcote.