

WALK FOUR

From Wilmcote to Gospel Oak.



Leave Wilmcote along Station road and at the canal take the stile/gate on the left to join the canal towpath. Walk straight ahead along the towpath for about 200 yards and, just past the canal boat turning point, take the footpath marked on the right, through a metal gate. Follow the footpath as it crosses a lane, then the railway line, and enter a field. Walk up the path on the side of the field to a stile. Cross the stile and enter the field, then follow the path half-right to a bridge.

Cross the bridge and walk up the next field to a lane, where you turn right. Follow the lane and on reaching the barn, leave the lane and take the path half-left down across the field. Cross a bridge and stile, walk up the field towards another stile (avoiding the pond!), cross this stile and the next one to reach the Stratford road.

Turn right and in a short distance, opposite a waymarking post, cross the road (with care). Cross the stile and follow the right hand hedge up the field to another stile at the top of the field. Cross this stile and follow the path around behind the metal fencing, to another stile. Enter the field and keep to the left-hand hedge until a stile is seen across the field in the fencing.

Go over this stile and immediately turn right. Follow the right hand fence, then hedge, until the Gospel Oak is reached, just as you enter the last field before the road.

To return to Wilmcote either you can either retrace your steps, or.... Walk out on to the road and turn right. Walk down the hill until a stile is seen on the right, just after a wood, where you can enter a field. Follow the path diagonally across the field and leave by the field gate. Cross the main road and return to Wilmcote via Featherbed Lane.