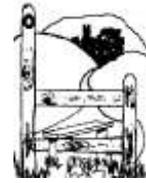


WALK FIVE

From Wilmcote Church
to Bearley Church.



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. From here 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 head diagonally across the field to a gap in the hedge. Go through the gap and continue straight on into the next field. Go down to the gully and then turn half left and walk towards an outcrop of shrubs. Enter the lane and follow this up to Bearley. Follow the road around to the right to the Church on the right.

To return to Wilmcote turn left on the Snitterfield road and shortly left again into Ash Lane. Follow this lane and then eventually a bridleway straight on till the A3400 is reached. On the other side of the road and slightly to the left a footpath is marked. Take this path (up some steps) cross the field and, when the edge of the field is reached, take another path half left across a large field. At the top of the hill go through the gap and meet a track. Take the path opposite, down to a bridge and up the other side. Go over the stile and turn right following the path.

Cross the railway line and then straight across a private road, eventually reaching the canal. Turn left along the towpath, leave the canal at Featherbed lane, then turn right to reach Wilmcote.