

Ombersley Walk Group

Next walk: 10am Saturday 1st June

Start and finish at Ombersley Memorial Hall where parking is available.

On a cold and windy spring morning, 30 stout walkers with five dogs ventured out on the first group-walk this year. The five-mile trail took us easterly from Sytchampton Village Hall, past Hill Farm towards Little Horton Farm where we then headed south-westerly towards Doverdale. Some footpaths were new to us, especially around Doverdale Manor, affording us plenty of excellent views particularly towards the Abberley Hills and its Clock Tower. Afterwards, Mike & Alison Best generously laid on hot drinks and Danish pastries for all to enjoy in the warmth of the hall.

Our summer walk is planned to leave Ombersley Memorial Hall and head eastwards to Nunnery Wood on the edge of Westwood Park. The trail takes in a small section of the Monarch's Way, a 625-mile long-distance footpath in England that traces the escape route taken by King Charles II in 1651 after being defeated in the Battle of Worcester. Our five-mile circular route is pretty flat with quite a few footpaths, new to us. As usual, we will endeavour to keep stiles to a minimum, no more than half-a-dozen.

After the walk, which will finish around mid-day, hot refreshments will be provided in the hall. We are inviting everyone to make a small donation of £1 per head towards the cost of refreshments. The surplus will be given to the hall committee as a contribution towards overheads.

Children are welcome. Dogs are welcome too but under close control and on a short lead. Everyone is responsible for their own safety. There is no need to register for the walk. We hope to see you on the day.

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