

Map 3 The Broad Campden Loop

7.6km 2.5 hours moderate (walk past The Bakers Arms, Broad Campden)

(A shorter 45 min loop from The Bakers Arms is very pretty. Please see end of this route for Bakers Arms Loop)

'A walk to the honey-coloured Cotswold village of Broad Campden via the peaceful Sedgcombe plantation. Then walking past the Norman chapel and onto a gentle climb along the Monarch's way with beautiful views looking across the North Cotswolds and into Warwickshire. The route leaves farmland tracks, not far from Blockley, onto ½ mile of a country road. Once off the road the track runs alongside Sedgcombe Wood, and then into Northwick Business Centre whose huts housed a Polish community displaced during World War Two. The walk ends with a short walk through Sedgcombe plantation back to the farm'.

For those not staying at www.greystonefarmcaravansite.co.uk, please do not park at Greystone Farm without prior permission from Emma Harrison, contact details on website. Alternatively, turn left out of farm drive, after approximately 150m, park in layby. Please don't park in farm gateway. Once parked, cross the stile at the layby, turn immediately right and enter plantation. Follow path to waymark. At waymark continue straight on, climbing uphill through plantation.

If staying at Greystone Farm caravan site, turn right out of cl field, walk down farm drive, cross road, enter plantation and at waymark turn right, climbing uphill through plantation.

Cross dirt track and continue on path uphill, then as path levels out, reach waymark.

At waymark, turn right, exit plantation, cross road, and cross stile into grass field.

Walk down steep slope to stile between houses.

Cross stile, walk along path, cross road and continue onto narrow path other side of road.

Follow path, until reaching a series of tarmac tracks. Ignore the 'no through roads' and join the main village road on left.

At road turn right, walk along road, ignore first footpath sign marked Heart of England Way.

Immediately past The Bakers Arms, turn left through wooden gate onto Monarchs Way.

Walk uphill along track, continue on track as it levels out and leads between two fields.

Continue along track, at end of second field, turn left following waymark signposted Monarchs Way.

At wooden gate with house on rhs, go through gate, follow track downhill for a short distance until climbing up through gate and steps to track.

At track turn left and follow as it bears slightly to the right.

Continue along track with field on lhs.

At end of field, track passes a biodigester, follow waymark signs as track bears slightly to the left and downhill, with distant views of Warwickshire/Oxfordshire.

Continue along track, with field on lhs, walk past track on lhs marked private.

Track enters tiny plantation, with waymarkers pointing straight-ahead (*to Blockley*) or to a sharp left.

Take sharp left, walk downhill to meet road.

At road, turn left, walk ½ mile along road, until a concrete track is on rhs.

Walk downhill along steep concrete track, past a house and Sedgcombe Wood on lhs.

At end of concrete, cross stile into Northwick Business Centre.

Turn left, walk downhill along road, with wood on lhs and buildings on rhs.

About ¾ of the way down, War Memorial is on rhs.

Continue on road to bottom of slope, don't follow road as it bears right.

If parked in layby, cross stile straight ahead back to layby.

If staying at Greystone Farm, don't cross stile, but turn left into plantation. Follow path in plantation until waymark.

At waymark, turn right, exit plantation, cross road and walk along farm drive.

Bakers Arms Loop

If parking at The Bakers Arms please seek permission from pub or alternatively carefully park on road in village.

From pub, cross road, through wooden gate, marked Monarchs Way.

Walk uphill along track, continue on track as it levels out and leads between two fields.

Continue along track, at end of second field, turn left following waymark signposted Monarchs Way.

At wooden gate with house on rhs, go through gate, immediately turn left.

Walk along valley top, then straight down, then bear slightly left to stile, cross stile, stay in grass field following fence on rhs. Through wooden gate to road and The Bakers Arms.