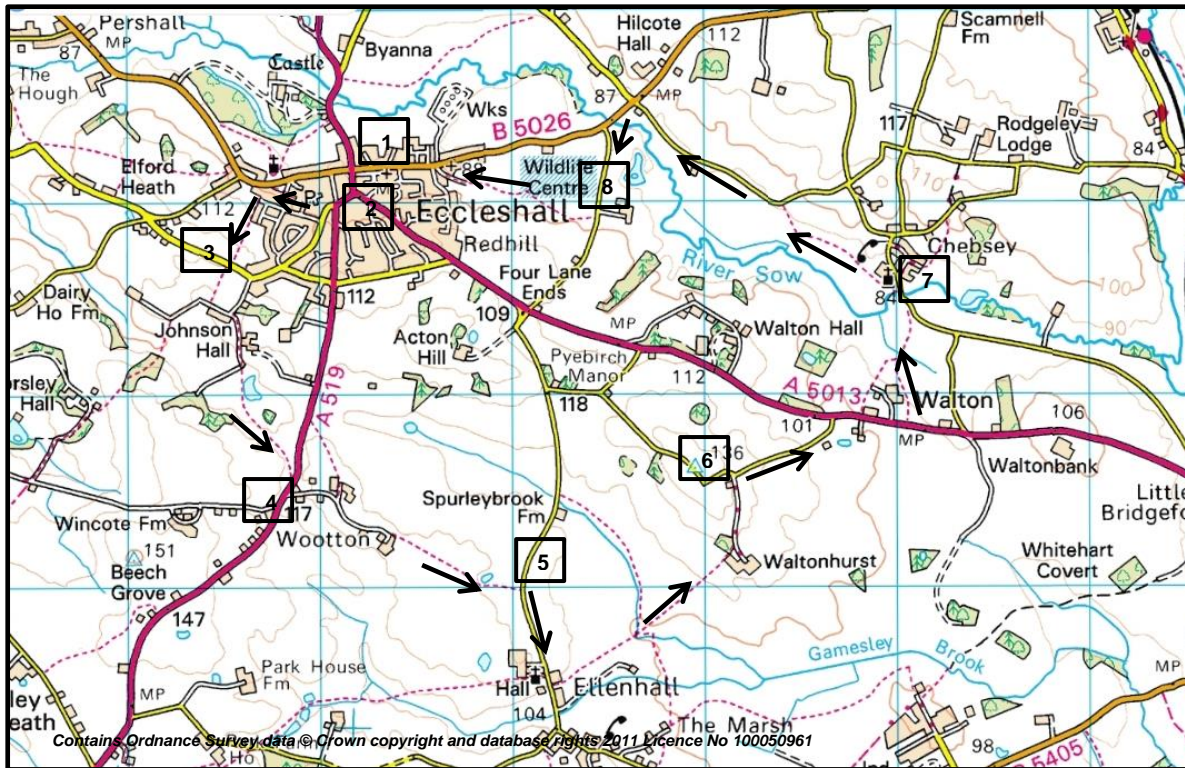


This route can be found on Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 243, Market Drayton. You are advised to use this map in conjunction with the instructions.

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This walk, mainly on fields and quiet lanes, is 7.7 miles long.

Each paragraph number relates to a point marked on the map and is followed by its map reference, found on Ordnance Survey Map 243.

1. Start from the public car park in Stone Road, just off the town centre cross roads. Walk to the crossroads (830 292) and cross the zebra crossing. Turn left and walk along the Newport Road through Horsefair. Cross Small Lane (830 290) and pass the Eagle Pub house on your right. Just past the pub turn right onto the footpath before the house sign for 'The Croft' (830 289).

2. Walk between the fence and a hedge. You will pass a rustic seat on your right. Cross Usulwall Close and continue on the footpath. This runs behind house gardens. At the end of the footpath with the cottage on the right, turn left through metal gate (827 290) and follow the path uphill with fields on the right and houses and then a field on left. Pass through wooden kissing gate to the road and go right (825 286).

3. After a few yards, go over a stile on left. Head through the field, with the hedge on your right, to a gateway into the lane (824 284). Go left. Pass the farm on right and go through white posts and up a private drive. As the drive bears left by black and white house take green lane on right down to metal gate. Cross onto the well-marked footpath to the right of pool - up to kissing gate, through the meadow to another gate. After gate turn to admire the view of Johnson Hall by the pool. Go ahead, keeping left of the higher ground on your right, up to main road to a kissing gate in the white fence in far left corner. (828 275).

4. Cross the main road and turn up Wootton Lane on your left beside cross-shaped cottage (827 274).

Follow the lane keeping right at the fork (833 272). As the lane appears to end in a farm yard go over the stile on your left, next to metal gate opposite white farmhouse. Turn right, keeping the house boundary on your right, up to a stile and gate. Proceed, keeping the hedge on your right and the pool to your left up to lane. (840 269).

5. Turn right and follow the lane into Ellenhall. Just past the Old School House (on the left) take the lane on the left opposite Church (842 265). At the metal gateway cross into the field that slopes downward. Go straight across to right hand corner of field looking for a bridge over an open ditch (846 267). The bridge has stiles at either end. Aim for stile to right of tank and cross uphill towards the farm. Cross the stile, keep to the left of farmhouse garden to a metal farm gate (851 271). Go through the gate, turn left up driveway and left onto the lane. You pass lower ground to the right and then cottages on your left following the road round to the right at the triangular green and arrive at a junction (851 275).

6. Go right downhill to the main road (856 278). **Turn right and stay on the right to face oncoming traffic. Be careful because traffic is heavy and there are two dangerous bends.** Ignore the first footpath sign on your left before the cottages. Pass the cottages on your left and the farm drive to Walton Hurst on your right. Cross the road and pass the entrance to Walton Farm. Turn left over the stile about thirty yards past the drive (860 278). Head for corner pond on left, passing through kissing gate, and proceed bearing left towards left-hand corner to bridge. Cross bridge with a stile at either end and go ahead, keeping hedge to right down to stile into lane. (860 284). Turn left onto the lane and after a very short distance go left and over a concrete bridge up into Chebsey Churchyard.

7. At the top left hand corner of the churchyard take the path (859 285), keeping the barn conversions on your right. Cross three stiles in open meadowland. At the second stile head straight on across the field to the third and into a field with the hedge going right. Head diagonally towards the field gate into lane (853 289). Turn left onto the lane ahead and walk for some distance up to the main road (846 295).

Turn left and cross a river bridge with white rails. After the bridge, turn left into the lane (844 294) with high hedges on each side. Look for a public footpath and stile or gate (844 289) on the right opposite the drive to Field House Farm.

8. Climb the stile and cross an open field. Aim to the left of a hedge by an open ditch. Follow a well-defined and well-marked path through a small copse. Veer left and keep the hedge on your right. Cross the open field and the sleeper bridge over the ditch. Continue along the path with the hedge on your right to a stile in the corner of the field. Join a lane between two hedges up to the main road (835 291). Turn left and walk past Badgers Croft and Hartlands Road back to your starting point.