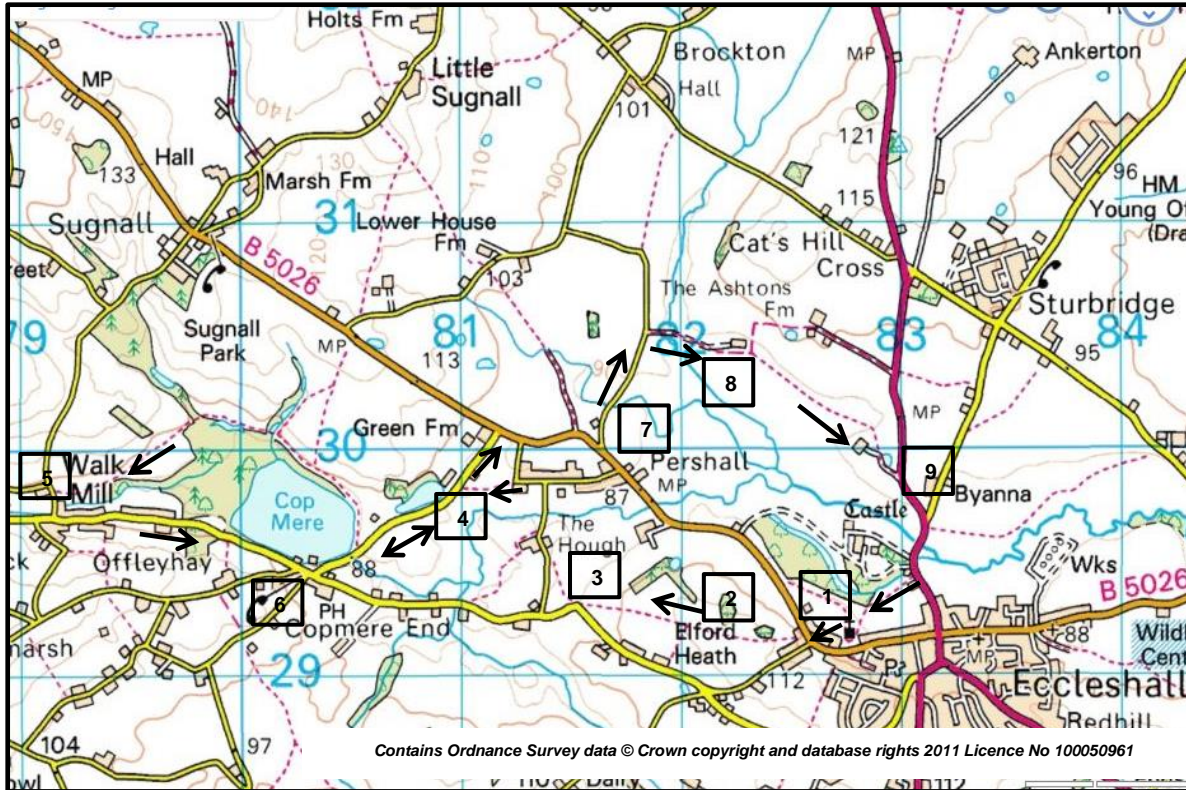


This route can be found on Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 243, Market Drayton. You are advised to use this map in conjunction with the instructions.

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This walk is approx. 4.5 miles.

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. (827 291) Start walk from Holy Trinity Church, High Street, Eccleshall. Follow pavement in direction of Market Drayton for a short distance and cross over road opposite end of Kerry Lane to a pathway on right (825 291).

2. Proceed up pathway through two kissing gates into field and proceed to another kissing gate on the left in field hedge and bear right. Proceed through several electric fence access points, over farmer's concrete lane to another kissing gate in fence (820 292). Continue towards corner of wood passing through an electric fence. Look for water trough. Carry straight on through several electric fences, heading diagonally downhill to kissing gate in corner of field (815 293). Proceed through gate and turn immediately right over stile by field gate into field.

3. Turn left over bridge in the field (to 814 293) then proceed diagonally right to a stile by a field gate (813 295) in the far corner and turn right into the lane. Walk along the lane over the river bridge to a 'T' junction and turn left. Where the lane swings right (813 296) at a right angle, go straight ahead to cross a stile by a wicket gate. Walk diagonally left, parallel to the telegraph poles, across the field to a kissing gate close to a large oak tree. Bear slightly right to another stile leading to the lane (809 298).

4. Turn left and proceed along lane for some distance until the lane dips and before the stream, look for ladder stile (805 295) on right. Cross the stile and walk following left hand hedge, bearing left through a gap then onto a stile to the corner of field by a pool.

5. Cross 2 further stiles, staying close to the hedge on the left, proceed over further stiles then through 2 fields with hedge on right until you reach a derelict mill. Cross stile into lane and turn left.

6. Proceed to a 'T' junction (791 297), passing Walk Mill Pool and turn left for about ½ a mile. At the cross roads by the Star Inn (803 294), turn left for ¾ of a mile and walk up to the B5026 Eccleshall to Loggerheads road (811 300).

7. At the main road turn right and then take the second turn to the left (815 300), immediately past Eccleshall Football Club's ground, Pershall Park. This

is called Smithy Lane. Walk for half a mile and turn right onto the bridle way/track (818 305).

8. Turn into lane, cross over bridge and continue along the track looking for a small gate on the right just before the farm entrance. (821 304) Go through and pass front of Springfields Farm to join the concrete track. When the track eventually bears left, take the kissing gate ahead (822 304) and cross field to another kissing gate. Bear right, through two electric fence access points and up sunken green track to a kissing gate (828 299) into lane. Turn left towards main Eccleshall road (831 296).

9. Turn right and follow main road. Take the field entrance on right (830 294), with footpath marker post, after the main drive to Eccleshall Castle, leading into Castle Meadow.

10. Enjoy the view of the church. Proceed through the kissing gate and through the meadow to another gate then turn left up to a kissing gate (828 292) into church yard and back to your starting point.