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Deserted Village Walk


7 miles (11km)



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1. Leave The New Inn car park using the pedestrian path. Turn left onto Snitterfield Lane. Continue down the road and after 120m, turn left into Canada Lane. Stay on Canada Lane until it bends sharply to the right and at this point, leave the road and continue straight on, down the green lane. The green lane stops at a field gate. Go through the gate and continue straight on, keeping the field boundary on your left. At the far end of the field, turn right within the field, again keeping the field boundary on your left.
2. In the far corner of the field, exit into a young wood via a kissing gate. The path through the wood is not too obvious, so keep parallel to the brook/ditch on your left. The wood closes in on you from your right. At the 'end' of the wood, there is a kissing gate into a field. Go through the gate, bear left and follow the field edge with the brook to your left. Continue to skirt around the edge of the field. In the far-left corner exit via a wooden stile and then a concrete bridge over the brook. Keeping the field boundary on your right, cross the next field. Exit the field through a gap in the far end hedge and a wooden bridge. Continue on the same line with the field boundary on your right until you meet the A46.
3. Cross the A46 using the space between the central reservation barriers. This will let you cross the far lane at the point where the footpath continues. Take the track to a field, keeping the house fence on your right, and traverse it with the boundary on your right. After 200m, you will come to a ditch. Cross the next field(s) with the ditch boundary on

your left until you reach a minor road. Turn right and continue on this road for about 500m. Note the buildings on your right; these are situated among the remains of the deserted mediaeval village of Fulbrook.

Turn right into a tarmac driveway marked Castle Farm. Continue for about 500m and the drive goes into a field. On entering the field, keep the boundary on your left and follow it around for about 350m, ignoring the first exit. The boundary turns almost a right angle, adjacent to two oak trees. In this corner are a bridge and a kissing gate – cross these into a field. Continue on the same line to the far side of the field and pass through the left of two metal gates into another field. Keeping this field's boundary to your right, go up the hill. At the top, exit towards a house. Skirt anticlockwise around the house into a field and proceed up the hill, keeping the house boundary to your left. In the top left-hand corner of the field, exit through a gate and turn right onto the concrete drive.

4. When the drive meets the A439, turn left. Keep on the road verge and cross over when safe. After 400m, just before the yellow-backed chevron road sign, turn right into the field and follow the curved path across it. This takes you to the A46. Cross when safe and turn right then immediately left down Heath End. Walk 1.2km as the road descends then ascends. Just after the road starts to descend again, take the bridle path entrance on the right. Follow the fenced path and then continue into the wood. Keeping the ditch to your right, go straight through the wood. Exit via a bridle gate into a

field. Diagonally cross this field using a wooden bridge in the middle. Go through a bridle gate and emerge onto a metalled track. Turn right onto it. Its surface changes to stones after a cattle grid. Follow this driveway around the houses.

5. As the drive curves to the right, around the far end of the row of houses, take the grass track on the left into a field. Cross the field and at the far end, follow the field boundary as it swings to the left and goes uphill. Exit the field via a wooden bridge and gate on your right. In the next field, keep the boundary to your left and go the length of the field, up and down. In the corner is a bridle gate. Exit onto a farm track and turn left and then right, skirting around the low open shed and away from the house. Exit the farmyard via its driveway and continue up the metalled road. Keep on the road as it swings to the left and starts to climb. After 300m, take the third field entrance on the right onto a permissive path. Keep the field boundary to your right and skirt the field's edge around its corner and up towards the church. Enter the churchyard, through a kissing gate. Cross the churchyard, keeping the church on your right. Exit through the church gate onto Church Road. Go the length of the road and turn right onto Snitterfield Lane.

Retire to The New Inn for some well-earned refreshments.