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Bargain Wood Walk

7 miles (11km)



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1. Leave The New Inn and walk down Snitterfield Lane for approximately one mile until you reach a culvert over a stream with grey and red brick sides. Immediately before the culvert you will see a stile on the right-hand side of the road.
2. Cross the stile and walk up the field, keeping the stream on your left. At the far end of this field, pass into the next field via a concrete bridge and continue, keeping the field boundary on your left. Just after a gated field entrance, cross the wooden footbridge on the left, and continue into the next field, keeping the stream and field boundary on your left. Skirt clockwise around the field (if impassable go anti-clockwise but note this is not a public right of way). Exit the field via a concrete bridge which is situated on the opposite side from the field entrance. Keep walking in the same direction, with the new field boundary on your right. At the top of the field, follow an (often muddy) track towards the houses in Wolverton and emerge onto the road.
3. Turn right along the pavement. Before the post box, at The Old Rectory on the left, take the footpath up towards Wolverton Church. Just past the church, go through the kissing gate and bear right to the gate in the corner of the field. Turn right onto the farm track. Take the second track on the right to the farm buildings and follow the track, keeping left, between the farm buildings until you come to a bungalow. Go around the bungalow, keeping it to your left, and start going downhill on the track. Pass through a kissing gate on your left into a field overlooking the Wolverton

houses. Cross the field and go through another kissing gate and cross the field to the gate ahead. Go directly across the field through another gate to a road. Cross the road and go through the gate directly opposite. Go to the bottom of the field, keeping the boundary on your right. Go through the gate and walk down the field, through the gate with the yellow marker, straight across the field to a concrete footbridge over a stream. Follow the path through the spinney and emerge, bearing right into a field. Keep the field boundary on your left, and cross the railway. In the next field, keep the boundary on your left. Head towards Claverdon Church and into the next field.

4. When you reach a track, bear right then left, following the waymarker through a gate. Diagonally cross the field to the top. Go through the gate and turn downhill using the gate on the other side of the track. Head towards a stile with a waymarker. Enter and cross the field, keeping the boundary on your left. Bear left into a wooded area. At the road, go left a short distance and cross the road into Star Lane. Immediately on your right, cross the stile into a field. Keeping the field boundary on your left, descend over three fields and then cross the middle of the last descending field. As you enter the first ascending field, turn right and follow the field boundary on your right. Go through two fields and two gates heading towards the opening under a railway line.

5. Go through a kissing gate and bear left, heading towards the buildings, keeping an old field boundary on your left. Go over a stream, through a gate and head up towards the house. Go through a gate and walk in front of the house. Continuing in the same direction, and keeping the wooden fence to your left, walk across the driveway to a stile in the left-hand corner. Keep the stream on your left in the next field and just before the field's crest, turn left through a walker's gate. Turn right and continue in the same direction along the right-hand boundaries of two fields. Pass through a kissing gate, across rough ground, a small field/lawn and a gravel drive to emerge onto a main road (A4189).
6. Cross the main road, turn left and then take the minor road directly on your right (Curlieu Lane) signposted Norton Lindsey. Follow this road until 50m past a pond on your right. Take the walking track off to the left through a spinney. Continue through the spinney and emerge at the corner of the sports field. Follow the boundary clockwise around the sports field to the diagonally opposite corner. Turn left on the pavement. When you reach the Victorian signpost, take the right fork along Main Street.

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