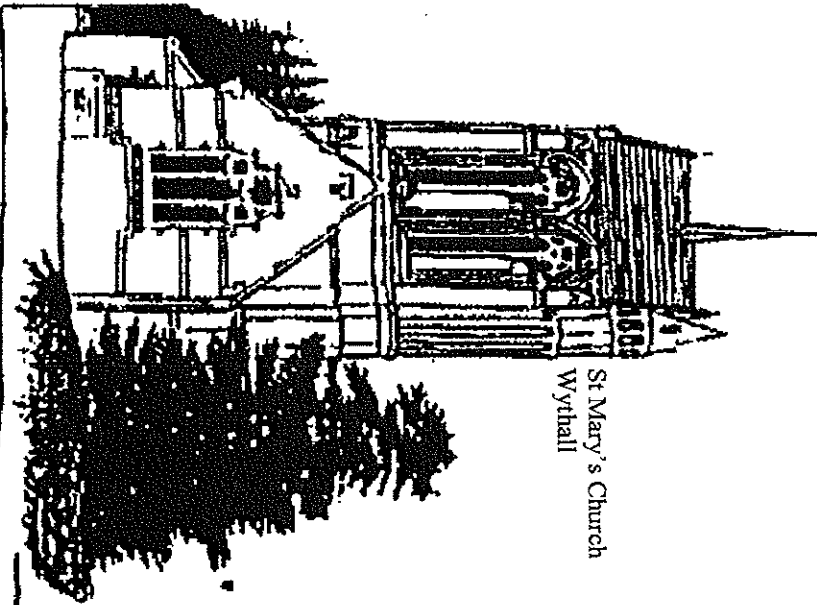


WYTHALL

CIRCULAR COUNTRYSIDE WALK : No.2

FOREHILL PICNIC SITE TO WYTHALL CHURCH
RETURNING VIA BLACKGRAVES FARM

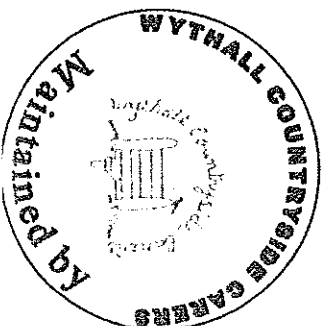
Route : 5 3/4 Miles
Or, shorter alternative option : 4 3/4 Miles



St Mary's Church
Wythall

No. 2 In a Series of Five Walks

The route described is for guidance only.
It reads in a clockwise direction. Being a circular route it can be started at any point to suit your requirements.
Remember the Country Code when crossing fields and the usual Road Safety practices when crossing any public roads,
Especially when crossing the A435 / Hollywood By-pass



Starting at the Forehill Picnic area opposite The Peacock Pub. Ryknield Street.

GR : SP 0552.7552

Walk across the picnic site to the opposite side from the entrance, up the grass bank and then down, to cross over Brookhill Lane. **Beware of Traffic.** The footpath leads through the bushes to a stile and then in a south east direction, diagonally across the first field.

At the way mark post in the field corner, bear left, down the field edge, through the gate and as far as the next way mark post.

Turn right here and follow the edge of the field to a stile leading out onto the Kings Norton Golf Course.

Turn right and follow the way mark posts keeping on the path and close to the hedge to avoid golf balls.

The path leads up to a raised tee position, and at this point turns sharp left. Keep close to the trees and then cross an open area between the greens to reach the wood on the far side.

The path is marked through the wood and emerges on the main track back towards the club house.

Follow the path to a marker pointing into a gap in the bushes and into the wooded fringe to the Golf Course. This leads back out onto Brockenhill Lane.

Beware of the Traffic.

Turn left on the road and continue up to the cross roads at Weatheroak Hill and Hill Lane. Turn left in Hill Lane and after a few yards cross a stile on the left into the field.

Follow the Way markers on the gates and stiles across several fields from this high view point and leading down towards the River Cole and St Mary's Church, which is in view for most of this section.

On reaching the bridge over the River Cole, the path raises up across the middle of large fields continuing on towards St Mary's Church.

At the end of the second large field, and just short of reaching St Mary's Church, turn left through the field gate and follow the field boundary of the mobile home park to a ditch crossing and gate.

By the last mobile home, the ditch crossing and gate lead back onto the golf course, where you should bear to the right and across the Tee off position.

Head for the gap in the trees and follow the fence line down through the wooded area until you reach the other side of the golf course and a small ditch crossing with stile leading down to the right hand side of Blackgraves farm.

On crossing the stile, and immediately on your right, cross a second stile into a small wooded area alongside the moat at the back of Blackgraves farm house.

Now follow a way marked route across four fields to reach Clewshaw Lane

Beware of Traffic

In Clewshaw Lane, turn left and walk on the grass verge down to the bottom of the hill. Take the bridleway on the right which runs along the side of the River Cole. After about 250 yards the bridleway divides into two.

At this point there are two options

To complete the full walk of 5 3/4 miles,

Route (a) :

take the right hand path alongside the river.

Or,
alternatively for a shorter walk of 4 3/4 miles,

Route (b) : take the left hand path.

Longer Route (a)

Follow the track to the right, along side the river. This is often very muddy and wet, but it will end at Bell Green Lane.

Cross over the road and move to the left to join a further bridleway which bends To the right, past a property named 'Lydel'.

Walk to the end and turn left into Ryknield Street. Continue for about 150 yards to a stile in the right hand hedge. Cross the stile and follow the direction marker bearing left towards the middle of the ranch fencing running across the field. Duck under the fence and head straight on to a stile at the side of a metal gate.

Follow the way markers across two more fields to reach Goodrest Lane.

A few steps to the left is the junction of Goodrest Lane with Redhill Road and there is a stile on the opposite side of Redhill Road. This is the boundary with Alvechurch Parish.

Turn left and on the right turn into the field. Follow the line of the left hand fence over each successive field, walking up in a straight line, to eventually reach the *North Worcestershire Path* at the top.

From the stile in the top left hand corner, cross the next field and bear right across the corner of the next field.

A stile leads out to join a concrete track, where a left turn will lead you straight to The Peacock Pub and your Start point.

Shorter Route (b)

Follow the track to the left, which ends at a bend in the road.

Continue straight on along the road and turn left into Ryknield Street.

Walk up the road and look for a footpath on the left, just before the junction with Redhill Road.

Cross a small bridge and pass through the gate into the playing fields. Follow the way marked direction bearing right across the corner of the rugby pitch.

Pass through the gap in the hedge line and continue in a straight line to the signpost opposite, at Brockhill Road - Clewshaw Lane junction.

Cross the Road, back into Forehill Picnic Area and the start point. The Peacock Pub is on the other side of the Picnic site.

We hope you enjoyed this countryside walk with two options, around a pretty part of the parish.

Please complete the Circular Walks Survey and return it to Wythall Library where Wythall Countryside Carers will use your comments to help improve the walks for others who may follow you.