

Knightwick Circular Walk – Extended Route from The Talbot Hotel

Leaving The Talbot Hotel

Exit through the main door and turn left, then take the next left up the farm track towards the farm buildings.

A - 1. Farm and River Path

Walk between the farm buildings (A), bearing slightly right, with the river on your left-hand side. Continue through an open gate marked “No Access” – this refers to vehicles. About 100 metres further on, look for a gate on your right with a waymark indicating a public footpath.

1 - 2. Field and Ditch

Go through the gate and almost double back on yourself, keeping the ditch on your right. Walk through the field towards a large tree at the end of the ditch. At the tree, bear left, looking for a gap in the trees, a waymark, and a fence. Walk alongside the fence on your right until you reach a wooden stile, then cross over.

1 – 2 cont. Woodland Climb

The path now climbs into woodland. Look for a sharp left turn marked by a waymark. Follow the winding trail up two short sets of rough steps, then a longer flight of around ten steps that brings you out to a wide open area with several attractive houses.

2 - 3. Road and Nightingale Cottage Driveway

Head straight across the open space and look carefully for a small path and steps on your left. Take the steps up to a quiet road. Cross with care and head up the driveway opposite, signposted “Nightingale Cottage.”

2 – 3 cont. Mellow Cottage and Start of the Extension

After a short climb, you’ll arrive at Mellow Cottage, where an open grassy area and path junction appears. As you enter this space, ignore the left-hand path with multiple waymarks.

2 – 3 - 4. Continuing Beyond Mellow Cottage

Carry on past Mellow Cottage and now continue straight up the tarmac lane with a grassy middle strip. At the end of this track, go straight ahead again, climbing a short set of six or seven steps.

At the top, bear right, and after a few yards take a right turn onto the Worcestershire Way. Follow the waymarked trail up a flight of 21 steps through the trees. Eventually, you'll see Willow Cottage on your left.

4 - 5. Views over Worcester and the Malverns

Just beyond Willow Cottage, leave the Worcestershire Way by turning right onto a narrow-enclosed path, keeping the cottage on your left. Soon, the path opens out, offering stunning views across to Worcester straight ahead and the Malvern Hills to your right and behind you. Continue gently downhill to a solid wooden gate.

6 - 8. Return via Permissive Path and Ankerdine View

Pass through and then turn left, immediately walking through a metal gate. Roughly 10 yards ahead, look for a set of steps on your left that double back sharply uphill. Take these and follow the sloping path.

9. At the top of the climb, pass through a gate and turn right down the hill. Go through another gate and carry on straight until you see a white "Permissive Way" sign on your left. Follow this woodland path until it ends at a T-junction.

10 - 14. Rejoin Worcestershire Way

At the junction, turn left – this rejoins the Worcestershire Way. Climb steadily until you reach a kissing gate. Go through and shortly reach a track on the left – do not continue to the main road. Turn left, still on the Worcestershire Way.

14. Leave Worcestershire way

Very soon, take the right fork signposted **Ankerdine View**. For those with time, a short detour straight ahead leads to a peaceful picnic spot with excellent views, before returning to take the right fork.

15. At the Cross Paths

This path leads you gently downhill to Mellow Cottage, now on your left once again. Continue straight ahead, rejoining the woodland path that brings you down to the road.

15 - 19. Return to The Talbot Hotel

Cross the road and turn left, walking carefully along the verge for about 100 yards until you reach the pavement. Follow the path past The Old Church on your left and continue back to The Talbot Hotel.

Produced by Knightwick and Doddenham

Parish Council



Extended Walk from the Talbot Hotel

Time



01:22

01:40 h:m



2.83 mi

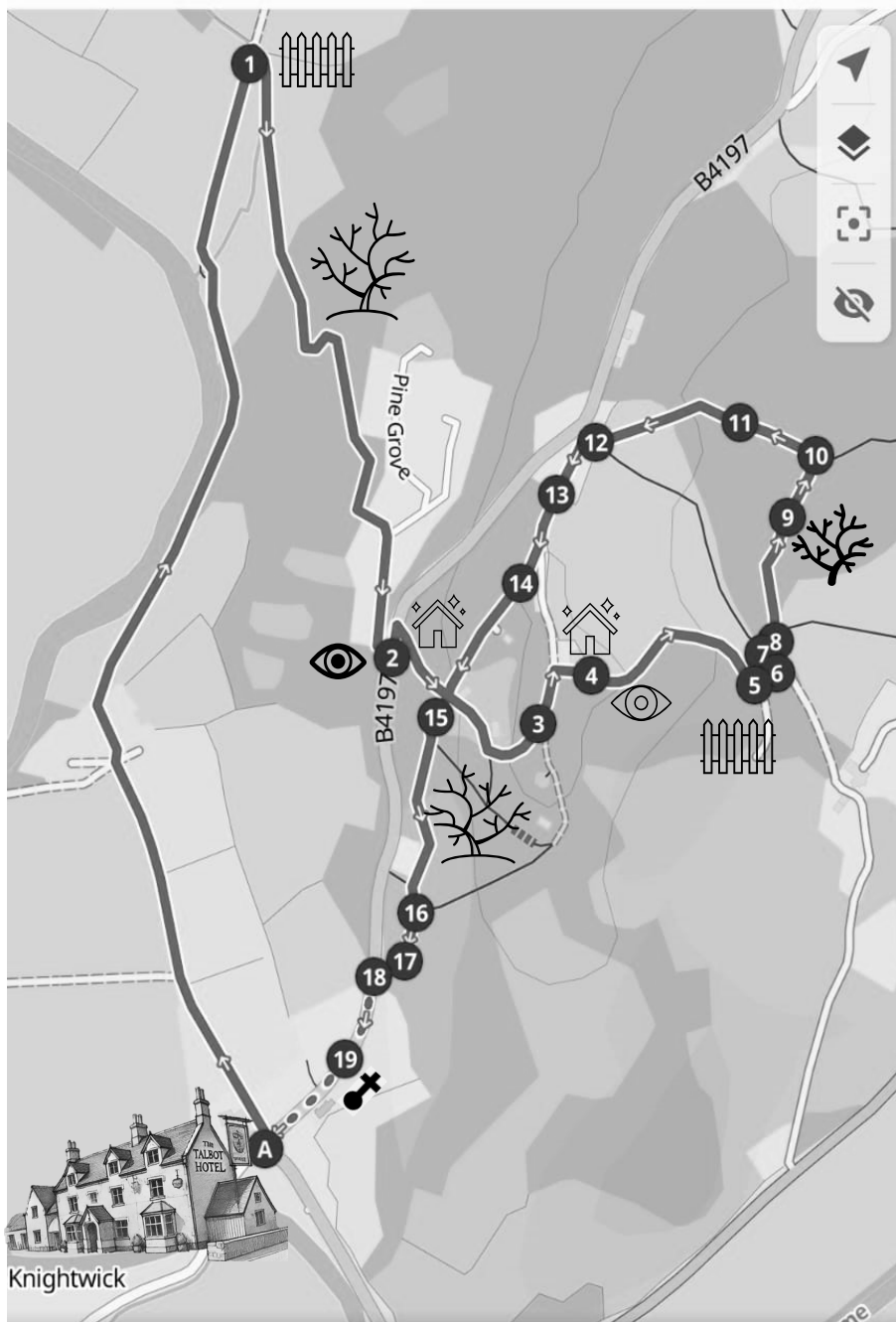


475 ft



475 ft

100 ft



This walk takes you through some lovely countryside, but just a heads-up – it can get a bit muddy in places, and there are a few steeper bits along the way. Nothing too serious, but you'll definitely want to wear sensible footwear (walking boots or sturdy shoes are ideal).

Please take care as you go – you're walking at your own risk, and we can't take responsibility for any slips, trips, or muddy mishaps!

Enjoy the fresh air and the views – and have a great walk!