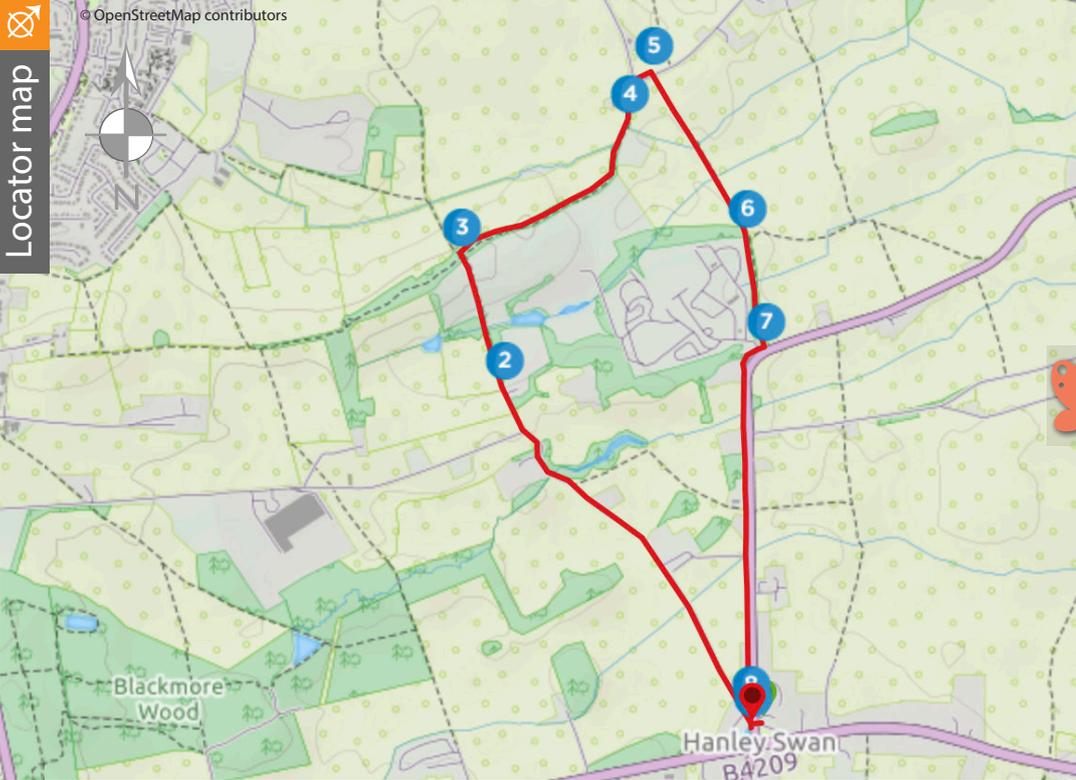




## A CIRCULAR WALK FROM HANLEY SWAN, HEADING TOWARDS OXHILL, GUARLFORD AND BLACKMORE END



Locator map

**i** This route has been designed to complement O/S Explorer map No. 190

**i** Please respect the Countryside Code.



**i** See [www.visitthomalverns.org](http://www.visitthomalverns.org) for more walking trails and information on the area.

### HOW TO GET THERE (including parking)

**By car:** The walk begins from outside the Swan pub at Hanley Swan. There is plenty of on-street parking in the village.

**By train:** West Midlands railway operate a regular service between Hereford and Birmingham New Street, stopping at Malvern Link station which is 5.5 miles from the start of the walk.

**By bus:** There are a number of bus services that run to Hanley Swan. Check out the First Group website for further details.



WALK DIRECTIONS

#### 1 Start of the walk

The walk begins from outside the Swan pub. Cross straight over the road to a tarmacked track, keeping the pond on your left hand side. Continue to follow this tarmacked road, keep right if you meet any other side roads/tracks.

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Upon reaching some farm buildings, continue straight on to follow the footpath through the metal gate, keeping the tree line on your right hand side. At the bottom of the field there will be another large metal gate. Go through this and continue up the short steep hill. At the top of the hill, continue to follow the footpath straight ahead through the metal kissing gate.

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You will then go through a short section of field and then go through another metal kissing gate. After you go through this gate, go over the narrow bridge and turn immediately

right onto the bridleway. Continue to follow this wide bridleway until it starts to narrow with a wooden fence running along the right hand side.

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Turn left at the end of this bridleway onto a wide track. Continue to follow the track for a short while with a fork at the end, bear right onto the small minor road.

5

Shortly after joining the minor road you will see a footpath on your right with a narrow bridge and two stiles either end. Turn right here onto the footpath. After the second stile continue on this footpath, hugging the hedgerow on your left. The footpath narrows by a telegraph pole with another bridge. Continue over this bridge into the next field. Continue straight on through the field following the footpath and line of telegraph poles on your left. At the end of this field you will see a small metal kissing gate in the far right hand corner, go through this.

6

After you have been through the metal missing gate, continue to follow the footpath straight ahead on the edge of a field, which hugs the hedgerow on your right hand side.

7

Follow this footpath which runs on the edge of the field, all the way to the end where you will see a wooden stile and footpath sign. Go over the stile and immediately turn right past the Hanley Swan sign.

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Continue to follow the pavement which runs past the entrance to the Blackmore Caravan and Camping Club site. The pavement will bear left round the bend which runs parallel to the road. Continue to follow this pavement all the way back to The Swan at Hanley Swan.