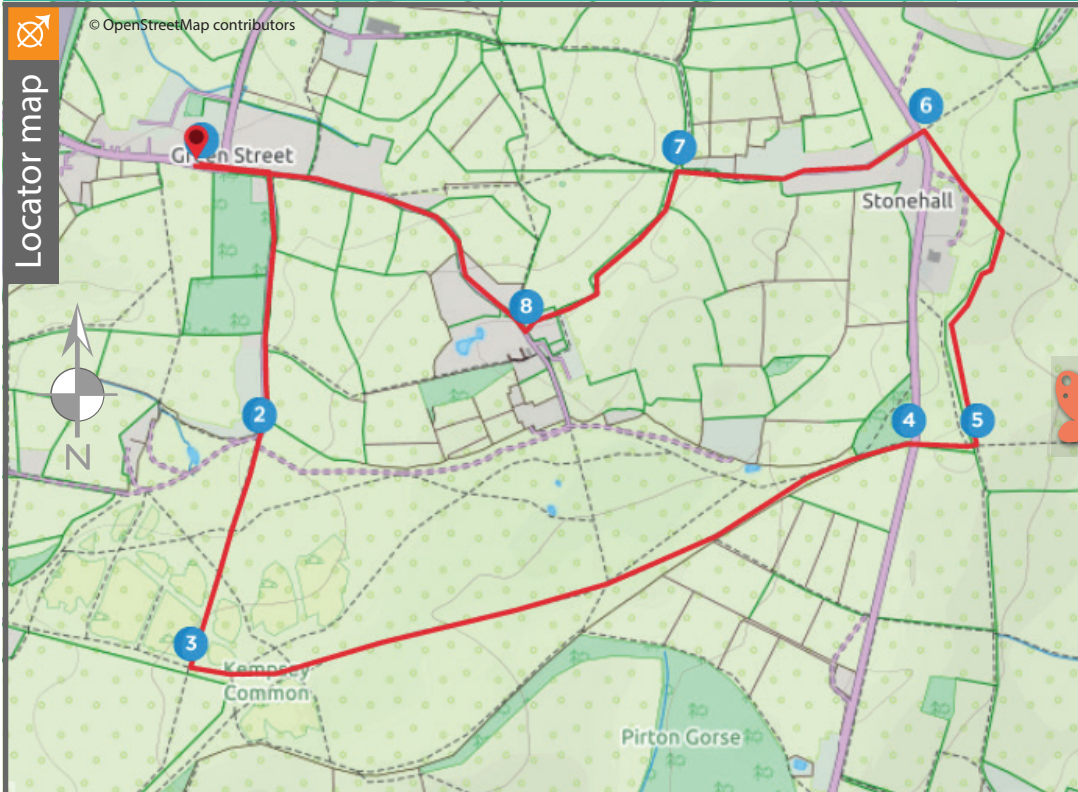




A CIRCULAR WALK STARTING FROM THE HUNTSMAN INN AT GREEN STREET,
ACROSS KEMPSEY COMMON AND TOWARDS STONEHALL COMMON

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.visitthemaalverns.org for more walking trails and information on the area.

HOW TO GET THERE (including parking)

By car: The walk begins from outside the Huntsman Inn pub at Green Street, Kempsey, WR5 3QB.

By train: West Midlands railway operate a regular service between Hereford and Birmingham New Street, stopping at Worcester Foregate Street and Worcester Shrub Hill stations which are 5 miles from the start of the walk.

By bus: There are a number of bus services that run towards Kempsey. Check out the First Group website for further details.

WALK DIRECTIONS

1 Start of the walk

The walk begins in the car park of the Huntsman Inn pub in Green Street, Kempsey. Turn left out of the car park onto Green Street, passing Fox Lane on your left. As soon as you have passed Fox Lane you need to turn right onto the narrow lane, follow this lane all the way to the end where it becomes a track and you will see a large metal gate. Go through this and bear right continuing to follow the bridleway, keeping the houses to your right.

2 Just before the end of the track you will see another gate and you need to bear left across the common. Continue straight ahead on the grassy common (the bridleway) through the middle of the treeline and hedgerow. When you've reached a cluster of trees, keep to the left of these and head towards the gate.

3 Just before the gate turn left up the hill on the common, keeping the hedgerow directly on your right. Continue to follow the bridleway across the common (you'll see a white house on the hillside to the left and a treeline to your right), continue to walk through the middle of the common. You'll gradually approach a fence on your right, head towards this, keeping it directly on your right. This fence will turn into a hedge. Continue up the hill, keeping the hedge

directly on your right. At the top of the hill you will see a large metal gate with a smaller metal gate to the right hand side. Go through this onto the small gravel path. Continue to follow the small gravel path straight ahead until you reach the road.

4 Cross over the road and continue to go straight ahead onto the bridleway on the opposite side of the road. Continue straight ahead on this path, going between two big bushes and then continues to be a narrow path, eventually the small path will reach a gap in between two metal posts and the edge of a field with a lovely view.

5 Turn left at the edge of this field and continue along the path which runs alongside the edge of the field, keeping the treeline directly on your left. The path that runs alongside the edge of the field will bear round to the right and you'll eventually reach the far left hand corner of the big field. You will see a gap in the hedge with a small path, turn left through the gap in the hedge and onto this small path. As soon as you have gone through the gap in the hedge bear right heading up towards another hedgerow. Turn left keeping this hedge on your right heading up the hill. You'll see a footpath sign across to your right which is next to the road, head towards this.

6 Cross over the road and straight across into another side road which heads towards a red brick house. Head straight ahead along the tarmacked lane, passing the riding stables on the right. The lane eventually becomes a track and you'll see two cottages on your right and the track turns into a narrow footpath. Head towards this. Continue straight ahead on the narrow footpath.

7 Bear left towards a narrow metal gate and continue straight ahead through this onto the bridleway. The bridleway continues to be a narrow path and will then reach the edge of a field. Continue straight ahead along the edge of the field, keeping the field directly on your left. The path alongside the edge of the field bears round to the left and then right and will eventually reach some farm buildings with a gravelled area. You'll see a small metal gate straight ahead, go straight through this. The path will head between a hedgerow on your left and a building on your right and will then join a gravel driveway, bear left onto this until you reach a large metal gate next to a road.

8 Go through the large metal gate and turn right onto this road. Continue to follow this road down the hill passing a number of houses on your left and right. Eventually you will pass the side road that you started on and Fox Lane on your right. Continue straight ahead along this lane until you reach the Huntsman Inn. End