Walk 3

British Camp car park to St Wulstan’s Church and Elgar graves

This walk starts at British Camp Car Park. Cross the A449 go past the Malvern Hills Hotel on to Jubilee Drive and follow the path above the road behind Wynds Point then taking the path above Blackhill car park. The easier access route flattens out and at the junction of multiple paths follow the right hand path heading east down the side of the hill, staying on right descending to Holywell Road and the junction with A449 Wilks Road. Cross and turn right and follow the pavement down the St Wulstan’s Church where the Elgar family graves are located. This walk takes around 1 hour. Care should be taken in wet conditions as certain parts can be slippery. An alternative, or return route, is to walk direct from the British Camp car park taking the pavement alongside the A449 to the church.

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Explore the places which inspired some of Sir Edward Elgar’s greatest works with this driving, walking and cycling route.

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Sir Edward Elgar (1857 – 1934) is regarded as one of the world’s greatest composers. The inspiration for some of his greatest works came from Worcestershire and the Malvern Hills. Follow the Elgar Route signposts to take a short tour through Elgar’s life.

1. The Firs: Elgar’s Birthplace, Lower Broadheath
Elgar was born at The Firs on 2 June 1857. Although he lived here for just two years he loved the area and when he was made a baronet he called himself Edward Elgar of Broadheath. The house became a museum dedicated to Elgar’s work following his death, on his instruction, Today it is managed by the National Trust.

2. Great Malvern Centre and St. Ann’s Well
The building on the corner of Church Street and Grange Road (Connels) is Elgar’s former Gentleman’s Club. In Grange Road stands Malvern Theatres, where Elgar helped George Bernard Shaw found the Malvern Festival in 1929.

3. Worcestershire Beacon
This is one of the world’s largest ancient British camps in the west of the Malvern Hills. Constructed to commemorate Queen Victoria’s 1887 Golden Jubilee.

4. Wyche Cutting
The highest point of the Hills (1395 feet or 425 metres).

5. Jubilee Drive
So inspired by the garden, Elgar penned part of his masterpiece ‘The Dream of Gerontius’.

6. Herefordshire Beacon (British Camp)
The inspiration for Elgar’s cantata of 1898, ‘Caractacus’ and is one of the largest ancient British camps in the country.

7. St. Wulstan’s Church
The burial place of Lady Elgar (1920). Elgar (1934) and their daughter Carice Elgar Blake (1970). Built in 1862 and found just below the Worcester-Ledbury Road at Little Malvern.

8. Craig Lea, 86 Wells Road
No public access/private residence
Home of the Elgar’s from 1899 until 1904 and an anagram of their names. Numerous works including ‘The Apostles’ and ‘Pomp and Circumstance Marches 1 and 2’ were composed from the first floor study.

9. Upton upon Severn
Elgar regularly took bike rides to this attractive riverside town where there is an impressive ruin run by English Heritage.

10. Napleton Grange
Home of Elgar from 1923 to 1927 and the inspiration for Enigma No 13.

11. Worcester Cathedral
Elgar played here under Dvorak during the eighth centenary celebrations in 1884. A memorial window depicting the ‘Dream of Gerontius’ was unveiled in 1935.

12. Madresfield Court (pre booked tours only)
Home of the Earl of Beauchamp whose sister was Lady Mary Lygon and one of the inspirations for Enigma No 13

13. Wisley Court (A44 Worcester – Tenbury Road)
Elgar’s father W.H. Elgar turned pianos here for Dowager Queen Adelaide. This is now an impressive ruin run by Worcestershire County Council.

14. Longdon Marsh and Queenhill Church
Elgar regularly cycled to Longdon Marsh as he loved the stillness. Here he was inspired to compose The Apostles. Further inspiration came while he was sheltering from a thunderstorm in nearby Queenhill Church.

15. Spetchley Park Gardens
So inspired by the garden, Elgar penned part of his masterpiece ‘The Dream of Gerontius’.