

Offerton Lane Local Nature Reserve to Worcester Woods Country Park

After crossing the Wainwright Road, continue straight on along a path until you reach Berkeley Way. Cross the road at the pelican crossing then turn left along an old road, now a wide footpath. (If you are in need of refreshments here you can turn right reaching The Barn Owl Pub after 50 metres) Continue along the path until you reach a road (Hastings Drive). Cross the road continuing straight on along St Nicholas Lane. After the brow of the hill look to the right towards the black and white St Nicholas' Church built in the 12th Century.

Continue straight on through wooden offset gates and immediately turning right into Hillwood Meadow, the entrance to Warndon Woodlands Nature Reserve. The rough grassland is important for invertebrates, amphibians and reptiles such as slow worms. Look out for Birds foot trefoil, tufted vetch, clover and black knapweed during spring and summer.

Follow the path keeping St Nicholas' church on your right, just beyond the church you can catch a glimpse of the Grade II listed Warndon Court. It has existed since Roman times and there is evidence of a Norman building in the foundations and cellar. The court and Church used to be surrounded by a defensive moat, parts of which can still be traced.

The path bears right then left and continues straight on through woodland reaching a footpath sign. Turn left here to continue straight on through woodland. The path shortly turns to tarmac and starts to slope downhill. As the path bears right, turn left to cross a wooden bridge. Alternative accessible route marked *.

After crossing the bridge the path bears left, at a footpath sign turn right down steps to cross Plantation Drive and climb a further set of steps to continue straight on. At a junction of paths bear left to continue straight on with a pond on your left.

Alternative accessible route. Before the bridge, bear right to continue down the slope. At a junction of paths turn left to reach a crossing. Cross Plantation Drive to turn left up a slight slope. Turn left into Barass Avenue and carry straight on to the end of the avenue where you turn left up a footpath re-joining the main route by turning right at a T junction.

On your right you pass a children's playground, just after you can deviate off the Wild about Worcester Way by turning right along a path to visit Trotshill Community Orchard with at least 10 apple trees along with greengages, a mulberry and a couple of veteran pear trees. Retrace your steps turning right to rejoin the main path. After 30 metres you reach a staggered gate and continue straight on along a gravelled track. At the road (Trotshill Lane East), turn left to pass a Grade II listed granary known as The Apple House on your right. The Apple House dates from 1660 and stands on staddle stones to prevent rats scrambling into the grain store. After 10 metres turn right passing through a gate continuing straight on with open fields then allotments to your left. Continuing straight on you pass through a wooden gate, cross Dugdale Drive and rejoin the path entering Racefield Meadow, as you enter the meadow look to your right to see log piles, a stumpery, a hibernacula and bug hotels which are great for insects, toads, newts and bees.

Continue along the well-marked path with open wildflower meadows to your left and then to your right cherry trees planted by Worcester Environment Group in 2022. At the end of the path turn right up Newtown Road to reach a pelican crossing. Cross the road here and turn right following the path round to your left. Continue straight on to keep Worcestershire Royal Hospital to your right. After 200 metres the path turns right. Continue along the tarmac path. In 100 metres the path turns left to

keep Nunnery Wood on your right. In 100 metres you will arrive at the Countryside Centre on your left.



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