

If you'd like to walk back from The Kilcot by a different route which takes you through Spring Wood, follow these instructions. This is a lovely walk especially in the Spring when the wood is full of bluebells, but it can be wet & muddy at times.

1 Walk back from The Kilcot to the picnic tables. Continue along this road/track ignoring a footpath sign on the left. A few yards after a private road sign on your left you come to a footpath on the right. Pass through the gate & follow the well-worn path on your left. Keep to the main track ignoring any tracks on the left. Many of these have been made by walkers avoiding the mud when it is very wet. Eventually you will come to a waymark post, half hidden behind a holly bush, continue on the main track in the same direction still avoiding any minor tracks. At a Y junction, about 50yds further on, take the left track.

2 At a junction of paths, at a fence corner, take the track on the right. Continue on this track until you come to a wooden barrier, continue in the same direction to a hard track.

3 Cross over this track to a kissing gate. Head across the field diagonally right, heading towards a large tree, near what looks like a horse jump. Continue in the same direction to a stile in the far-right corner. Ignore the path leading to the metal field gate & kissing gate in the left corner. Cross over the stile in the right hand corner of the field to rejoin the hard track. Follow this track left, ignoring both a footpath sign immediately opposite and a wooden kissing gate on the right a bit further on. You will come to a metal gate & kissing gate into the wood on your right. Go into the wood & follow the track downhill until after a short while you come to some steps & stile on the left into a field.

4 Cross this stile & turn right & continue in the direction of the waymarked arrows crossing over 3 stiles. After the 3<sup>rd</sup> stile which is next to a gate, continue in the same direction ignoring any tracks to the right. You will see a yellow arrow on a tree trunk. Go down a steepish descent bearing left to another stile, there are several yellow arrows on tree trunks to direct you. Cross over this stile & turn left, crossing over a stile & bridge, walk uphill, keeping the hedge on your left to a kissing gate into Oaks Lane. Turn right & walk downhill to the Aston Ingham Road. Turn left & back to the Village Hall.

