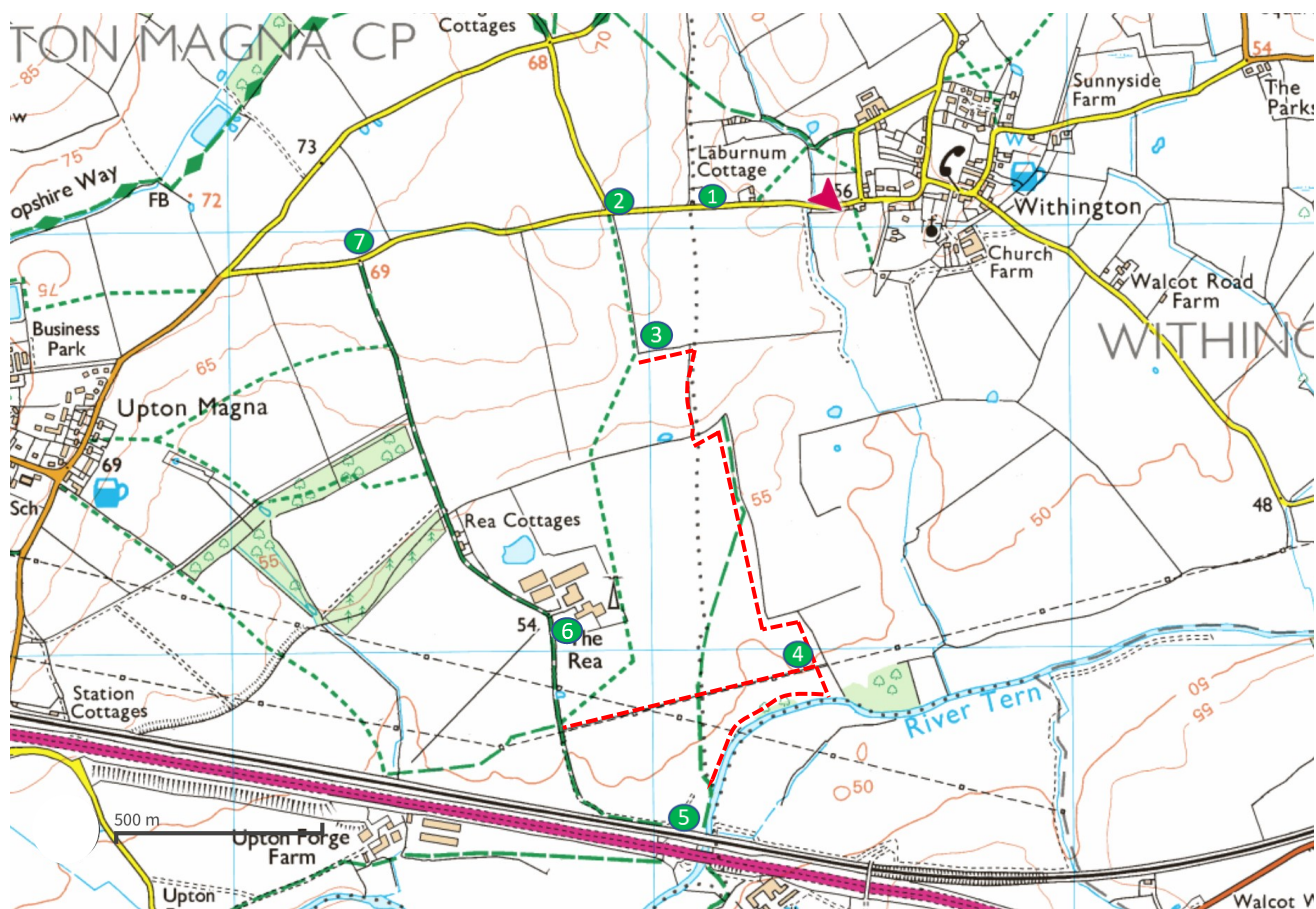


# Walk 3; The Basic Route to The River Tern and Back



## Route off the public footpaths

This walk is the basic route with options to extend the walk further in Walks 4 and 5. The route is relatively flat. Some sections are grass farm tracks around fields so sturdy shoes or boots are recommended.

- 1 The walk starts at Laburnum Cottage on Sandy Lane. From the cottage head west towards Upton Magna on the lane. Watch out for motor vehicles and bicycles using the single track road
- 2 At the first T junction, at the point where a narrow lane heads off to the north, there is a public footpath to the left, up the bank and through the hedge. Head to the south keeping the field hedge to your left.
- 3 At the point where the hedge on your left turns to the east, the formal route of the public path cuts south west across the field. If there is a crop or planting in the field follow the alternative red route skirting the edges of the fields.
- 4 At the bottom of the last field lies the River Tern that flows through to the Attingham Park estate.
- 5 Continue West along the side of the river until you reach the bridleway under the railway line and the A5. **This is part of the route in walk 4 to Upton Forge.** From here head west along the side of the railway embankment and then north to join the track leading to The Rea.
- 6 Continue up the country lane keeping to the left. Ignore the commercial vehicle route that heads west to Upton Magna
- 7 At the next T-junction turn right and continue east down the road to Withington returning to Laburnum Cottage.



**4.9 km 1.5-2.0 hours**