

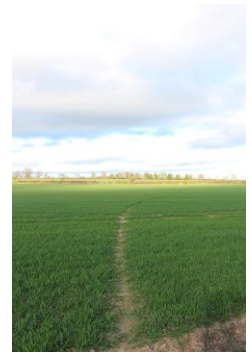
Walk 6; The Shropshire Way to Upton Magna



Route off the public footpaths - - - - -

This circular walk follows part of the Shropshire Way and covers much of the village of Upton Magna. The route is relatively flat but some of the Shropshire Way can be muddy after wet weather and paths may be diverted around the field depending on the crop. Sturdy shoes or boots are recommended.

- 1 The walk starts at Laburnum Cottage on Sandy Lane. Walk towards Withington and just beyond the neighbouring property go over the stile on the left and head to the north east corner of the field.
- 2 At the north east corner of the field you will encounter a track.
- 3 Turn left onto the track and take the public footpath to the right of the track by the stream. Follow the public pathway to the gate on the opposite side of the next field. Carry on across the next field on the public footpath. In the event of crops growing on the path stick to the field edge.
- 4 Pass through the hedge and onto the road. Walk west to the next crossroads and turn right.
- 5 The section of the Shropshire Way starts opposite the farm and stables at Hunkington. Cross the field to the corner of a small wood and head west along the treeline. A track through the wood is a diversion to avoid a reservoir. Turn right on the path and as the path exits the wood you immediately turn left through a gate and head along the hedgerow to the west.
- 6 Continue west until you reach the road to Upton Magna. At this point the Shropshire Way heads north to Haughmond Hill. Turn left and head south towards Upton Magna. Watch out for the old weighbridge on the left. At the crossroads in the old village turn left and head towards the Haughmond and the village shop. Turn left at the T-junction and head out of the village
- 7 Just beyond the last houses in the village a path passes through the hedgerow to the right. Turn right alongside the hedgerow and continue east to the small wood. Take the well marked path that crosses the fields. **Alternatively continue down the road to Withington.**
- 8 At the end of the path turn left onto the road and head north.
- 9 At the T-junction turn right and follow the road back to Laburnum Cottage.



5.6 km 1.5-2.5 hours