Langley Hill and Cups Hill

A circular walk from Winchcombe up Langley Hill and exploring the unimproved pasturage land. Great habitat for birds and wildlife together with lovely views. Plenty of ascent and descent.

Distance: 4.5 miles / 7.2kms
Duration: 2 - 2.5 hours
Difficulty: Steep sections up and down, rough pasture and some muddy sections after rain.

Start/finish: Back Lane car park - £1 all day. Toilets 20p in car park.
Freshments: none on route. Royal Oak pub 700m off route
Ascent: 1,015 feet/320 metres

Leave Back Lane car park via the entrance into Back Lane. Turn left and follow the road to a road junction by the car park of the Corner Cupboard pub on your left. Turn right and in about 50 metres turn right again into Harvey’s Lane. Follow the lane as it steepens towards a farm; at a field gate, with a pedestrian gate on the left, go through and carefully walk through the farmyard to meet another field gate ahead. Go through and continue straight on up a steep concrete slope to a junction of tracks. A

Turn right along the track, through two field gates, the track bears left to meet a path from your right. (Winchcombe Way).

**Continue on to meet two field gates ahead. Turn through the field gate on the right B leading downhill, then turn immediately left along the path to a kissing gate. Do not go through but continue along the path ahead signposted Gretton. Follow the path downhill, through rough pasture, a great habitat for birds.

Take time to listen for birds and admire the views to Alderton, Dumbleton Hill and the Malverns in the west.

The path descends to meet a redundant stile, go through and enter the wood. Follow the path downhill through trees to meet a track. Bear left into the field and follow the right hand field boundary to a stile in the far right hand corner, the periphery of Gretton. C

Cross the stile, go down a few steps to emerge on a lane. Follow the lane ahead for approx 15m and take the path on the right up a slope towards a fence. The path turns right through a property, with a house on your right. Follow the path ahead. to a stile. Cross the stile and follow the path between two fences. Usual there are alpacas in the fields on your left. Cross another stile to meet a muddy track. D

Walk around to your right and ignore the first path on your right. Continue straight on and enter a field, bear right uphill through a gap in the trees by a wooden marker post; follow the path to a stile. Cross the stile and continue past a pond on the right up to a marker post. Turn left, go through a field gate/stile to meet a marker post. Turn right and follow the path alongside the field boundary to a stile and track. E

Turn right and follow the track to a field gate. Go through and go uphill to reach the field gate you passed through earlier B. Go through, bear left and follow the track for approx 60m before bearing left to follow a path through the kissing gate (Winchcombe Way). Follow the path downhill through another kissing gate, cross the next field to another kissing gate.

The views open up and Winchcombe can be seen nesting in the valley. The path soon forks; take the left hand path down to the left of two kissing gates ahead.

Descend the hill, to a second kissing gate. Please be aware there may be cows grazing in these fields. Continue downhill to reach a kissing gate. Go through, over a footbridge and track to meet another kissing gate. Go through and follow the path across the fields passing through two more kissing gates to reach houses.

Pass the houses on your right before turning right to reach Orchard Road. F
Turn left and follow to meet Barnmeadow Road on your right. Turn right and follow the pavement until you reach the T-junction with Back Lane. Turn left to arrive at the car park.

*During the current social distancing, the farmer has requested people avoid the farmyard and bear right along the Winchcombe Way. Go through four gates to meet the track leading to two field gates.**

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