

Cossall walk 1

This walk starts from Newtons lane car park next to the canal, off the A6096 Kimberley to Ilkeston Road, sign posted to Cotmanhay.



Figure 1 Start walk at Newtons Lane Awsworth

I think this is a good walk, but I am offering two endings to the walk (not shown in fig. 1). One across fields and potentially muddy and the other returning back along the first part of the walk.



Figure 2 Satellite picture



Figure 3 Out of the car park turn left then left again.

Having parked next to the canal leave the car park, turn left and then left again down the side of the canal. (sign posted Nottingham canal trail) You can see the back of the sign in the picture (fig.3).

When you reach the road cross over and carry on alongside the canal, it does not matter which side, but you will end up on the right side as the left soon crosses to the right.



Figure 4 Cross road and continue along canal towpath.

Continue along the tow path when you leave the side of the canal don't panic, re-join by following the path shown in (fig.5)



Figure 5 re-join canal path by following this path.

Continue for about half a mile (12 minutes depending how fast you walk) until you meet a lane that crosses the canal and turn left up the hill. (fig.6) This is the monk's path but we will turn off before it reaches Cossall.

When you reach a turn in the lane there is a gate to the left and a stile (not the buildings before it). Go over the stile, then immediately turn to the right through kissing gate across the field to follow the path to the road through Cossall. See fig.7,8 and 9.



Figure 6 Turn left up lane toward Cossall



Figure 7 At the turn cross stile by gate to the left



Figure 9 Through kissing gate



Figure 8 Over stile and then right along path

When you reach the road turn left and continue downhill towards the T junction where the road goes right to Awworth. When you reach the T junction go straight over and follow the path to right of the signpost. (Fig. 10)

The next part gives you a choice of two routes. Follow this path into some trees where the path turns to the left but there is also a then a right turn (as if you were going straight on). The easy way is to continue to the left, but you can go on across two fields back to the main road where Newtons Lane branches off.



Figure 10 Follow footpath straight ahead

So, the easy way if you just turn left it takes you back to the canal and the main road where you crossed earlier. You now have the choice of going back the way you came or crossing the road and taking the footpath to the right which will take you back to the car park.



Figure 11 We did not go between these two trees into the field.

If you choose to take the right turn you will follow a path towards some more trees where you dog leg to the left and then right. There is path across the field here (fig.11) but we turned right here because we did not know where the one over the field went. (follow the yellow arrow fig. 12) Follow this path along the trees, it crosses into the field on your left, at the end of field turn left before entering the next field follow until the next corner.

When you get to the corner there is a path to right (fig. 13) which you follow into the next field and on until you reach the main road. Cross the road, turn right and then turn left into Newtons Lane, back to the car park.



Figure 12 Follow yellow arrow to the right.



Figure 13 At the corner of the field follow the path to the right, into the next field.