

Studley Church and Studley Castle

Start: Parking on the road by Studley Church, **B80 7AB**

Shorter walk (1.5 miles) can join the longer route by parking in Studley Castle car park. See point 4.

The walk is just over 2.5 miles long with a fairly long incline at the beginning. The ground is uneven in some places and we will also be walking across grassland. Care is needed especially if the weather has been wet and we recommend you wear suitable walking shoes and use a stick if you need to.

1. Set off through the churchyard, coming out onto a lane through a gate opposite the cemetery. Turn left along the lane and you will come to a gate.
2. Follow the path uphill.
3. As you approach the Warners Hotel accommodation the path becomes an upward incline and you may have to take your time.
4. When you reach the crossroads where the main road goes towards Studley Castle on your right cross straight over onto the Arden Way.

N.B. If you have parked at the Castle car park you may walk down to start the short version of the walk by turning right at this crossroads.

5. Keep on this path and you will soon have hedges and green houses either side.
6. You will then reach an open area with various exits off it.
7. Keep virtually straight on, passing the private house on your left.
8. A short way along here you will pass a house on your left and another on your right called The Bug in the Blanket. Ahead you will see a field. Go through a gate with a public footpath arrow and an Arden Way sign into the field.
9. Continue through the field following the line of telegraph poles.
10. When you reach the opposite side pass through a metal gate and turn right along the track.
11. Continue along this fairly long track which bears round to the right passing a large barn on the left and you will eventually come to the fishing pools on your right with a single storey brick building where you can stop for a breather and a drink if you have brought one with you.
12. Walk on, veering right around the pool. Continue on this path, ignoring a path off on the left, Pass a large tree on your left, then pass another large tree on your right. You will soon see another fishing pool on your left. Keep right on the path, so that soon you are walking with a field on your left and woodland on the right.
13. Soon a metal gate will take you into a short path through woodland.

N.B. Please note there is a one-foot bar which you have to step over.

14. Pass through another metal gate into a field. (There may be sheep or horses here!)

15. Pass through another metal gate into a grassy area, eventually reaching yet another gate where you will join the road you originally walked up by the greenhouses.
16. Turn left, retracing your steps back to the crossroads, passing straight over, then descending the path you originally walked up past the Warner accommodation, to reach the church again. *Or, if you are on the short version of the walk, turn left at this crossroads to reach the Castle car park.*
17. We hope you have enjoyed your walk.