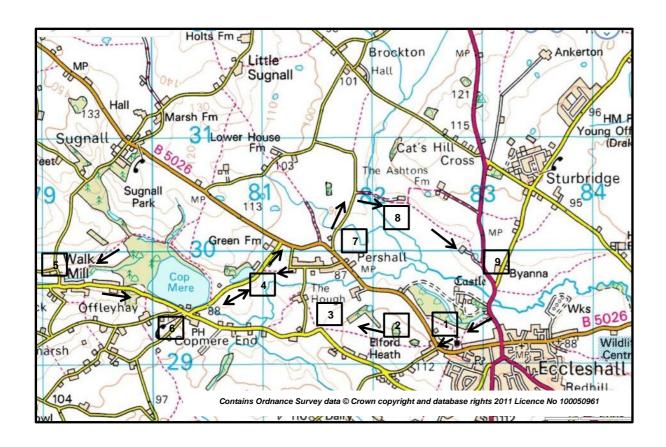
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This walk is approx. 4.5 miles.

- 1. Start walk from Holy Trinity Church, High Street, Eccleshall. Follow pavement in direction of Market Drayton for a short distance and cross over road opposite end of Kerry Lane to a pathway on right.
- 2. Proceed up pathway through two kissing gates into field and proceed to another kissing gate in field hedge and bear right. Proceed through several electric fence access points, over farmer's concrete lane to another kissing gate in fence. Continue ahead (not the right of way to left) to gate in field fence, possibly having to pass through more electric fence access points. Head diagonally downhill to kissing gate in corner of field. Proceed through gate and turn immediately right over stile by field gate into field.
- 3. Turn left in the field for about 40 metres to a stile. Proceed diagonally right to a stile by a field gate and turn right into the lane. Walk along the lane over the river bridge to a 'T' junction and turn left. Where the lane swings right at a right

angle, go straight ahead to cross a stile by a wicket gate. Walk diagonally left across the field to a stile. Bear slightly right to another stile leading to the lane.

- 4. Turn left and proceed along lane for some distance until the lane starts to ascend, here look for ladder stile on right. Cross the stile and walk following left hand hedge, bearing left over two stiles to corner of field by a pool.
- 5. After second stile cross track and enter field by another stile. Proceed through field keeping hedge on right, over another stile until you reach a derelict mill. Cross stile into lane and turn left.
- 6. Proceed to a 'T' junction and turn left for about ½ a mile. At the cross roads by the Star Inn, turn left for ¾ of a mile and walk up to the B5026 Eccleshall to Loggerheads road.
- 7. At the main road turn right and then take the second turn to the left, immediately past Eccleshall Football Club's ground, Pershall Park. This is called Smithy Lane. Walk for half a mile and turn right onto the bridle way.
- 8. Turn into lane, cross over bridge and through two field gates (please leave as you find). After the second gate proceed and look for a small gate on right, go through and pass front of Springfields Farm to join the concrete track. When the track eventually bears left,

take the kissing gate ahead and cross field to another kissing gate. Bear right, through two electric fence access points and up sunken green track to a kissing gate into lane. Turn left towards main Eccleshall road.

- Turn right and follow main road. Take the driveway on right, with footpath marker post, after the main drive to Eccleshall Castle, leading into Castle Meadow.
- 10. Enjoy the view of the church. Proceed through the kissing gate and through the meadow to another gate then turn left up to a kissing gate into church yard and back to your starting point.