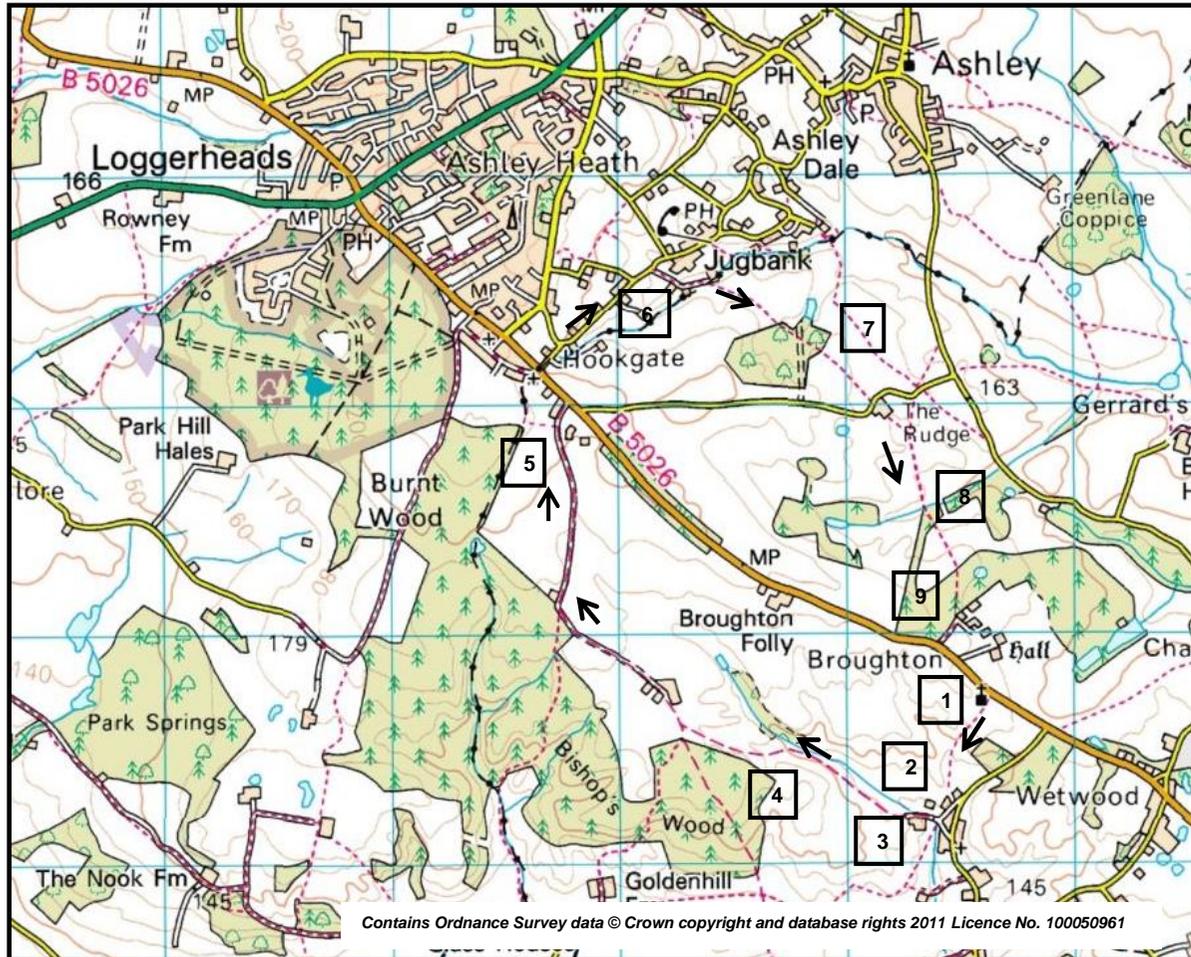


This route can be found on Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 243, Market Drayton. You are advised to use this map in conjunction with the instructions.

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The walk is about 4.6 miles along country lanes, across fields and through woodland. The starting point is the Broughton Church, where you can park your car. Broughton Church is on the A5026 Eccleshall to Loggerheads Road approx. 6 miles from Eccleshall. **Please do not park your car here on a Sunday.**

Each paragraph number relates to a point marked on the map and is followed by its map reference, found on Ordnance Survey Map 243.

1. (766 337) Starting at the church car park cross to a stile in a corner by the gate. When in the field, turn right along the hedge. At the end of the cemetery, carry straight on across a field towards a small tree. Cross the stile and bear slightly left towards a group of 3 electricity poles. Walking down towards a stile near the bottom corner of the field. (2).

2. (764 333) Turn left down the lane until you reach the Green on your left (3).

3. (764 332) Turn right into the entrance of Green Farm. Continue along the bridle path past the farm, with the hedgerow on your left. Don't go through the gate on your left, but continue into the field. Continue through this field keeping the hedge on your left (4).

4. (757 335) Turn slightly left up the track towards the wood, then walk along the edge of the field towards the farm. (*The source of the River Sow is in private land beyond the field on your right*). Go through the farmyard, past some pools on your left and continue along the track until you approach a bungalow on your left. About 60 yds short of the bungalow you will see a stile on your left (5).

5. (747 349) Cross the stile and follow the direction of the finger post through a field to a stile on the other side of the field. (*On a good day you can see The Wrekin on your left*). When over the stile, turn immediately right and along the hedgerow and narrow path to the Chapel. Turn right into the lane, cross over the busy road and continue down the lane opposite. Keep right after 50 yds and continue past a post box on your left, until you come to a small triangular green (6).

6. (752 355) Turn right down the lane to the end. Turn left down a stone drive, past the white house on your left, along a grass track, through a wicket gate on your right and up a slope to a stile. Once over the stile cross the field, aiming slightly to the left of the centre tree until you reach a stile at the nearest corner of the field. Once over the stile turn slightly left keeping the field edge on your left until you reach a track. Turn right along this track for about 20 yds, then turn left along a marked path through a wooded area to a stile at the top of the hill (7).

7. (759 352) Walk across the field towards the centre of the buildings ahead. Climb over the stile into the lane. Turn right and almost immediately left round the barn. Go between the sheds to the stile ahead. Walk across the field to the corner protruding from the right. Then bear slightly right towards a wicket gate at the bottom of the field. (In front of the wood) (8).

8. (764 345) Do not go through the gate but over the stile alongside the bridge. **(THIS MAY BE SLIPPERY TAKE CARE)**. Follow a path through a small wood to a stile on the other side. Cross into the field and bear slightly right over the crest of the hill to a stile into the next wood. After a few feet turn right along a path keeping the field edge on your right. Follow the path until you reach a track. Turn left along the track to a cross roads. Take the track towards the gate. Follow the lane to the road.

On your left is Broughton Hall which was first built in Elizabethan times. In 1637 the Hall was restored by Thomas Broughton, who was then the High Sheriff of Staffordshire. In about 1700 the fine timbered front was covered with stucco. This was removed in 1926.

Broughton Church was also rebuilt by Thomas Broughton in about 1630. The church still retains its original box pews and has some fine Jacobean solid polished oak panelling.

9. (764 339) Turn left and walk down this very busy road to Broughton Church, returning to your start point.