



British Walking Federation

PT134 HIDCOTE MANOR COUNTRYSIDE TRAIL



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DISTANCE: 13km

ENTRY FEE: £1.50 per walker (Cheques payable to the British Walking Federation)

AWARD: Cloth Badge at £2.50 each (There may be a small number of the old badge design remaining. Please state which you would prefer subject to availability.)

DIRECTIONS FROM NEAREST TOWN: Evesham - Leave Evesham eastwards on the A44 and in approx. 8 miles turn left on B4081 to Chipping Campden and continue through the village and head for Aston Subedge and Mickleton. At Mickleton follow brown tourist signs to Hidcote Manor Gardens

START VENUE: Hidcote Manor Gardens, Chipping Campden GL55 6LR

OS MAP: 151 **GR:** SP177430

SAT NAV: GL55 6LR

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COACH & CAR PARKING: In National Trust free car park at start. The car park is open all year, gardens, refreshments and toilets open from March-December.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Limited bus service

REFRESHMENTS: At the start and on route.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION (Updated 31st August 2024)

From the car park, and opposite the entrance to the car park, walk ahead eastwards through metal gate onto farm track with Restricted Byway sign on left and continue up hill on wide track through a further gate heading towards telephone transmitter aerials. At fork in bridleway take the right fork and continue keeping the masts on your left whilst admiring the view on your right, follow bridleway round to the left to pass transmitter station to lane.

Q1. Just before the lane, is a large rock with names carved on it. What is the year?

Go straight over lane and continue between hedges following overhead power line. *(Although this walk started in Gloucestershire, you are now at the highest point in Warwickshire.)* Continue on left hand side of field towards two radio masts. At end of field bear left and drop down through small culvert passing through gate and continue down through field keeping left of a very large Oak tree. Go through metal

gate and bear left diagonally across lane and continue up hill on track to transmitter station on right.

Continue ahead and after approx. 1km after short descent you will see the village of Ilmington down on the left-hand side. Just before metal gates across track, turn right on track, and drop down between wire fences to reach a tarmac driveway. Turn right on driveway.

Q2. Why should you drive slowly?

Continue on driveway and over cattle grid passing Foxcote Mansion on your left with black metal fence. Continue on track down hill passing house on left and climb a small hill to pass a larger house on right. Just after this house turn right through gate and climb ahead up hill towards gate in corner of field/right-hand end of treeline. Go through gate with yellow marker and continue between fences then wall on left to T-junction, turn left on track and follow path on left hand side of fields. At end of hedge on left, keep ahead on blue arrow across field to gate and farm track. Turn right and continue on track to reach lane. Turn right on lane and follow round to the left and at junction where main road bears round to the right turn sharp left on footpath.

Go through kissing gate. Follow path between wire fences to metal gate and then keeping dry stone wall on right to a further gate. Keep the dry stone wall to your right to a marker post and then bear left following white marker arrows over hummocky ground to pass through metal gate. Continue towards village in distance on clearly defined footpath. Ahead through gate and descend on track passing through a second metal gate and keeping to the left of the field to join tarmac road, going through a wooden gate before passing farm buildings on right to reach a water trough on your right.

Q3. Who kindly funded the trough restoration?

Go straight on at junction and continue ahead through village to T-junction. Continue straight over main road on footpath through metal gate and ahead on well-defined footpath and at next gateway turn right and continue on right hand side of field keeping hedge on right. In 100m follow field round to left keeping field on your left and hedge on right. Just after field bends round to the left again, turn right through gap in hedge, crossing wooden bridge over small stream and continue ahead into next field keeping hedge on left to reach farm track. Cross over with barn on left and turn immediately right on footpath signed "Heart of England Way". Keep hedge on right and field on left proceed through gap in hedgerow on clearly defined path through woodlands. Continue through woods, at footpath fork keep right eventually emerging onto left hand side of field with woodlands on the left. In approx. 150m, turn left through gate.

Q4. What animal is holding up the bench?

Descend down steps to reach road. Cross road and follow footpath "Heart of England Way". Descend down hill across field adjacent to small copse on right. Bear left towards gate on left hand side. Through gate and follow path ahead towards the church at bottom of field in corner. Through gate and continue on footpath through

copse emerging into a small field, continue straight ahead in the direction of the church spire passing walled graveyard on the right through gate, down slope towards the church.

Q5. What is the name of the large house on the left of the footpath junction?

Turn right on footpath/bridleway to gate ahead with another graveyard on left. Through gate and walk ahead to corner of wall on right. Go through second wooden gate and cross meadow for approx. 100m to go through a concealed kissing gate in hedge. Ahead across field to cross stile with yellow footpath arrow and continue up hill across field. Cross further stile and continue up hill. At top, bear right keeping small copse of conifer trees on left. Continue on footpath, descending slightly, keeping clumps of gorse on left and heading for woods to gateway. Ahead on bridle track through gap in woods and over stream and continue steeply uphill towards stone wall with stone pillars and balls. Turn right through blue gate.

Q6. On fingerpost at junction, how far is it to Stratford?

Cross road and ahead on lane opposite sign posted "Hidcote Manor Gardens". Continue on lane to the car park, and end of walk.

When you have completed this trail please use the [Permanent Trail Entry Form](#)

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