

right. You will also see the meandering River Dove in the valley dividing Staffordshire and Derbyshire and in the distance to the right you can see the ruins of Tutbury Castle silhouetted against the skyline.

Make your way down the hill to the stile at the bottom and follow the path round the field and then out onto a road through what used to be an old RAF base but is now an industrial estate. Houses start to appear and as you walk through, bear left where the road splits and out on to the main road. Walk right here on the verge for a short distance then cross the road, taking great care, and pick up the path again on the left as the road bends to the right.

Now you are back on flat, open grassland. Follow the path across the middle of two large fields then head right across a footbridge in the middle of a hedge in the third field. Head towards the base of the castle mound and here you have a choice to go up the steps to take a look round the village of Tutbury with its pleasant shops, pubs and cafes or carry on the footpath to return back towards Hanbury.

Do try and visit the castle if you can. It is best known as one of the prisons of Mary Queen of Scots but it was also visited by many English kings and queens and was home to the great John of Gaunt, 2nd Duke of Lancaster.

Picking up the path for the walk back to Hanbury, the footpath runs along the base of Owen's Bank and back out once more onto the main road which you cross again with care and go straight over, joining the well marked path. The landowner leaves little room for error on this return journey as the path is fenced and rather regimented. However, take care to pick up the right hand path crossing the ditch by way of a railway sleeper, and further on as you come to the farmyard at the back of Castle Hayes Park Farm, cross over the road way and pick up the path as it heads straight on for a short while and then off to the right where the path once again becomes obvious. Continue on until you reach Hare Holes Farm; here you need to keep right where the signs give you 2 options, and follow the path back towards the crater where you will pick up the tail end of the red walk. At this point you can choose to either go straight back to the memorial hall or follow the route anti-clockwise via the crater before retracing your steps back to the Cock Inn.

## YELLOW WALK

3 miles – 1.25 hours clockwise

This is a new walk added to the map and starts at the other end of the village, known as Hanbury Woodend. It begins by taking the footpath in Chapel Lane to the right of Sycamore Farm. This is to the left of The Old Crown and is actually the driveway and old car park of this former pub. Go through the five bar gate and the footpath continues straight on across two fields to an old oak tree where there is a stile and little bridge. Follow the edge of the field and keep left round the corner. The footpath is now punctuated with a series of kissing gates through the horse fields of Hanbury Park. When you get into the farmyard (characterised by a brick arch to your right) turn left and head through the gate along the track with horses often grazing either side. Keep going straight ahead, and keep on along a grassy track, underneath the pylons, to the road which is reached by going through a gate and across a short section of private parking. At the road, turn right for a very short distance before picking up the footpath on the right which takes you back across the same field you have just crossed.

Find the gate about midway in the far side of the field and follow the path round the plantation, where, if you look carefully, you can see the sink holes caused by the undermining. Turn right and the path then continues straight on across fields until you come to Needwood House Farm. Care is needed here as paths go off in all directions. Ignore the triple finger post, you are looking for a single finger post that indicates the path going right tracking along the rear of a large shed and then the farmhouse into the copse beyond. The path is not always clear through this part of the walk but turns right at the first junction following the pheasant pens round, then left, away from the pens, near the edge of the copse onto an overgrown path. Keep going until you find your way out onto the driveway by Hanbury Park Gate and turn right to return back to Hanbury Park. This time you will approach the farm yard and the brick arch will be on your left at which point you will pick up and reverse the route you began on. Turn right after the last kissing gate down a grassy track to return to the Old Crown.

# Hanbury Walks

