

PARKING

The red, blue and green walks tend to start off from the village pub, The Cock Inn, situated at the top of Hanbury Hill. Walkers are usually welcome to park in the pub car park if they pop in for a drink or a meal before or after their walk. If it's a big group it may be best done by prior arrangement.

Other parking can be found at Hanbury Common, which is further down Hanbury Hill on the right-hand side, and has a stepped path up through a wooded area, leaving a short walk along the road back up to the top of the hill.

The yellow walk is not near a car park and so therefore if you do arrive at the start of the walk by car you will need to park considerately, avoiding private property and obstructing access.

BLUE WALK

3.5 miles – 1.5 hours anti-clockwise

This walk takes you into the heart of Hanbury and beyond into Draycott in the Clay. The views from the back of the church are simply stunning, where you can see well into the Peak District looking North.

Out of the pub car park, turn left and walk up to the T-junction, then turn right opposite the bus shelter. As the road bends sharp left, head straight on instead and walk down Martin's Lane, past the old school on one side (now converted to residential properties) and the water tower on the other – a prominent and useful landmark

when making your way back to the village from most directions. Take the left-hand fork down Church Lane and when you get to the Church take the track bearing off to your left past a delightful, half-timbered, thatched cottage.

Take a moment to look at the Church and go in if it is open. Records show that Newborough and Marchington were originally included in the Parish, which could account for the size of St Werburgh's Church relative to Hanbury today. The church is an ancient stone structure with a square tower, however the fact it is dedicated to St Werburgh suggests it was founded long before the Norman Conquest.

Pay attention to the map, as you now follow the footpath signs remembering this walk is written going anti-clockwise. After you have walked across the first field, take the left hand of the two stiles in front of you and make your way diagonally down the steep bank to a stile in the middle of the hedge at the bottom. (You may wish to take the right hand stile instead and extend the walk as indicated on the map).

Head straight across the fields following the map until you meet Riddings Lane and turn left to walk into the village of Draycott until you get to the school where you will find a footpath sign to your left. Take this path and go across the field and over a footbridge into a charming little valley (often a bit boggy!) with a brook running along it. At the end you will come up a small bank and over a stile out onto Greaves Lane which you should follow straight on until you get to Foxholes Farm, where the footpath starts again, down the side of the farm house and to a stile. Heading left, diagonally up the hill, the path follows the wooded top of the fields where at the brow you will see you are nearly back in Hanbury. Go over the stile, straight across the field and pick up the trail going right until you come out onto the road, which you take left to get back to the Cock Inn.

RED WALK

Fauld Crater – 1.5 miles – Clockwise

The footpath for this walk starts from just the other side of The Cock Inn garden. Follow the signs and navigate the various stiles and kissing gates leaving Brown's Coppice to your left until you get to the perimeter fence of the crater, with some rather alarming MoD warning

signs. The history to this is the Fauld explosion which took place on 27th November 1944 when as many as 4,000 tonnes of high explosive stored underground in the chambers of the exhausted gypsum mines were accidentally detonated.



The green walk to Tutbury heads straight on at this point, but you are heading right and following the fence, past the memorial of the 70 people who lost their lives on that fateful day.

Carry straight on and the path eventually loops back on itself a little way to bring you out through a kissing gate into the open field which you head straight across and follow the trail. The route passes a disused air shaft and continues across the field back towards the village (this is where the water tower is a handy point of reference) and you come out along the path to the side of Hanbury Memorial Hall. Turning right on the road, a short walk brings you back to the top of Hanbury Hill, where if you go right again you find yourself back at the pub.

GREEN WALK

Tutbury – 6.5 miles- 3 hours- Clockwise

Follow the red walk to the point at which you reach the crater and the red walk turns right. Proceed straight ahead down the stepped bank, taking care as this section can be muddy and slippery, then keep straight on at the bottom. Follow the track looking out for the areas of no entry; it forks right after a while and you need to pick up the more grassy path which forks off to the left as you climb back up out of the woods. Soon you will come out onto open meadow land where from the crest of the hill you can see into the Staffordshire Moorlands to your left, the Peak District ahead and the Derbyshire Hills to your

