

Alton The Star Club Site

Camping and Caravanning

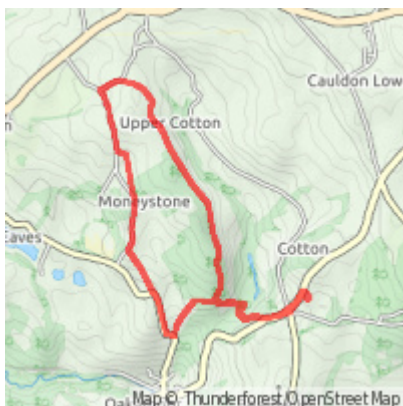


Route Summary



A lovely but strenuous circular walk in a deep valley near Alton The Star Camping and Caravanning Club Site. There is some steep going but the way is on good paths, tracks and access tracks with some lane walking. Save the walk for a good sunny day as there are some nice views.

Route Overview



Category: Walking

Length: 7.460 km / 4.66 mi

Last Modified: 6th December 2017

Difficulty: Medium

Rating: Unrated

Surface: Rough

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Description



A WALK FROM ALTON THE STAR CLUB SITE



AN OPEN PART OF THE ROUTE

This walk explores a deep valley near Alton The Star Camping and Caravanning Club Site. The route is circular and has some steep ups and downs so wear good boots. The way is on paths, tracks, access tracks and lanes and these are well defined, although there is one section where the path is a bit vague. There is some thick forest walking and some great views as well so save the route for a sunny day of settled weather. If using a GPS the mileage will read 4.75 miles and the walk should take you about three hours at a steady pace. Take along Ordnance Survey map Explorer 259 - Derby, Uttoxeter, Ashbourne and Cheadle. In the forest section there are some fallen trees that have to be passed and if doing the walk in summer take a stick along as one or two of the paths get a bit overgrown.

Waypoints



(53.00868; -1.90159)



Exit the Club Site past reception to the road. Go left using the grass verge for a while. At a suitable place cross to the right side of the road and continue past a junction and The Star Pub. When the pavement ends continue ahead on the road and just before a barrier where the road bends left, take a footpath half right and descend a steep path through the woods. At a traversing track cross it half left and continue down through the woods on a marked path.

Eventually drop down some steps to cross a bridge over a brook. At a footpath crossroads and sign continue ahead to climb upward through some trees. Soon you'll reach some steps to cross a stile to an open field. Rise steeply on the path to cross a stile by a footpath sign. Go straight on and as the angle eases you'll reach a marker post and junction with The Staffordshire Moorland Walk.

2 (53.00833; -1.91035)



Go right on a path through trees with an old wall on your right. As the angle levels pass through an area of fallen trees to reach a path junction. Go right following The Staffordshire Moorland Walk. Descend the path to continue by the forest edge. Continue to go left of a farm and cross a stile to reach an access drive. Go ahead on this. Walk through a gate/opening and continue on the good track.

Gently ascend on the path with a wall on your right. As the angle levels a track from Side Farm joins yours and you continue ahead. Cross a cattle grid. Continue straight on when The Staffordshire Moorlands Walk goes left at a

marker post. After another cattle grid the track rises again between walls in open ground. At Rock Cottage start to descend on a rougher track continuing to reach a surfaced lane at a junction.

3 (53.02549; -1.92584)



Go left on the lane, then at the next road junction go left again. Continue past Swallow Hill Farm. Next descend past Blakeley Farm. As you descend watch for a footpath sign by an old gate left. Here go left off the lane passing through a gate to follow an enclosed path that soon heads right at a stile. Continue on the path and rejoin the lane by going right through a wall gap.

Go left (ahead really) on the lane. Pass the house called 'Woodview' and continue through Moneystone to reach a phone box. Continue ahead on the lane and just before it starts to dip more steeply leave it to go left on a footpath following The Staffordshire Moorlands Way over a stile. Pass through a gate after the stile. Continue down the right side of the field - the path is vague here. Follow a line of trees through a gap at the end of a row of bushes. Continue by trees on the right down the next field. At the field's end cross a stile (the squeeze type) to go right and descend to another lane.

4 (53.00907; -1.92156)

Go left rising briefly before the path curves right and heads down. Follow the descending lane past a footpath on your left and Carr Wood Farm. As the road descends, you'll reach a sign for Oakamoor. Here there's a footpath where you should head left for Orchard Farm.

5 (53.00574; -1.91895)



Leave the lane to take the access track left to Orchard Farm. Cross two cattle grids then head left of the house and at the end of the access drive go up some steps with a green handrail. At the top of the steps continue ahead up an enclosed path. Pass through a gate and follow the arrow to go half right on The Staffordshire Moorland Walk. Head into trees following the path to a track junction where you rejoin your outbound route.

Go ahead (half right really) then over a stile, before passing through an open meadow and crossing another stile. Continue following your outbound route down the steps and go straight over a crossroad of paths to cross the bridge over the beck. Now take your outbound route up the steps and cross a track to follow the rising path back to the road. Go left to pass The Star Pub and continue ahead up the road back to Alton The Star Club Site.

