

Cannock Chase Club Site – The Miflins Valley

Camping and Caravanning

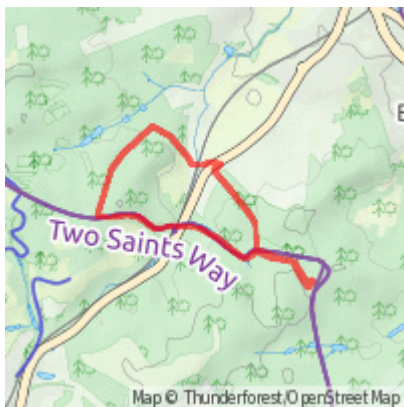


Route Summary



A woodland ramble from Cannock Chase Camping and Caravanning Club Site using paths and woodland tracks to explore The Miflins Valley and Marquis Drive to make a glorious circular walk through this part of Cannock Chase. There's a little road-walking but most of the going is quiet and peaceful.

Route Overview



Category: Walking
Length: 7.210 km / 4.51 mi
Last Modified: 14th December 2017
Difficulty: Medium
Rating: Unrated
Surface: Rough
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Description



CANNOCK CHASE CLUB SITE WALK TO THE MIFLINS VALLEY



Heading for the Miflins Valley

This circular walk explores the woodland tracks and paths of Cannock Chase west of Cannock Chase Club Site. The walk has plenty of ups and downs and some rough going but the way is easy to follow and very lovely. During the walk you will explore the Miflins Valley and make good use of the very useful Marquis Drive track. There is a short stretch of road walking in one area and a busy road to cross in two places, but apart from that you will be walking in quiet woodland where you're likely to meet a few other walkers and cyclists (but not too many).

It is probably worth wearing boots for this route.

If using a GPS the mileage will read 4.85 miles and the walk should take you about 2.5 to 3 hours. If you want a map to follow the route, take Ordnance Survey Explorer 244 – Cannock Chase.

START

With your back to the reception area of Cannock Chase Club Site walk up the back of the campsite to a gate leading into the woodland. Turning right on this path, follow it to reach a large post with 'AFCC' on it. Go right here and descend to more open ground where the trees have been felled. Pass under overhead cables and continue to reach a

track junction. Go left (Marquis Drive) following the wide track and passing a gate.



Walking through the felled area of woodland



The gate on Marquis Drive

Continue past a row of houses on the right and follow the good track to shortly reach a junction and a footpath sign.

2. Go half right passing a barrier and descend a track in the woods. At a crossroads carry on ahead and join a track that heads down The Miflins Valley.



Walking in the Miflins Valley

Continue down the valley passing through Down Hill Mountain Bike Area. Stay ahead here and again at the next junction. Near the end of the track you'll pass by a barrier and continue past farm buildings. Pass a white house on the right and at the end of the track go right at the junction. Head up towards the A460 and just before you reach it break off left up a path on a grass bank to reach the road.

3. Cross the road carefully to a bus stop and follow the path beyond it to bear left downhill, heading towards a railway bridge. When the path ends pass carefully under the railway bridge and continue on the road, heading past a row of multicoloured houses to reach a bridleway on the left. Head up the bridleway passing the barrier to enter the woods.



In the woodland

As the incline starts to level off, continue ahead ignoring paths left and right. You'll reach a crossroad of tracks and a bridleway sign.



Approaching the bridleway sign

4. At the crossroads go left heading uphill between trees.



Climbing the track

Continue straight on through more open ground. As you get higher you'll pass a felled area on the right and then rise a bit more steeply into trees again. As the track levels, pass 'Bomb Hole', which is part of a mountain bike course. Now continue ahead going over a crossroad of paths and tracks. Continue to a T-junction of tracks with a small sign near telegraph poles and wires.

5. Go left to start a descent through the woods. Continue downhill and when the angle eases pass a house on the left. Continue past telegraph poles and at the bottom, when the track becomes surfaced, go right. You'll bend left and right then cross over a railway bridge. Once over the bridge, follow the path around to the left to descend and pass through gaps to reach the A460 again. Cross carefully, taking the surfaced track ahead on which you'll reach a crossroads after a little concrete building on your left. Go straight on. Take the bridleway and the Heart of England Way.

Pass under overhead cables and continue ahead on the good track (Marquis Drive). Stay on the Heart of England Way, passing a pond visible through the trees. Next bend to the left and rise steeply to rejoin your outbound route at a footpath sign. Go past the row of houses and the gate. Continue on the track and just after a barrier on your right, start

to descend and leave your outbound route (which goes right). Follow this track and you'll soon reach a road.

Go right and right again shortly after, then carefully follow the road for a few paces before crossing over to another track. Go immediately right into woods. Follow an uneven path through the trees with the road on your right. Continue through the woods and just as you pass the entrance to the Club Site, there's a path on the right that drops over a ditch to reach the road. Cross carefully over to enter the site and return to your pitch.

Waypoints

