

Clent Hills Club Site – Uffmoor Wood

Camping and Caravanning

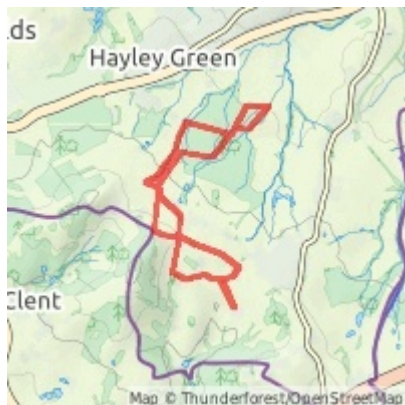


Route Summary



A moderate walk (with some steep sections) from Clent Hills Club Site that uses field paths, meadow paths through a nature reserve and quiet lanes to visit Uffmoor Wood. The walk explores tracks around the woodland before heading back to the site up lanes and over field paths. Some superb views.

Route Overview



Category: Walking

Length: 8.320 km / 5.20 mi

Last Modified: 22nd September 2017

Difficulty: Medium

Rating: Unrated

Surface: Rough

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Description



A WALK TO UFFMOOR WOOD FROM CLENT HILLS CLUB SITE



There are some lovely views from this walk

This walk involves quite a few ups and downs and some of them are steep. We start at Clent Hills Club Site and use a mixture of quiet lanes and field paths to continue down a hidden dell through a nature reserve. Cross a road to Uffmoor Wood and here use the extensive track network to explore it. The return route follows lanes, a stretch of busier road and more field paths to climb back up to the Club Site again. There are some great views from some of the more elevated sections of the route and the way is fairly easy to follow. The going in Uffmoor Wood can be a bit wet and boggy in places so wear boots and suitable outdoor gear.

The walk will take you about 2.5 to 3 hours.

If you are taking children along make sure you supervise them closely on the road sections (particularly the short busier section).

If using a GPS the mileage will read 5.4 miles.

THE ROUTE



The route starts near reception at Clent Hills Club Site

START

Leave Clent Hills Club Site past the barrier passing through the white gate. Follow the access drive past the entrance of Daleswood Farm. Bear right to reach Fieldhouse Lane. At the junction go right and follow the lane past buildings on the right to reach a footpath and stile just before another footpath.

Leave the lane going left over the stile and head up the left side of the field. Bear left beneath overhead cables passing a telegraph pole. At a field corner head to the left of an old stile through a gap to continue up the left side of the next field. Walk steadily uphill continuing past a marker post. Continue rising up the left field edge by the bush line. At the next marker post stay on your course, bending slightly right, and pass through a gap at the end of a hedge line. Continue climbing on the left edge of the next field by high bushes and trees. Cross a stile at the end of this field and go down a narrow path to reach a lane by a house. Go left to a road junction.



Walking over the fields in this section

2. Turn right along the lane climbing uphill before turning right at a junction. After a short distance take a marked

footpath on the right over a bridge and through a gate. Follow the field path downhill heading half left to reach the bottom left corner of the field. Cross a stile by the entrance to The Wesleys and go right down a drive before taking a left on a busier road. Descend and go left on Chapel Lane.



There are great views from this section of the walk

Pass a large house right to reach a footpath junction just before St. Kenelm's Church.



Leave the lane going right down a narrow path that drops right of the church then passes through a gate at the end of the church buildings.



Passing St Kenelm's Church

Take the path down steps into woodland and join a path coming in from the left. Go straight ahead at a junction almost immediately. Follow the path through a wooded dell passing through two kissing gates in quick succession to enter Penorchard Meadows Nature Reserve. Cross a grassy field with woodland on your right and pass through another kissing gate. Continue over the next field with a fence and wall on your right. At the end of the field pass through yet another kissing gate to continue along the right edge of the next field by a fence and trees. Pass through, you guessed it, another kissing gate, cross a bridge and continue your path in woodland.



Penorchard Meadows Nature Reserve

Cross an old bridge and continue through woodland, emerging on to an access drive left of a white gate. Go right, passing through the white gate and continue to a lane.

3. Cross over the lane and pass through a gate to enter Uffmoor Wood.



The entrance to Uffmoor Wood

Follow the path ahead and in a short distance cross another path and continue along a wide grassy track in the wood. This section can be wet and boggy so take care. Further on, cross a small track and continue straight on. Pass another track coming in from the right and continue to descend to a hollow, rising out of it to reach a good track at a crossroads by a bench. Go left on the good track and continue over a crossroads with small buildings left and right. Follow the track through the wood and after a pond pass a junction, continuing on the woodland track. At the head of the track go right following the yellow arrow.



Walking in Uffmoor Wood

Follow the path and cross a bridge. Continue with the edge of the wood visible over to your left. Further on bear right, continuing on the path in Uffmoor Wood. At a junction keep going straight following the yellow arrow to emerge from the trees and reach a junction by a yellow arrow and a low building to your left. Go right on the track and after you pass another low building reach your outbound route at a crossroads.

Go left following the blue arrows. Pass the bench where your outbound route joined the track and keep straight ahead.

The track soon starts to rise and passes a junction with a bridge. Continue to a crossroads of paths and go right following the blue arrow. Follow the surfaced path/track and pass through a kissing gate to a car park. Go left through the car park and pass through a gap at the end of it. Take the path ahead and when you reach a T-junction go right, passing through a fence gap to a lane. Go left on the lane and pick up your outbound route at Chapel Lane (right). Continue on your outbound route and when it leaves to the right shortly, keep going straight ahead on the lane (this can be busy so take care) continuing to reach Ivy Lane. Go right up Ivy Lane, climbing to the top to re-join your outbound route again. Continue to the road junction.

4. Go left, leaving your outbound route. Follow the lane to pass the driveway for a house on the left and a few paces after this go right, taking a marked footpath over a bridge and a stile. Follow the left edge of the field to pass through a kissing gate.



Crossing fields during this section of the walk

Cross a bridge to a field and head half right, keeping well left of two telegraph poles to pass through a kissing gate and dropping down some steps to a lane.

5. Go left up Spring Lane and when you reach the junction at the end of it, go left (signposted Romsley and Halesowen) to pick up Fieldhouse Lane. Continue past Holt Lane on the left and follow Fieldhouse Lane to go right at The Camping and Caravanning Club sign. Follow the access lane back to the site and your starting point.

Waypoints

