

Walking with Edward Elgar

Walk Two - Warham and Breinton

- Inspiring, well-maintained field paths, lanes, Nature Reserve
- An easy 5-mile walk.
- Ordnance Survey map - Hereford and Ross-on-Wye. (Explorer 189)

The Route

1. Breinton Springs National Trust (free) car park. Follow signs to Breinton church and Breinton House. HR4 7PG. Exit by kissing-gate. TL to rise gently to R of churchyard. Go through metal k-gate, below the old vicarage. Follow avenue between orchard and trees to pass through wooden k-gate into arable field. Follow R edge for 200m, through metal k-gate (R). TL along top L field edge/hedge.
2. Just before Warham House (L), look for Turkey Oak and London plane on field bank to your R painted by Brian Hatton "*The Lawns, Warham*." Skirt in front of garden hedge past Green Bank Information Board on to lane. TL past Stonehurst, bear R beyond Warham House drive to junction. TR, then T immediately L. Bend left, bend right up to junction, TL along C road and rise gently past "The Halfway House", about 500m to cider press at Little Breinton. In a few paces, find bridle path going right.
3. "Hillgarth". TR along path, beyond Upper Hill Farm (R). TL to walk between "Poole Hill" and pond to join the old Drovers Road. Head towards mast, but 50m beyond "Rose Cottage", TR into
4. Wyevale Wood Nature Reserve. Fork R for better route, right around R inside edge of wood. Emerge on to (Church Walk) path via gap by gate (R). TL for 30m, then TR back on to original line of Drovers Road, ahead to tarmac at "Pepper Plock". Go ahead past dwellings of "Cranstone" to cross road. Head through wooden gate up field along R edge/hedge. Curve L with views of Elgarian expansiveness opening up. Drop and bend R through gate in R corner into trees. Cross 1st stile of walk into orchard. TL and skirt L edge of bank, further L up to cross stile in fence. Follow L edge with Welsh border views, over stile in cross fence, L edge, another stile into trees, up 4 wooden steps (L).
5. Path junction. Cross stile and turn sharp L through gate. Follow R edge/hedge up crop field through metal gate in R top corner. Bear slightly L down field (views) through metal gate, down hedged avenue, (orchard L), to find country lane beyond Manor Farm (L). TR past "Manor Cottages" down to road junction. TR for Breinton Common to point just before R bend.
6. 11 steps. TL up steps through k-gate, favouring R side of field pasture. Go through "WVW" gate, along R edge/hedge of long crop field. Pass through k-gate at R end (Church Walk) to lane by Breinton Court Lodge. Go through metal gate opposite, past tennis court, gate, R on to lane back to car park.
7. Breinton churchyard. Canon Gorton's final resting-place, marked by a Celtic cross, is 25m R (south) of church porch.

