Badby Circular, Northamptonshire

Start: Badby
Finish: Badby

Summary: An 8.5 mile circular route from Badby and back again via Newnham, Everdon, and Preston Capes



This walk starts at Court Yard Lane, where you will see a finger sign pointing left to Newnham via the Nene Way.

Take this lane. At the end, the lane splits. Ignore the farm gate on the right and head past the cottages on the left to a gate following the Nene Way.



Head through the gate and pass through 2 fields, following this you will enter a third, large field. Stick with the path right following the hedge line with a stream, into a 4th field and through a gate to a road.



Turn right here heading into Newnham. Follow the main road through Newnham, taking a minute to admire the use of the old telephone box here which has some lovely historical images of the village and now acts as a mini library.





When you get to the end of the village, you will arrive at a junction. Bear right here. Ignore the road to your left (Mounts Lane) and continue straight past the Nuttery. Follow signs for the Nene Way to cross a stile into a field.



Head for the telegraph post in the middle of the field, which helpfully has waymarkers attached. Cross into the next field and walk about half way in the current direction. Here you are at a path intersection - head right and through the gate to the next field.

From here take a slight diagonal left heading in the direction of the field corner to the livestock barrier footbridge. Take this into the next field and continue diagonally again, to a gate left of centre.

Keep on in this direction to a gate in the corner left of the field and again continue diagonally to a field gate. Once through this, head corner right between the trees to emerge into a large field.

Head slight diagonally left toward the farm building. You should see Everdon Hall to your left. Exit through a gate and down a few stone steps into Little Everdon and take the lane slightly left in front of you.

Ignore the path for the Nene Way that goes off left shortly and stick with the lane into Everdon. When you get to the end of the lane, go right and immediately left, heading towards the church.

The path that you want runs to the right of the Church and emerges into a field behind College farm. Keep the farm buildings to your right and head past them to the gate.





Cross the next field to the gate opposite and enter the next field. Cross diagonally uphill heading towards the semi-collapsed farm building (note this is in process of being refurbished and may in the future be a house).

With the farm building on your right, follow the hedge line to your left through several fields. Note that the boundary will shift from your left to your right. Eventually you will reach the outer corner of a field to your right. The path here may not be clear, but keep on in the same direction heading towards and past a tree centre field.

The way continues through the hedge and left to a gap in the hedge in the near field corner, which at the time of writing was a little overgrown and hard to spot.



Cross this field diagonally to arrive at a track. Cross the track slightly to your right and cross the stream a long field. Keeping the wooded field boundary to your right, keep on to the end of the field, where you will pass through a small wooded area into another field.

Cross this field diagonally left heading to approximately mid point opposite. Once through here - head again diagonally left, uphill to the field corner to arrive at the road into Preston Capes.

Take a right here, taking care on the road and walk slightly downhill to the bend in the road. Here, take the Knightly Way path on your left into the field and head right at a slight left diagonal to the gate into another field. Keep in the same direction and cross two fields following the path in the middle.

Entering the next field, the path may not be clear. It's best to simply follow the field boundary to your left, which will turn a corner right and you will see the gate on the left. Take this and then enter the field ahead, taking the path right through open fields heading in the direction of Big Waters.

Pass the church and Fawsley Hall on your left and from the lane, take the small gate on your left sticking with the Knightly Way through 2 fields and across Fawsley Park. Continue on the Knightly Way following the path on the internal perimeter of Badby Wood.

You will emerge from the wood into a green field. Cross this diagonally to enter a pretty green field. Stick the the left boundary here and look for the gate somewhat hidden on your left.

Take this and follow the narrow path back into Badby, where you'll come out at the church where you can take a slight right and then a left turn to arrive at Main Street. Take a right onto Main street and follow the road back to the starting point.

