

Walk 2 – Woodland Walk in Marbury Country Park

DISTANCE: 3.2KM / 2 miles; TIME 1 HOUR; SOME STEPS

A delightful walk, taking in woodlands and views of Budworth Mere. A walk for all seasons, but a particularly good walk in April and May when wood anemones, celandines and bluebells are in bloom.

1. Leave the car park of Marbury CP through the arch.
2. Turn right at the tarmac path and follow it alongside the Lime Avenues to a crossroads.
3. Turn right by the bench and finger posts to 'Hopyard Wood' keep straight on to Marbury Lane (tarmac) at a gate.
4. Cross the Lane and take the path opposite through Hopyard's Wood to a stream (Marbury Brook).
5. Keep by the stream to a wooden bridge over the stream on the right. Walk past the bridge and follow the path as it leads left away from the stream and up some steps.
6. Follow the path towards Marbury Lane. Just before the Lane, take the path sharp right and walk towards the canal.
7. Walk by the canal; on nearing the bridge, follow the path left to reach Marbury Lane.
8. Cross over the Lane and take the path through the woods, signposted 'Big Wood' and 'Canal'.
9. At the next junction of paths, turn right. Ahead is a signpost which should read 'Canal' (but has lost its initial letter!) Follow the path until you reach the canal again. Walk alongside the canal, passing a black and white footbridge, until the path leaves the canal and continues through the woodland.
10. Keep on the path, following a sign post to 'Mere' and 'Car Park' until you come to the slipway down to Budworth Mere.
11. Take the path by the slipway to a seat overlooking the mere. Great Budworth church can be seen across the water.
12. Just before reaching the boathouse, take the path left, up a slight incline, ignoring the path to the right, to reach open parkland and the Lime Avenues.
13. Walk past the Rangers' Office and toilets. Refreshments are available here at weekends and Bank Holidays. Continue ahead to reach the Car Park.

