

Acton Trussell and Bednall Circular Walk

This short walk is ideal for people wishing to experience the beauty of Staffordshire without over exerting themselves. The walk begins on the Staffordshire and Worcester Canal which is one of the oldest in the country, before crossing attractive farmland around Bednall and Acton Trussell. The walk concludes along the Staffordshire Way which takes the walker across the Teddesley Park estate, passing 1,000-year-old oaks along the way.

Distance:

Approx. 6.4km (4 miles)

Duration:

1½ - 2 hours

Terrain:

Easy towpath and fields. Some boggy areas going through the woodland between Cock Lane and the boathouse

Parking:

Park in the lay-by at Parkgate Bridge (Teddesley Boat Co) on the Teddesley Road between Acton Trussell and Penkridge

Map:

OS Explorer 244 "Cannock Chase"

Bus Route:

Route between Acton Trussell and Codsall Bus Route 880. Route between Bednall and Stafford Bus Route 86



Staffs and Worcester Canal

- 1 Go through the gap to the left of the bridge and turn left along the towpath of the Staffordshire and Worcester Canal. Continue along the canal passing underneath Shutt Hill Bridge. Soon after you are able to see the remote church at Acton Trussell across the canal on your right.
- 2 Just after passing the rear of the Moat House hotel, leave the towpath walking up the track just before Acton Moat Bridge no. 92.
- 3 When you reach the track turn right and cross the bridge heading into Acton Trussell. Go through the gate and up the metalled driveway. At the road turn right, and follow the path past the Moat House until you meet the main road.
- 4 Turn left along the road and then right up Barn End Road. After walking for 80 metres, turn right down Meadow Lane.
- 5 When you reach the T-junction at Teddesley Road, turn left and walk up the road. After $\frac{1}{4}$ mile turn right down a track indicated by a fingerpost.
- 6 As the track bends right toward the farm, walk into the left-hand corner and cross a stile in the hedgerow. Walk diagonally right up to the top left-hand corner of the field and cross a footbridge and stile over the stream.
- 7 Enter the left-hand field and walk straight ahead keeping the hedge on your right. Go through the gap in the field corner and follow the hedge around to the right. After 100 metres cross a stile on the right.
- 8 Walk alongside the hedge up the field towards Bednall and climb a stile at the top. Turn left and follow the path around the corner to a metal gate. Go through the gate and up a trackway until you meet Cock Lane. (For people wishing to visit All Saints Church in Bednall turn left at this point).

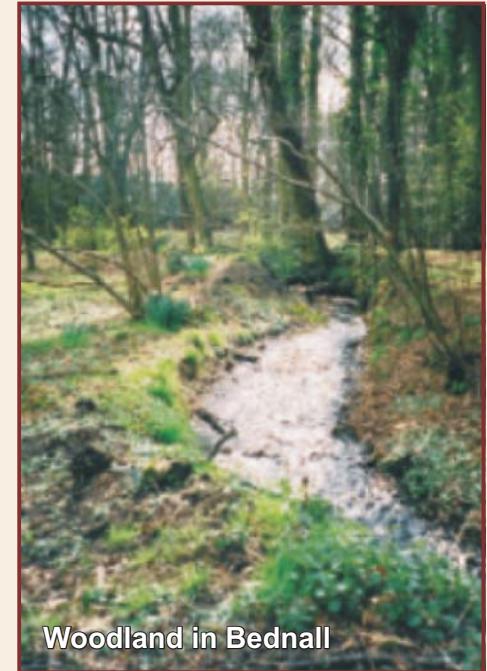


Church in Acton Trussell



The Moat House, Acton Trussell

- 9** Turn right and follow the lane for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. Where the road divides, take the right hand fork.
- 10** 120 metres down the road take the footpath on the right next to the horses paddock. 80 metres down the footpath climb the stile on the left and head half left across the field to another stile.
- 11** Climb the stile and walk through the woodland to emerge on the edge of the Teddesley Park Estate. Walk straight across the field to a farm road and cross this before walking straight across another field, passing 1,000-year-old oaks on the left.
- 12** After 200 metres you meet a hedgerow that divides the two fields. Walk down the right hand field, keeping the hedge on your left. Climb the stile in the left-hand corner.
- 13** Turn right and walk around the perimeter of this field, following the hedge as it bends left in the corner. After walking for 100 metres cross the footbridge and stile on your right.
- 14** Keeping the hedge on your right walk around the edge of the field until you meet a gate on your right that takes you into the boathouse.
- 15** Go through the gate and then the boathouse before crossing Parkgate Bridge. Turn right and return to the parking area.



Woodland in Bednall



1000 year old oak

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