

Walk Number 8

Greatham Get Away

Greatham - Cowpen Bewley Circular
Distance approximately 3.5 miles

This walk crosses farmland with one stile to cross.



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Peacock Butterflies on Nettles

The Countryside Code - Respect Protect Enjoy

Respect other people

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

Protect the natural environment

- Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under effective control

Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead and be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs

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Starting at the top of Greatham High Street ①, head down past the 'Sheaf Thrower' sculpture on your left and the Hospital of God on your right. After the entrance into the Hospital of God, take a side road on your right into Parish Row, becoming West Row.

At the end of this road go through a gap in the wall ② and follow the enclosed footpath to the right. At the bottom of the hill cross a footbridge ③ and turn sharply left following the path along the beck side until it reaches another bridge on the left ④. Instead of crossing this bridge, follow waymarkers and turn right, following the field edge path below the railway embankment.

Instead of following the rail line over Claxton Beck, veer right and follow the beck upstream alongside the field edge ⑤. Continue with the beck to your left, through a gate and into another field. Keeping to the field edge you will come to a stile at the end of the field, cross the stile onto a track ⑥.

At this point, as an extra, you can turn left over Cloff Bridge into Cowpen Bewley Woodland Park and explore Faith Wood.

To reach the Visitor Centre, go over the bridge, take the first left through a kissing gate and continue along the track to another gate. Through this gate take a left which will lead you to the Visitor Centre car park.

Cowpen Bewley Country Park is well worth a visit due to the variety of wildlife it holds, including over 80 species of birds and 18 species of butterfly. This abundance is due to the variety of habitats including mixed woodland, wildflower meadows, ponds and a large lake.

Otherwise, turn right after crossing the stile and follow the farm track for a mile until it turns sharply left, at this point ⑦ look for the public footpath waymarker to your right. Follow this footpath through a gate in the hedge onto an enclosed path and continue until you reach a footbridge ⑧. Cross over and walk uphill, keeping the allotments on your left, bear right back into Greatham High Street ⑨.

