

This route can be found on Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 243, Market Drayton. You are advised to use this map in conjunction with the instructions.

WALK NO. 9 - ECCLESHALL -
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This walk starts from the A519 and B5026 cross-roads in Eccleshall and is 4.5 miles long. Parking is available on Stone Road car park or in Eccleshall High Street (check waiting restrictions).

Each paragraph number relates to a point marked on the map and is followed by its map reference, found on Ordnance Survey Map 243.

1. From the telephone kiosk (831 291) at High Street / Stafford Street mini roundabout, head up to second mini roundabout and bear left heading along Stafford Road. Turn left at footpath sign (832 290) at Market Fields and go straight ahead to end of road, pass through the barrier and **bear right** along footpath to Bishops Court / Hartlands Road junction. Keep straight ahead following Hartlands Road. As the road turns right keep left up an entry (835 291). Cross road and find entry almost directly opposite. Proceed down entry and then turn right onto a track (836 291) following hedge on your left. Follow signs and cross ditch and walk along field edge, keeping hedge on your left. Go right through small copse, path then swings left. Follow field edge with hedge on your left, keep ahead on path up to gate and stile accessing Blurtons Lane opposite

Field House Farm (844 289). Turn right up the lane.

2. On reaching Stafford Road, cross road (840 284) WITH CAUTION and follow road sign posted Ellenhall. At Pye Birch Manor take lane on your left (841 280). Walk down lane and at fork in road take farm lane to your right (844 279).

3. Follow the drive towards the farmhouse and go through the metal gate on your right. Cross the paddock bearing left of electric pole with transformer attached and then over stile into field. Cross and keep ahead to stile by water trough. After stile follow fence and then hedge to find stile at bottom right hand corner (846 267). Cross 3 fields each with a stile access until you reach a cottage with a small windmill in the garden. Cross over stile into a lane (842 274).

4. Turn left and follow lane for approximately ½ mile.

5. (840 269) Turn right into field, way marker indicates the way. Walk through field keeping hedge on your left. Pass through small opening with stile to the side. Follow house boundary going left over stile just before gate (833 272). Turn right and follow lane for approximately ½ mile up to the main road (A519) (828 274). Turn right crossing road WITH CAUTION.

6. (828 275) Go left through a kissing gate into field, bearing right round the hill, and heading for gate in

fence. Go through the kissing gate (826 279). *Admire the view of Johnson Hall.* Please follow the defined path to the left of pool, through kissing gate, up a bank to join a tarmac surfaced lane (825 281). Go left at lane and at fork junction take lane to your left (825 284). Turn right at first gate on your right (824 284) and over stile, keeping hedge on your left up to lane. Cross stile into road WITH CAUTION and turn right. Turn left after a few yards (825 286) and follow hedged path, with church tower ahead. Go down bank, through metal kissing gate and turn immediately right (827 290) onto a surfaced footpath.

This footpath was originally a medieval road and is called Eyeswells. Continue on footpath ahead, crossing a road through a housing estate. Leave the footpath at Gaol Butts (830 298) with main road (A519) ahead. Keep to footpath on left passing mini roundabout, keeping left and back to start point ahead.