

Walking with Edward Elgar

Walk Five - Bringsty Common

- Tracks, fields, quiet lanes, views to Whitbourne Hall
- A delightful 3.75 mile easy family walk
- Ordnance Survey maps - Worcester and Droitwich Spa (Explorer 204), Leominster and Bromyard. (Explorer 202)

The Route

1. Bringsty Common parking area just off A44 road. WR6 5UW. "Live and Let Live" sixteenth century pub sign. Spaces for a dozen vehicles and small shelter on right of approach track. Start with quick detour a few paces opposite the information board to the 'Gospel Oak'. Return to head left down the pitch. At the 'To the pub' notice. TL up the gravelled path option, following telegraph line, with views of North and Sugar Loaf Hills in The Malverns over to the right. Pass to left of Marley Cottage, joining grass and swinging left back to the road via 15m of gravel track. Cross road to point 15m left of Bramble Cottage. After 45m and 45m before Bakers Cottage, TR along grassy path. Keep ahead slightly right across gravel path and to the left of Rose Cottage. Descend rutted track to lane. Cross lane and go through gate in front of you. Head down field directly past ruin.
2. Right hand (signed) gate. Go through and follow upper left edge of vale, initially with telegraph line, for one third off a mile to immediately right of Bradleyfield Coppice. Leave field by gate in dip. TL onto the surfaced track over the cattle grid by Moors Cottage. At the slight dip, at Toll Roads Off Road marker, leave the driveway to go slightly right across grass, left of two trees. Cross stile, footbridge and stile over Paradise Brook. Follow brook past inscribed tree towards weir, but TL up the bank on paviers of farm track. At drive and telegraph pole, TL on the drive in front of fence. Go between the ponds, over the cattle grid at the southern entrance to Longlands Farm.
3. Longlands Farm. At the fork just beyond the sweet chestnut tree, TR along the drive over the grid, with the impressive Whitbourne Hall emerging into view back to the right. Follow drive for half a mile. Cross next grid and follow lane past Longfield Coppice right around the bend. TL at signed public footpath to 15th century Old Mill Cottage. Follow excellent track through gate, ahead, over two stiles. TL along usually muddy lane, through two gates directly above Old Mill. Reach front of
4. Home House. TR through gate in front of farmhouse. Cross drive and go through 2nd gate ahead. Slant left up through orchard to find waymarked left of two gates on upper left edge. Go through and up the right edge of two fields. Stay right through gap by marker post at top to find stile under old oak tree in far right corner of field. Follow shady lane between two cottages. Instead of following left gravel track, contour up the common on a track to the right of it. Just above the next gravel track going down to the right, climb a little further to the left to see the 'Live And Let Live' sign and starting point.

