Animal Track Detective

Walk Directions

From the road in front of St James the Great Church in Paulerspury (A) walk through the churchyard and turn Left towards Pury End. Descend through the field to cross a small stream and ascend the field the other side keeping to the left hand path. On reaching the road turn left. When the road bends sharp Right, with Kings Lane straight ahead, turn Left and cross the small stream (B). Follow the path along the field edge.

When the path along the edge of the field bears Left, slightly uphill, carry straight on into a small wooded area. Leave this wooded area by climbing the stile to enter a field. Head straight across this field to cross another stile. Keep to the Right hand side of this field until you reach a small pond hidden in the trees on your Right. Turn Left and follow the path slightly uphill through the crop towards a small wooden post to reach a flatter grassy area (the Polo Field). Turn Right and follow the crop edge to the hedge in front of you, turn Left and very quickly you will be able to go through this hedge into the next field (C).

Follow the Right hand path towards the hedge ahead and on your Right. Cross through this hedge on a little bridge. LOOK OUT FOR MUNTJAC TRACKS! Turn Left down this grassy avenue to a little woodland directly in front of you. Bear Right round the woodland, then follow the path alongside the hedge on your left to a path junction (D). LOOK OUT FOR BADGER TRACKS!

Turn Left at the path junction and follow the path through the next large field. LOOK OUT FOR HARE TRACKS! Go through a gate LOOK OUT FOR MUNTJAC TRACKS JUST BEFORE THE GATE! follow the hedge on your Left and, before reaching the woodland in front of you, exit this field (E). Turn Left, again following the hedge on your Left, heading back towards Park Farm. Turn Left through the hedge to cross a field on a clear path. Pass through the next hedge and keep ahead on a clear path back to the path through the hedge you went through earlier (C).

Turn Left and follow the hedge line for a short distance, then turn Right to follow the line of the crop to the small wooden post. Turn Left and cross the field to the hedge line below. Turn Right along the hedge line to cross the stile into the next field, then exit the field on the stile in the Left hand corner of the field into the small bit of woodland.

On leaving the woodland turn Right, slightly uphill LOOK OUT FOR RABBIT TRACKS! to meet the drive to Park Farm (F). Turn Left along the drive to return to Paulerspury and St James the Great Church (A).

All of this walk is on legal rights of way (footpaths and bridleways)

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