

ABOUT THESE WALKS

These walks have been designed to allow those wishing to explore Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty to do so without the need for extensive equipment or vast walking experience. The walks are all self-navigational – which means it should be possible to accomplish them by simply following the instructions alone.

However the following points should be noted before commencing any of the walks.

- The walks often follow the routes of existing major footpaths to save on additional signage.
- Walks proceed along well-used routes; hence it should not be necessary to cross into areas that are densely overgrown.
- You'll need stout shoes or boots and a waterproof coat in case the weather turns.
- Follow any warning signs you see as ignoring them could endanger you and your party.
- Respect the wildlife on the Chase and in particular do not approach any snakes you may possibly come across.
- Follow the countryside code in general.

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.

(In partnership with the Cannock Chase AONB and the Ramblers).

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE WALK PARTNERS CAN BE FOUND AT
www.ramblers.org.uk
www.cannockchaseaonb.org.uk

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Cannock Chase was designated as an AONB in 1958 because of its beautiful landscape, its wildlife and its history. AONBs are some of our finest countryside and, as part of a family of 46 in England, Wales and Northern Ireland the Chase is important both locally and nationally. At 6800ha, it is the smallest mainland AONB and is much cherished and visited by local people.



WALKING ON CANNOCK CHASE Cannock Chase AONB - Ramblers Walks - Walk 3

OVERALL LENGTH
= 4.25 MILES APPROX



Circular walk from the Katyn Memorial

30p





Walk Outline

This walk leaves the Katyn Memorial and proceeds using the Heart of England Way (HOEW) before turning into the Sherbrook Valley. The return is via a brief climb out of the valley via the Staffordshire Way before rejoining the HOEW back to the Car Park.

Walk Description

1. Leave the car park by passing around the barrier to follow the wide path running down into the woods, which is part of the Heart of England Way (HOEW). Continue along this stony path as it descends gradually and the trees on either side begin to thin out.

2. As the path begins to level out and before it begins to rise again, take the path on the left closest to the tree line. This is the Sherbrook Valley. Continue along this wide stony path passing a concrete bridge on the left (which brings over another path to join the current one), and remaining on the original path continue along it ignoring paths joining from the right and left until another broad-cross-track is encountered.

3. Upon reaching this point a left turn onto this track is required (look out for bridleway marker on the far side) to follow it down to the stream where there are stepping stones to enable passage over this. On reaching the track running left to right on the other side of the stream turn right and walk along what is a flattish smooth track. This swings left and right as it progresses along the valley, until a concrete bridge is encountered on the right hand side that brings another path over from the other side of the valley.

4. After passing this junction a signpost on the left indicates the Staffordshire Way. This path continues along the valley floor, but the required route is to the left walking back along the Staffs Way (the yellow Staffs Way signs) as it ascends out of the valley. Where this path forks, bear to the left and continue to climb up the wide pebbly path that twists and turns as it ascends towards the horizon where a further signpost can be seen. Upon reaching this turn left on to another wide track initially following the Staffs Way marker.

5. Continue along this track with the Sherbrook Valley on the left and keep a look out for the trig point and Glacial Boulder on the right. Just beyond this point the path forks and the Staffs Way turns away to the right.

Keep on the main track (ignoring the Staffs Way signs) and take the left hand fork signposted HOEW. This is a broad flattish path that crosses open ground for a time before approaching a coppice of trees. A track crosses this path and it is necessary to follow the HOEW signpost right and down into the trees and continue until a car park is reached.

6. At the car park (Chase Road Corner Car Park) turn right and walk towards the exit where there is a sign for the HOEW just before the road. Turn left to follow this and continue along it as it curves through the trees, ignoring other paths which join it from the left and right, eventually passing to the left of a large car park (Anson's Bank).

7. This path eventually emerges in a small clearing where several paths also meet up, and the required route is along the wide path on the right that passes through the trees towards the road. This path runs parallel to the road for a short while before starting to swing away towards the left, where it crosses another track. Continue along the path towards a series of wooden stumps which mark the road to the Katyn Memorial Car Park, and on reaching the road turn left to follow it back to the Memorial where the walk concludes.