



If unable to park in the car park of the Queen's Head in the village, you should be able to park on the roadside nearby. In any case go to the pub and with your back to it, turn right and walk along the road a few yards and at the end of a row of houses on the left, turn left along a clear track. Follow this track as it winds between fields towards redundant Cresslands Farm. Just before this there's a footpath sign on a gate on the left. This leads into a meadow: proceed ahead with a large pond on the right, at the end of which, continue in the same direction towards a rusty-looking gate in the hedge.

Go through and into the next field, keeping the hedge on your left. Just a few yards beyond a gap which has a 'Private, No Entry' sign you'll find another gap on the left which leads across another field towards Gatesbury's Farm. Here the path officially continues across another field away from

the buildings to the farm drive where you double back down the drive. But you can cut this short by walking the side of the field with the farm on your left (dotted line on the map) and reach the drive by climbing over a metal gate. Turn left on the drive which shortly becomes a track skirting the farm: at the rear, strike off right across a field and near the boundary on the other side veer right to a stile. This takes you into an area of lakes laid out in a linear pattern. These give the impression of being old medieval fish ponds, but are in fact of recent construction: they are indeed all man-made. The path goes to the left and then runs slightly downhill along the side of the lakes.

When you reach the end, leave the track and follow round the bottom edge of the last lake: footpath signs will guide you through a mixture of trees and grass with Cordell Hall shortly visible ahead. You'll be led round to the right to join a clear track; turn left. Follow this track all the way to Purton Green Farm, just before which there are several junctions. Make sure you take the one to the left of a triangular area of conifers and you'll be led down to this exquisite old building which is now owned by the Landmark Trust and can be rented as a holiday home. Before you reach the building there's a signed path on the right, on the right side of a tall hedge. Follow this all the way down the side of a field towards a couple of houses where you'll find a track which leads away from these houses up towards a road. (There's a stream to cross on the way, with a footbridge on the left.) On reaching the road turn left for a few yards and at the road junction, slight left to a footpath fingerpost on the right. The path goes to the side of the remains of a windmill and Mill House. The path continues straight ahead along the side of a couple of fields with the village of Hawkedon visible in the distance. You'll reach a road and turn left to walk towards the village and reach your car.

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