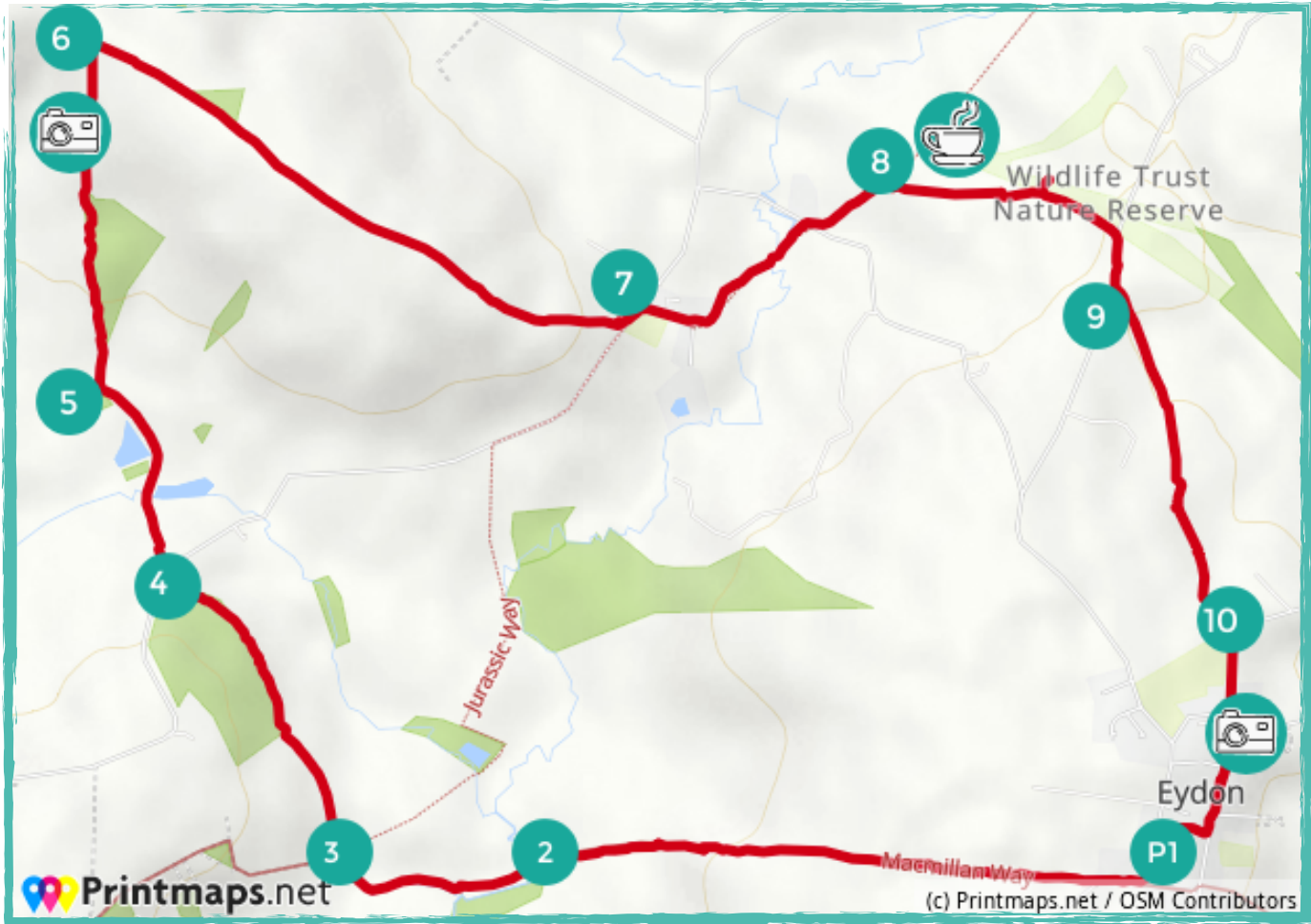


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## DISTANCE

5.7 miles  
9.2 km  
12000 steps



## PRAM FRIENDLY

No, this is not a pram friendly walk.



## SMALL DOG FRIENDLY

There are a few stiles on this walk, so small dogs only.



## ESTIMATED TIME

Approx 2hrs 20 min



## DIFFICULTY

Moderate walk



## REFRESHMENTS

A fantastic cafe at Harley Equestrian Cafe (Awesome!).



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## WALK AUTHOR:

This walk was written by Julia Doherty, but developed by Alison Snelling.

Julia's favourite walk of all time: The Camino De Santiago, Spain.

Favourite Local Walk: Snorscomb Hill, Nr Everdon.

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## PHOTO CHALLENGE:

Your photo challenge is to find the butterfly house, a few gnomes, stain glass fence and seven telephone boxes in one garden!



## DOWNLOAD THIS ROUTE TO YOUR PHONE



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To listen to the audio prompts [click here](#).  
(to work alongside the photo instructions)

**SPECIAL THANK-YOU TO LOUISE JAMES FOR BEING THE OFFICIAL POINTER. ALSO THANKS TO SARAH POWELL FOR COMPILING THE ORIGINAL TRAIL.**



**P1.** The walk starts outside The Royal Oak Pub, 6 Lime Ave, Eydon, Daventry NN11 3PG. For the exact location [click here](#) and then open in Google Maps. With the pub car park behind you, turn left.



**1a.** Before turning right (Hollow Way) see if you can spot your first photo challenge... The Butterfly House to your left.



**1b** We are now leaving the village. Go straight on along the footpath off-road, with the large oak tree on your right, leading to a kissing gate. Go through the kissing gate. Say hi to the horses and the alpacas.



**Checkpoint photo.** Go through the next kissing gate (which is a bit of a challenge if you have a large rucksack on your back!).



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**1c.** Checkpoint photo: Continue straight.



**2.** Hop over the stile on the left (lovely in spring time as this field is full of lambs), then turn immediately right. Keeping the hedge line to your right you will soon see the next stile in the corner of the field.



**2a.** Climb over the stile and then weave your way through the wooded area following the well trodden path.



**2b.** Cross the new bridge (you will see the old bridge on the other side!).

You have now walked one mile.



**2c.** Continue straight, keeping the hedge line to your left.



**2d.** Checkpoint photo - continue straight, passing a footpath bridge which is on your left. Follow the edge of the field.

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**3.** Checkpoint photo - Ignore the first two small gaps on the left - look for the bigger gap that has the white walking sign on the post (as per the photo). when you reach the gap in the fence turn left, then immediately turn right. The hedge will now be on your right. (See arrows in the photo)



**3a.** Go through the gate or over the small fence and enter the woods. This wooded area can get muddy in the wet weather. You can't really go wrong in these woods - just follow the well trodden footpath until you reach the road.



**3b.** Go through the gate, and cross the road.



**4.** On the other side of the road, follow the green bridlesway sign. Can you see the lovely lake in the distance?



**4a.** There are often swans on these lakes. You will walk between the two lakes (see photo), and then follow the path that bends around to the left.

You have now walked for two miles.



**5.** When you reach the wooded area, bear left into the woods. This is a long windy section through the woods and the bluebells in May are just wonderful.

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**5a.** Eventually you will emerge from the woods and onto an open field. You will see a large farmhouse to the right across the field and there are two golden looking sculptures of lions - can you see them?

Turn left and work your way up the hill. Next stop is the gnomes!



**6** When you reach the road (turn right to continue your walk, but before you do, turn left and walk about 30ft to see the gnomes).

**PHOTO CHALLENGE:** There is a very strange little clearing which is full of gnomes of all shapes and sizes. I'm not really sure why it is here but please take a photo of your favourite gnome. Feel free to tag Adventure Geek if you post on Facebook or Instagram.



**6a** Continue along the track until you reach the bend in the road. Turn left as you venture off-road into the fields and continue walking for 0.4 miles). Check out those views to your right!

You have now walked for three miles.



**6b** Checkpoint photo: There are a series of gates to go through, but you simply continue straight.

This gate opens on the left.



**6c** Checkpoint photo: And this gate opens on the right.

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**7.** Eventually you will reach the road after going through the gate. Turn left.



**7a** Then turn right. You will often find a pair of donkeys in the field on the right. They will come up and say hi if encouraged.



**7b** Go over the stile.



**7c** At the corner of the garden stone wall, turn left. You should be able to see the next stile from here.



**7d** Go over the stile, then walk at a 1 o'clock angle. There are highland cattle with big horns in this field (when we walked through). They are harmless and very beautiful.



**7e** Go over the bridge, and then turn left. Continue along the footpath keeping the stream to your left.

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**7f** Over another stile then walk across the field towards the house.



**7g** I love this house (Tester - is it called the Mill House?). It looks so well kept. You are now walking a little bit of the Jurassic Way. Turn right.

You have now walked four miles.



**7h** Then follow the green Jurassic Way footpath signs as you go into the next field and up the hill.



**8** This is like spaghetti junction for footpaths! Hop over the first stile, then go over the next stile at a 2 o'clock angle. You have the right stile if you see a fallen tree the other side.

With the fallen tree in front of you, follow the hedge line on your right hand side.



**8a.** Go through the metal gate and continue forward.



**8b** When you reach the road, you have a choice. Support local business and pop into Harley Equestrian Cafe for a coffee and cake (or try the most delicious homemade sausage rolls!) OR, turn right and continue your walk.

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**8c** The service here is 2nd to none, as is their food and coffee!



**8d** Continue up the road, keeping an eye out for the amazing viaduct through the trees on your left.

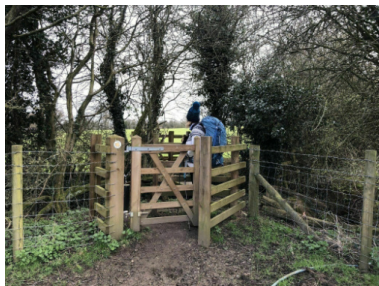
At the top of the road, turn right.



**8e** Walk along the road for approx 100 m after the bridleway sign and look for a footpath sign in the hedge on the left. If you go too far, turn and look back as the sign is easier to see from the other direction (It's not far after this bend in the road).



**8f** Turn left following the green footpath sign. Go down the small decline and over the stile and then walk at a 1 o'clock angle to the kissing gate in the corner.



**9.** Go through the kissing gate, over the little bridge and into the next field. The next stile is not visible from here, but you are heading at a 1 o'clock angle.



**9a** Try and head for where the arrow is pointing in this photo (it's difficult to see, but if you keep walking you will soon see the gate - it is to the left of the stables).

You have now walked for five miles.



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**9b** Go through the gate (or under the gap in the fence!). Walk across the field - continue straight.



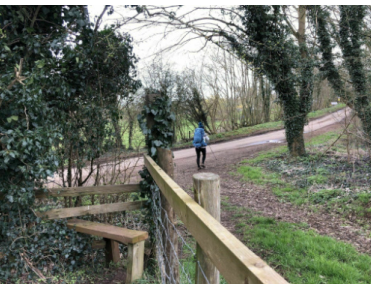
**9c** Go through the metal gate and head for the right hand corner of the farm building.



**9d** There are no footpath signs from this direction (but there are signs on the back of the gate from the other direction). Go through the gate and then continue straight.



**9e** Spot the summer house / shed thing, then make your way through the gap (see a small footpath disc on the farm building wall).



**10.** Climb the final stile, then turn right and make your way back to Eydon village.



**10a** Continue straight along Preston Road.

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**Photo Challenge:** Check out the stain glass fence, but also notice that every fence panel of this garden is very different. Also, if you go around the corner, see if you can count how many telephone boxes are in the garden (we counted x 7 -weird!).



**10b** Continue down the High Street passing Partridge Lane and Doctors Lane. This is such a lovely village. Turn up Blacksmith Lane (which is like going back in time!).



**10c** After weaving your way up Blacksmith Lane you will arrive at Lime Avenue. Turn left and you will see the pub!



**10d** Well done! You have completed today's trail and we hope you enjoyed your walk. You can now add another sticker to your passport!

If there are any changes that need to be made to this walk, then please let me know. Email: [julia@adventuregeek.co.uk](mailto:julia@adventuregeek.co.uk) or submit your feedback using [this form](#). Thank you.



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