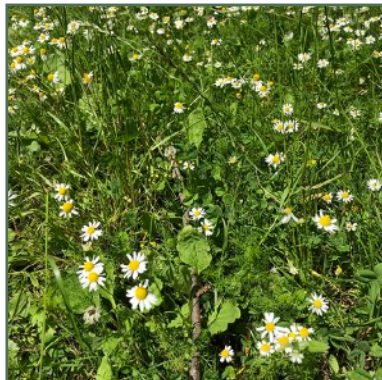


# Guarlford and the Plough and Harrow



Moderate Terrain

4 mile circular walk in the Guarlford countryside



## Access Notes

1. There are stiles and kissing gates along the route so please be aware that dogs may need lifting over some.
2. There are short sections of the route that follow the road along a verge and so care should be taken.
3. The route is relatively easy but depending on the season, may have short sections that are a little overgrown and this should be considered when deciding to follow the walk.
4. This is a walk along trails and through fields so suitable footwear should be considered.

The Plough and Harrow is the perfect pub for refreshments before or after your walk.

A circular walk starting and finishing at the Plough and Harrow in Guarlford, Malvern. Total walk time of around 1 hour 45 minutes to 2 hours,

## Getting there

The walk starts and finishes outside the Plough and Harrow pub on Rhydd Rd, Guarlford.

The pub has a car park and the post code for directions is **WR13 6NY**.

## The Walk

Exit the car park at the rear of the pub and turn left onto the lane. It is a quiet lane but with some blind bends so please take care.

At the end of the lane turn right. In around 100 meters there is a gate and path on your left.



Go into the field and follow the path to the left with the crops and field on your right. At the end of the field, follow the path to the right.

When the field ends at the hedgerow, turn to your right and there is a gap in the hedge a few meters down.



Go through that gap and resume your walk along the side of the next field, keeping the crops on your right. Take a moment to look up at the beautiful Malvern hills in the distance.



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Follow the hedgerow round as it turns to the right. After around 100 meters the hedge breaks. Go through the gap and continue straight on, now with the hedge on your right.



Straight on through the next gap with the stunning hills still in front of you, then continue through the next gate (footpath signed with an arrow).

Follow the track round to the right at the bottom of the field and there is a gap on your left, signed with an arrow.

At the end of this field there is another gate into the next. It's also signed with an arrow. Head through and turn right along the side of the field.



At the end of the field, bear to the left and a little further up you will see a stile on the right over a ditch. This may be a bit tricky with big dogs.

Aim diagonally left across the field, heading for the kissing gate in the corner. Pass through the gate in the hedgerow at the end of the field. Head diagonally left across the field aiming for a beautiful, round tree at about the half way point - you will find the gate to the next field tucked behind it.



Aim straight down the right hand side of this field towards the houses of Guarlford on the horizon. The gate is tucked in the right hand corner of the field. Go through (be careful as it leads onto a road) and cross the road to the pavement and turn left heading into the village.

You are now around half way through the walk (see ). If you'd like to return to the pub you can follow this road all the way back. But it is a fast, busy road, so do take care.

If you'd like to continue, pass the church and round the corner at the end and head straight, taking Penny Lane, the road between the nursery on the left and the village hall on the right. Walk past the houses and beyond to the lane straight ahead.

Pass the sewage works (a low point in the scenery of the walk!) and into the field, crossing straight across to the two posts you can see. Straight through this gate and follow the fence line across the next field.



Through another kissing gate and into the next field. Aim immediately left through another kissing gate. Bear right with the trees on your right.

At the end of the field turn left (away from the gate) and walk until you see a gate in the hedgerow on your right.

Cross the little stile bridge then turn left and over the next little bridge and head across the field to the white house 'yonder'.

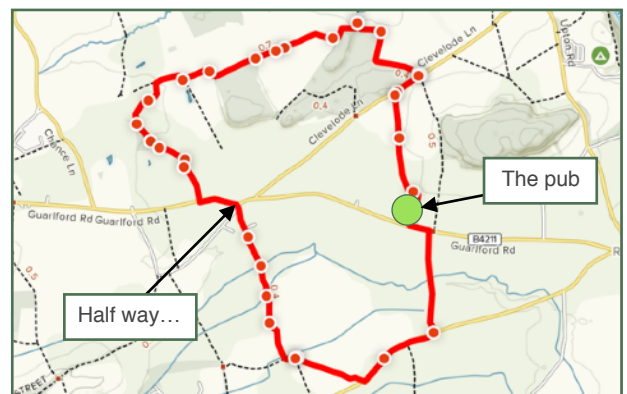


Through the the gate and head towards the gate to the road on your right.

Another reasonably busy road, so take care and turn left and walk for 300 meters on the verge of the road. The verge is a nature reserve, so pretty wild and prickly, but full of lovely things to see.

Take the next road to the left sign-posted to Guarlford. At the end of the road turn left and the pub is on your right across the busy road - take care when crossing.

Now time to put your feet up!



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Walking Safety: For your safety and comfort we recommend that you take the following with you on your walk: bottled water, snacks (who doesn't love a mid-walk snack), a mobile phone and to wear sensible footwear. If the weather has potential to be a little wet or cold, be sure to carry a waterproof jacket, a woolly hat and maybe a fleece. Check the weather forecast before you leave, carry appropriate clothing and do not set out in fog or mist as these conditions can seriously affect your ability to navigate the route. Some routes include sections along roads, for these please take care to avoid any traffic at these points. Around farmland take care with children and dogs.