



DISTANCE

5 miles 8 km c10,500 steps





PRAM FRIENDLY No, this is not very







DOG FRIENDLY

Yes, this is a dog friendly walk, although there are a few stiles

REFRESHMENTS

There are numerous shops, restaurants and pubs on this route.



WALK AUTHOR:

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Julia is a self confessed walkaholic who enjoys a good ramble come rain or shine.

Favourite walk: Camino de Santiago Favourite Northants Walk: Snorscomb Hill. Nr Everdon, Daventry, AG36

PHOTO CHALLENGE:

Your challenge, should you choose to accept it is to photograph a very a bright pink geocache and see if you can spot the little messages in the trees!



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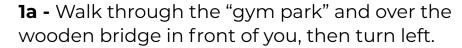


P1. The walk starts at Penvale Park (the entrance with the metal gate) off Penvale Road, East Hunsbury. (click here for exact location then open in Google maps).

Suggested parking in local streets (NN4 ORD) and walking to the start, being respectful of residents at all times.



Note: The majority of this walk is within the boundary of East Hunsbury Parish, however it does touch on other neighbouring parishes.





1b. Exit Penvale Park (don't worry, you will see more of the park on the way back) - and head towards the red bus stop.



1c. Cross the road (Penvale Road), and continue straight ahead. The path curves to the right, follow up to the top.



1d At the T-Junction, continue straight ahead, working your way between two bushes.



2. When you reach the path, turn left and continue along this path for a while.



2a. Through the green bollards, cross the road and walk by the litter bin. Continue straight. These little pocket parks are lovely.



2b - Go though the next set of green bollards and cross the road. This is Butts Road and if you look to your left you will see the Collingtree Pub and alongside that is the Tesco Express. Cross Butts Road and head past the green bollard in front of you.



2c. Carry on for a short way down this path and turn right when you get to the 'T junction' of the path.



2d. Continue Straight. You are heading towards the play park in front of you.



3. Keeping the play area to your left at all times, bear left when you reach the second litter bin.



3a. There is a basketball court to your right. East Hunsbury has so many options for people to get outside and do a bit of exercise. Continue straight.



3b Just before you reach the main road, turn right and head for the roundabout.



3c. At the roundabout, cross the road (Rowtree Road), and head through the little wooded area.



3d. As you emerge onto the main road, turn right. You now have 0.2 miles of walking along this road before your next instruction. you will cross Laneside Hollow.



3e. Checkpoint photo: Cross two roads (Augusta Avenue and Turnberry Lane)



4 Look out for the footpath on the right. If you have reached Greens Restaurant then you have gone too far. Follow the little footpath until you reach a block paved path.

You have walked just over 1 mile.



4a. Turn right. This is a lovely little stretch as you can admire the fabulous houses and of course the wonderful golf course.



4b. Turn right at the next fork in the path.



4c. And then another right turn at the next fork.



5. This is quite a sharp left, but it takes you along a lovely wooded area which follows the edge of the golf course. (Following the footpath signs)



5a. Checkpoint photo: Walk by the fallen tree. (I hope it stays there for a while otherwise this photo will make no sense!).



5b. Watch out for trolls as you cross the little bridge!



5c. Continue on the footpath which bends around to the right.



5d. Continue straight on the footpath that weaves its way through the woods, DO NOT turn right. This section has a small hill that can get muddy in the winter times, but generally it's a very pretty section.



6. When you reach the footpath crossroads turn left (Do not head over the motorway).



6a. Cross the next stile.





6b. Continue straight and head for that big tree in the distance. Take either path, they both lead to the same place.

You have now walked 2 miles.



6c. I don't know why I felt like ducking as I went through this cute little archway.



6d Oh the choices... do you go over or through? You are now in the fabulous village of Collingtree. Go straight down the road in front of you as you come out the gate.



6e. Walk straight ahead then St Columba Church to your left is almost 900 years old and underwent major restoration in the 1860's.

Photo opportunity.



6f. Cross the junction and continue straight. You will now pass Collingtree Church of England Primary School which you will see on your right. Continue past Glebe Farm Stables on your left and follow the footpath.



6g. Another stile (sorry to the dog owners and those with dodgy knees). Continue straight.



6h. The building to your left as you approach this next stile is Collingtree Park Care Home. Hop over this stile (dog friendly) and then immediately turn left.



6i. Cross the golf course, and head for a little lane that is at the side of the house in front of you. (see arrow on the photo)



6j. Make your way along the secret alleyway (actually it's a public footpath!).



7. At the end of the alleyway turn left. You are now on Windingbrook Lane.



7a Checkpoint photo: I love this little postbox. The next photo is 0.2 miles. You will pass Laurel Valley (right), Shoal Creek (right).



7b Checkpoint photo: Pass Collingtree Park Health Club (run by Virgin Active Health clubs) Continue walking for a further 0.3 miles. You will pass Greens Restaurant on your right, Turnberry Lane on your left, Colonial Drive on your right



8. If you haven't already done so then cross the road and then turn left into Augusta Avenue.



9. At the end of the cul de sac follow the little path that bears around to the right and leads you into SpyGlass Hill (what a fantastic name for a street).

See if you can spot a very unique and artistic window on your left.



9a. At T-juntion, turn right and head towards the main road. (Rowtree Road)



9b Turn left and follow Rowtree Road. (Or sensible people will turn right, use the zebra crossing, then turn left and head to towards the mini roundabout).



9c. Cross Penvale Road and continue straight.



10. As you are walking along Rowtree Road, you will pass Lichfield Drive and then Hilldrop Road.

x. Optional: Geocache to be found. Shortly after you Hilldrop Road, cross over the main road. Just after Collingcroft Close you are looking for a Cherry Tree. The hint is "very low" - Good luck! - You have now walked 4 miles!





11. After finding the geocache, cross back over to the other side of the road. Continue straight, passing Lapwing Close. Soon after you will see a wooden fence, go through the gate on your right and into the park. (This is Grangewood Park)



11a. Continue up the cobbled path. Do not cross the bridge - continue straight.



11b. The 2nd bridge also has a very large fallen tree next to it. Cross the bridge, then keep right. Keep an eye out for squirrels, and continue walking until you see two very decorative dens on your right hand side. If you get a chance pop in see if you can spot the frog.



11c. With the dens to your right, bear left and head out of the woods. Continue straight following the well trodden footpath for approx 0.2 miles until you reach the road.



12. Cross the road and continue into Penvale Park. Continue straight.



12a. Following the path, keep left. Pass multiple benches. There is a trodden path that goes a sharper left here up into the trees but take the lesser left to go through the green area rather than the trees.



12b. You are now nearly back to the start. Just one more little bridge to cross, turn right...



12c. Then immediately turn left.



12d. If you have any energy left then have a little workout on the gym equipment. If not, pat yourself on the back as you have just walked 5 miles!

If there are any changes that need to be made to this walk, then please let me know. Email: julia@adventuregeek.co.uk

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