

For a short descriptive video showing each stile and track to follow point your smart phone at the QR code or follow this link.

<https://youtu.be/5UrwlDy-Jck>



GOUGH WALK 5

The Original 6 Gough Walk booklets were produced by a group of 18 people living in the parish in 2000 and copies are still available just inside St Peter's Church in Myddle. Our thanks to The Myddle, Broughton and Harmer Hill Parish Paths Partnership group for maintaining and marking the local walks.
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GOUGH WALK 5 MYDDLE, SHROPSHIRE



Gough Walk 5. This leaflet describes Gough Walk 5 in detail. Turn by turn and stile by stile. The walk is all on official Rights of Way and has Gough Walk 5 signs and Blue Bridleway signs or Yellow footpath signs for you to follow. On the back of this leaflet is a link to a short video showing each stage of the walk. Please note parts of the walk can be very wet, especially in winter time. Part of the route is on the busy B4397. Please take care. High Viz clothing is advisable for this part of the walk.

The other 5 Gough walks can be found here

<http://www.myddle.net/index.cfm/walk-cycle/>

Detailed description of Gough Walk 5 in 2021.

1. Park in the lane beside the church, walk down through the village past the village hall and pub, take the footpath between the houses which you see straight ahead keeping Arran House on your left and Myddle View on your right.
2. Go over the busy A528 and pass through the kissing gate and cross the field keeping the pond on your left. Pass through the metal kissing gate into the next field and turn right. Keep the hedge on your right and walk towards the small wood. At the end of the field go through the wood and turn left on the road. Walk along the road past Houlston Manor on your right and soon you will come to a sharp right-hand corner with a metal five bar gate on your left and the signs for Gough Walk 5.
3. Go through the gate and follow the signs towards your right-hand side keeping the hedge on your right-hand side. Walk to the next hedge in front of you and cross the double stile. Aim for the top left-hand corner of this field keeping the hedge on your left. The stile is hidden in the corner of the field. Cross over the stile and aim for the pointed end of the hedge on your right. Turn right at that point and follow the hedge, keeping it on your right and you will see Brandwood house in front of you, aim for the corner of the beech hedge where the garden meets the field. Keeping the beech hedge on your right, walk to the next stile that crosses the drive. Go over the drive and look for the stiles across the pony paddocks aiming for the next stile in the top right-hand corner.
4. Go over the stile and turn left down the road and walk for about 50 metres to the next set of stiles on your right. Cross both stiles and turn immediately left down the field keeping the hedge on your left. Look for the next stile near a telegraph pole, cross that stile and go straight ahead then go over another stile and towards the main road where there is a metal kissing gate.
5. Cross the main road carefully and go over the stile and keeping the hedge on your right walk up the hill looking for another gate and stile in front of you, continue up the hill and look for a tall metal gate in the next hedge in front of you. Go through the gate. At this point 2 footpaths merge, you need to aim straight on but diagonally towards your right keeping the hedge on your right, towards the top of the field aim for the right-hand corner of the field where you reach a water trough and a place where 4 fields meet and 2 footpaths cross. Go over the stile and turn immediately right walking through the field you will see solar panels on your right in the next field keeping those on your right walk to the next hedge, cross the double stile and ditch and walk straight on towards the right-hand corner of the field and the stile on to the B4397.
6. Cross the road and go over the stile, and keeping the hedge on your right walk about 150m to the next double stile on your right, cross into the field and turn left. Walk with the hedge on your left until you reach the point of the field where the hedge goes left. At this point, there is an open space in front of you, look for a small water trough on your right, head towards the water trough and walk into the scrubland keeping the scrubland hedge on your right, follow the track towards the right-hand corner.

7. Look for the stile in the corner of the scrubland, go over it and turn left then right over a rickety bridge and another stile. At this point, turn left and follow the hedge keeping the hedge on your left until you can see the start of the bridleway in front of you. The woodland here is known as Marton Coppice.
8. Go through the bridleway gate and walk diagonally left to the next gate. The bridleway is well marked with white flags and signs on the bridleway gates. Walk down through the fields towards Marton Farm, go through the farmyard keeping the main farm buildings on your right and out onto the road, turn left at the road walk 50m to the main Baschurch to Myddle B4397 and turn right.
9. Walk very CAREFULLY along the busy B 4397 keeping on the right-hand side, facing the on-coming traffic for 650 metres. **THERE IS NO PAVEMENT. Wearing High Viz clothing is recommended for this stretch of road.** When you see a house near the road on your right, look to your left for the footpath sign and stile, you can pass over the stile and head straight on until you reach the brook and footbridge. Alternatively, do not go over the stile but walk further down the road for 50 metres and opposite Tan House turn left into the field on to a permissive path which follows the brook until you reach the footbridge on your right.
10. Go over the footbridge and walk diagonally left to the next stile. Pass over the stile and look diagonally to your right towards the telegraph pole in this field, the stile is just after you reach the pole. Then aim for the old chicken shed at Eyton Farm where the next stile is in the right-hand hedge, DO NOT CROSS THE STILE but turn directly to your left and walk down the slope keeping the old chicken shed on your right.
11. Look for the stile straight in front of you as you walk past the chicken shed. At the stile look down the hill towards the right and there is another hedge and you will see a stile on its own, walk down the hill passing the stile keeping the hedge and Fenemere Pool on your right, walk down the field to a metal gate in front of you. Pass through the gate and look for a double stile on your right just before the next metal gate, go over the stiles and turn left.
12. Keeping the hedge and Marton Pool on your left, go on to the next stile and still keeping the hedge on your left pass over the next double stile. Keep the hedge on your left until you reach a stile by a metal gate. Look up the hill and follow the line of the telegraph poles towards the next stiles, pass through the pony paddocks until you reach a road.
13. Turn right and walk along the road which becomes a green lane, continue along the green lane until you reach an open field and carry straight on. It is now a straight walk across 3 fields and 2 more stiles until you reach a stile that goes into the back garden of a house straight in front of you. Go through the garden and the gate onto Fenemere Lane, turn left and walk up to the Baschurch to Myddle road. Turn right and walk on the righthand side of the road, facing the oncoming traffic towards Myddle, eventually reaching St Peter's Church from where you started your walk.

You have covered 8.3 miles.

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