

Doorstep Walks

A Closer Look Guide

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The Village walk at Ulley Country Park

Doorstep Walk 6 – Just the Words

Some people may find the small print of the walks leaflets a little tricky to follow, or walk leaders may wish to have a handy, large print version of the walk to insert notes. We thought it would be useful to have a description only version of the walks to enable you to cut and paste, enlarge or remove text as you wish.

- 1 Start in the car park facing the visitor centre in the park and head left, following the path to the reservoir. Turn left along the reservoir path and then stay on the path as it heads right along the reservoir wall and along the side of the water.
- 2 Carefully cross the road and head straight, following the path around the upper reservoir, cross a small wooden footbridge and then look out for a path on your left heading away from the reservoir and towards a wood, follow this path.
- 3 Pass through gorse and into the wood, the path follows the stream and soon enters a meadow, follow the waymarks straight ahead and left, bearing away from the wet meadow bottom by the stream. Pause for a moment to admire the wood and meadow, rich in flora and fauna, up until recently this land was private, but thanks to the landowner and local farmer the public can now enjoy this beautiful area along this permissive path.
- 4 Keep going straight, along the permissive path on the field edge, crossing a path at one point (you will be returning this

- way later as you come back downhill) and eventually you will reach Stocket Lane, a hedge lined ancient track. This lane is a bridleway, keep an eye out for horses and cyclists on here.
- 5 Turn right and head uphill, along this narrow country lane, which eventually joins a farm track and arrives finally at Penny Hill Lane, Turn left, carefully following the road. Soon you will arrive at Ulley Village . To take a sidetrip to the Royal Oak pub in the village turn left along Turnshaw Road.
 - 6 Head straight through the village, passing the church of Holy Trinity on your right, after a short time you will see a track on your right between houses, follow this route remembering that this is also a private access road, please respect the residents privacy. The path soon enters farmland – head straight downhill until you reach the edge of the stream, you have been here earlier. Head left along the stream and back into the wood and meadow, eventually you will rejoin the path around the reservoir.
 - 7 Head left, along the reservoir path, this area is rich in dragonflies during the summer months . Soon you will rejoin Reservoir Road, turn right, taking care on this short section of road. Once across the reservoir wall head left along the path and soon you will arrive back at the visitor centre and car park.