

8 After about 300 metres the path swings down a slope to the right. At the bottom of the slope make sure you turn into the field on the left and then follow the edge of the wood on your left. Eventually you will enter the wood. Follow the path for a few metres and out across a field on to a narrow road.

9 Turn right onto the road which leads to Wychnor Park Country Club. Go past the club on a path on the edge of the golf course. Follow the path for about ½ km over a footbridge and into a wood.

10 After leaving the wood keep following the path for another ½ km over two more footbridges and onto a narrow lane.

11 Turn right and walk over a bridge and eventually onto a road.

12 Now turn left and just before the canal bridge turn left onto the tow path. Follow the tow path for 1 km and just before a bridge over the canal take the stile on the left and up the slope to St Leonards Church.

13 Turn left and continue for 300m to a crossroads. Go straight on here and follow the track for 1.5 km.

14 Turn left into Dogs Head Lane.

15 At the next T junction turn right into The Green, past the Royal Oak pub and continue along the road (which becomes Wales Lane) for about ½ km.

16 At the T junction with Main Street turn right into the centre of the village (where refreshments are available) and then left into Crowberry Lane back to the car park.



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Walk: 1

Circular Walks Around Barton Under Needwood



**BARTON
WOODHOUSES
WYCHNOR
ALREWAS**

**Circular Walk
Distance: 13.5km**

Grade: Moderate
Approximate Time: 4-5 hours

Countryside Code

*Be safe – plan ahead and follow any signs.
Leave gates and property as you find them.
Respect the working life of the countryside.
Protect plants and animals and
take your litter home.
Keep dogs under close control.
Consider other people.*



- 1 Start in Barton Village Hall car park, Crowberry Lane, DE13 8AF. Turn left past the Methodist Church and walk up the track, through a gate and continue to a stile. Turn left, climb over another stile and keeping the hedge on your left walk until you reach a gate leading out on to a track.
- 2 Go through the gate and turn right and follow the track to a stile. The large house on the left is called The Knoll. After a few metres you will reach another stile. Climb over the stile and follow the track up the slope and after a turn to the right and one to the left you reach the top of the slope. From here on the horizon to your left you can see Cannock Chase.
- 3 Continue along the path until you see a stile on your right. Do not take this stile but turn left into a wood. Follow the path through the wood until you return to the original path. Turn left along the path and past a pylon on your right. You will eventually reach the entrance to another wood on your left opposite a stile on your right.
- 4 Go through the wood until you reach a track. You have now reached a place called Mosey Mere.
- 5 Turn left and through the gate onto the road. Cross the road, turn left and walk along the verge until you reach a stile. Climb over the stile and walk across the field to another stile leading onto a road. Turn left and climb over another stile on your right. On a clear day you may see Rugeley Power Station on the horizon. Walk down the field keeping the hedge on your left and the pylon on your right. Climb over the stile at the bottom of the field and continue straight ahead keeping the hedge on your left.



- 6 Next follow the path up a slope over two fields. When you reach the top carry on to a stile with the tree line on your left. Continue on the path until you reach a road (Sich Lane). Turn left and walk up to the end of the lane. Turn right and follow the road for about ½ km until you reach Meadow Lane on your right.

- 7 Walk along Meadow Lane for about 1km to a footpath on your left. This footpath is called "The Way For The Millennium" or "National Forest Way". Look for a small clump of trees in the centre of the field and pass by on the right hand side and then look for a sign post directing you down a slope to a stile.

