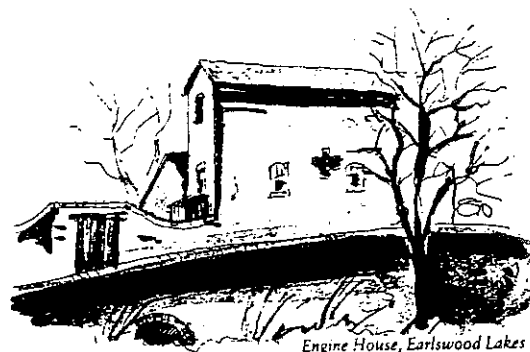


**A SOLIHULL WAY  
(SOUTH SECTION)  
EARLSWOOD - SOLIHULL TOWN CENTRE**  
(More Direct Route)

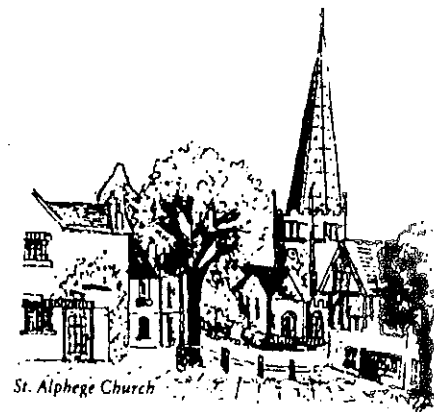


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| 1 | Earlswood Lakes      |  |
| 2 | Salter Street        | From The Reservoir PH at Earlswood crossroads (Walk 3 in Country Walks Book 2 starts close to here) follow Shutt Lane; at Salter Street TL (2).  |
| 3 | Cheswick Way         | TR Vicarage Road; cross over Illshaw Heath Road/Watery Lane (2km/1.2m) and follow Creynolds Lane; TL Cheswick Way (3).<br><br>TL Saxon Wood Road; TR Boscobel Road (4).  |
| 4 | Boscobel Road        | At 65 Boscobel Road TR, continuing to right of garages to stile (3.1km/1.9m); follow field-edge footpath to Stratford Road; TR to roundabout and X to Monkspath Hall Road (5).   |
| 5 | Monkspath Hall Road  | Follow Monkspath Hall Road past re-built Monkspath Hall and roundabout; after Thornton Road, X to tarmac path to right of car park (4.5km/2.8m) (Walk 6 in Country Walks Book 2 starts here) and enter Hillfield Park (6).   |
| 6 | Hillfield Park       | Follow path behind housing, at path junction bear L round pond; TL at path junction at end of pond, past toilets, car park and children's play area; at next path junction, bear right across park to The Chequers PH; follow Monkspath Cycle Route; X Widney Lane to take tarmac path at bus shelter - Libbards Way (5.8km/3.6m); TL Hillfield Road (7).  |
| 7 | Hillfield Road       | Continue on Monkspath Cycle Route past Hillfield Hall, under railway to Church Hill Road (7.2km/4.5m) and TL; X to path between Nos.55/57 Church Hill Road; at path end, TR up Church Hill Road to St Alphege Church; X at War Memorial to High Street (8) (Walk 4 in Country Walks Book 2 starts close to here); TR Mill Lane (7.8km/4.8m) to continue on Middle Section of walk or to end of High Street for bus connections at Poplar Road. |
| 8 | Solihull Town Centre |  |

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**A SOLIHULL WAY  
(MIDDLE SECTION)  
SOLIHULL TOWN CENTRE -  
MARSTON GREEN**

(More Direct Route)



St. Alphege Church

- 8 Solihull Town Centre

From Poplar Road bus stops, go down High Street (8) (Walk 4 in Country Walks Book 2 starts from near here).
- 9 Union Road

TL Mill Lane, route from the south joins here; TR Warwick Road, X to The Golden Lion PH and TL up Union Road (9).

Union Road becomes a path between Hospital and Solihull School playing fields; TR School Lane; TL Broomfields Farm Road; X Shustoke Road to continue on path which goes underneath Solihull Bypass and crosses Elm Close and Redlands Road to Cornyx Lane (1.4km/0.9m); X to Greville Arms PH, TL Damson Lane and immediately bear R Wherretts Well Lane (10).
- 10 Wherretts Well Lane

TR Lugtrout Lane; TL Damson Parkway; cross over canal bridge (No.78A) and TL down (with care) to Grand Union Canal towpath (11) (2.3km/1.4m).
- 11 Grand Union Canal

TR alongside canal until just before the 4th bridge (2nd is a footbridge) - bear R off towpath up to Lode Lane (12) (3.7km/2.3m).
- 12 Lode Lane

At Lode Lane TR: after Land Rover works TR along tarmac path (4.2km/2.6m) alongside the Land Rover boundary fence to Tanhouse Farm Road (5.2km/3.2m); X road to Elmdon Park (13).
- 13 Elmdon Park

Follow path past toilets and tennis courts, after children's play area, cross stream and follow path to the right and up the hill towards the beacon; at car park, take road past Church of St Nicholas; TL at road junction; after right angle bend (Walk 6 in Country Walks Book 1 joins here), TL along track (6km/3.7m) with Elmdon Grange on R; follow path through woodland fringe planted area to housing; cross Victor Road and Rangoon Road to A45 Coventry Road (6.8km/4.2m) and enter Birmingham, X with care and TR; TL between cottages (Tiger Island Cottages) to Birmingham International Airport boundary fence (14).
- 14 Birmingham International Airport

Follow fence with Hatchford Brook Golf Course on left; continue round to end of runway and head for bridge under railway (9.4km/5.8m) for the continuation of the walk northwards.
- 15 Marston Green

For those wishing to pick up a bus at Marston Green Station, cross over Hatchford Brook and continue up the hill, back into Solihull, to Elmdon Lane; TL, cross over footbridge to bus stops (15) (9.8km/6.1m).

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**A SOLIHULL WAY  
(NORTH SECTION)  
MARSTON GREEN - CASTLE BROMWICH  
HALL GARDENS**



*Castle Bromwich Hall*

- (15) Marston Green
- (16) Hatchford Brook
- (17) Kingshurst Brook
- (18) Meriden Park
- (19) Cole Bank
- (20) The Ridge
- (21) Beechcroft Open Space
- (22) Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens

From Marston Green railway station cross the footbridge to Elmdon Lane; after a short distance TR, just before the car park entrance, on to a path; go through the gate into Birmingham's Sheldon Country Park and down the hill to cross the Hatchford Brook (16) - the middle section joins from the left.

The route northwards continues to the right following the path under the railway line to Bell Lane (The Bell PH); cross over to the path (into Solihull) through the first of many areas of open space, Holly Lane Fields; at the Friendly Inn, go under Gloucester Way (1.6 km/1.0m) and where Low Brook joins Hatchford Brook - Kingshurst Brook (17) is formed.

Continue through Bellbrook Fields; cross the brook by the footbridge and follow the brook on the other bank; after passing under Bosworth Drive we enter Queen's Gardens; after passing under Chelmsley Road (2.6km/1m) we enter Meriden Park (18).

Pass the lake, toilets, bowling green and children's play area and follow the entrance road to Moored Avenue (walk 12 in Country Walks Book 1 joins here); TL and X; after crossing the River Cole Bridge, TR to follow the river in Cole Bank Open Space (19).

Follow the River Cole, under Bacon's End Bridge; where the river turns right to the M6, proceed up the hill to the left of the E11R cipher cut in the bank (3.9km/2.4m); go clockwise round the roundabout to the third exit road; TR to follow The Ridge (20) between Auckland Drive and the Collector Road/M6.

Continue in this narrow open space with Coleshill Church on the hill to the right; cross an access road to the Collector Road (6.5km/4m); enter Bosworth's Wood and Lanchester Park; after the access road to Forest Oak School, take the path at the back of the housing with the school on the right to Water Orton Road (7.6km/4.8m); TR and X; after the end of the housing, take the path at the back of the housing into Beechcroft Open Space (21).

Follow the path through the open space with Birmingham City Centre skyline coming into view; X Parkfield Drive (9km/5.6m) and continue through the open space past the children's play area to Kingsleigh Drive (9.7km/6m); go up Kyter Drive; TR up the unadopted Rectory Lane; at Chester Road TR past the church; TL into the car park and Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens (22).

Bus connections can be picked up from Hall Road at the mini roundabout adjacent to Castle Bromwich Hall at the bend in Chester Road.

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