



HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

BILBERRY WOOD WALK

TIME: approximately 1½ hours.

PARKING: Public Car Park, Tinkersdale

This walk is level for much of the way and has a minimum of stiles and rough ground. Stout shoes or wellingtons are advisable.

This is a largely wooded walk which skirts the Castle parkland and private Hawarden Estate, crossing a stream near the ruined corn mill. Following the long straight track to Cherry Orchard Farm, the path returns via a quiet roadway, rising above the by pass to give good views of surrounding countryside. The final stage, curving round past the estate woodland and rejoining Tinkersdale along its bend, completes its course at the car park.



Old Corn Mill

PLACES TO EAT:

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| The Coffee Shop, Glynne Way, Haw. | 01244 533446 |
| Gladstone's Library Bistro | 01244 532350 |
| Church Lane, Haw. (10am – 4pm) | |
| Fox & Grapes, The Highway, Haw. | 01244 532565 |
| White Bear, Mancot | 01244 539077 |
| Crown & Liver, Ewloe | 01244 531182 |
| Plough Inn, Aston | 01244 812722 |
| St David's Park Hotel, Ewloe | 01244 520800 |
| The Running Hare, Ewloe | 01244 535860 |

Further details about Hawarden, other walks, trails and attractions are available from: -

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Directions:

Enter woods from car park via exit set in retaining stone wall. This is a steep path which leads, after a (1) short distance, to the site of a ruined corn mill. The flow of water was channelled to the wheel, situated beneath the arch to the left of the mill buildings. Remains of the mill structure are clearly visible to the left of the footpath.

Resume the walk along the path, which rises a little (castle and park to the left). NOTE: There is no public access from this path into the Park. Continue to stile ahead and parallel with boundary stone wall to left, following similarly along the line of trees to a second stile. Here, take the straighter line of path – not right – between the trees, the path bending as it opens out.

(2) Dense woodland lies to the right and at an old gateway in the wall on the left pause to admire the splendid view of the parkland. Continue through the woods, over stile, keeping to the central path - do not deviate onto side paths – until reaching clear 'T' junction with similar track.

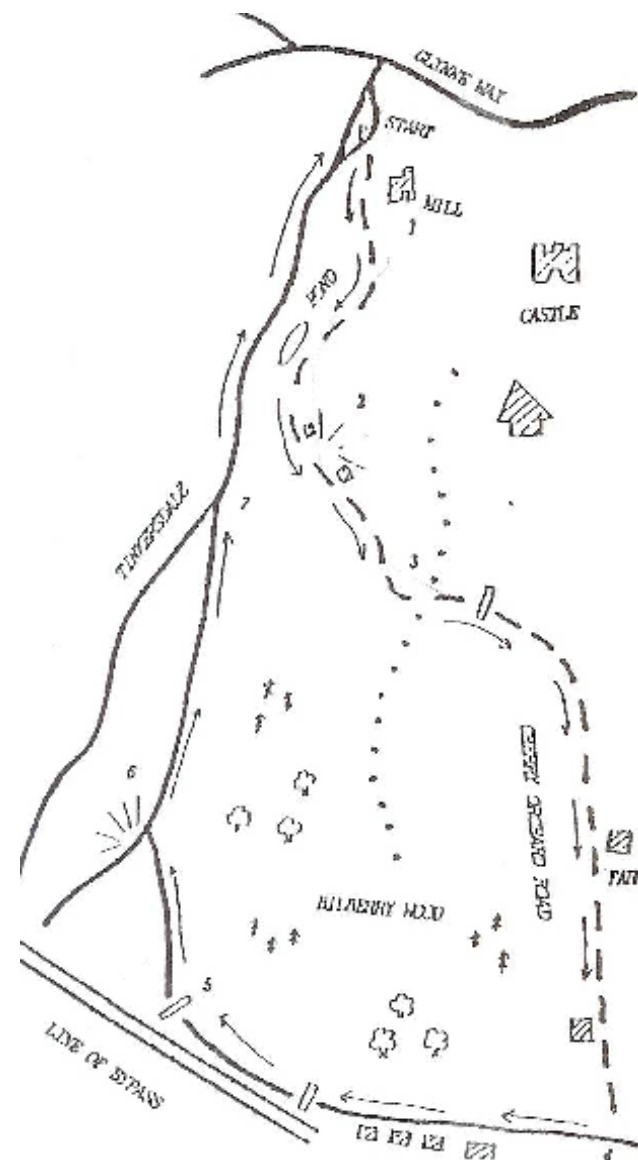
(3) At this junction, bear initially left and then immediately right, to take path straight ahead leading to large farm gate and out onto metalled road.

Having left the woods, a pleasing landscape lies ahead – to the left a wide expanse of rolling farmland and far-distant views. This roadway continues unhindered for some distance, past farm buildings and fields providing grazing for sheep and cattle; pheasants and squirrels are often to be seen, as is a wide variety of wild bird life.

4) On reaching the end of this track, at the junction with a public road, turn right (pavement on left of road) past Spinning Wheel Restaurant and Pub., and various interesting cottages; the road eventually becomes gated (closed to traffic). Continue with wood close to the right, the road rising above the by-pass. Do Not turn into the wood at any entrance or cross the by-pass, but keep (5) with the path until it bears to the right, through a gate/stile.

Here is a quiet lane with wide grass verge, which passes solitary dwellings along its length; at the first fork, bear right, stopping to take in the view ahead over open (6) countryside, note pretty thatched cottage in middle distance. Continue along this quiet lane for some way.

(7) On reaching the next road junction, turn right into Tinkersdale – a busy road at certain times of the day – cross the road with caution to the footpath on the far side of the road; continue downhill with the bend, until winding uphill, once again, the car park is reached, on the right-hand side of the road.



_____ = Main Routes

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