

Directions to Hampton-on-the-Hill

The journey each way is about 2 ½ miles. It would take a Y5 child about an hour to walk there (without stopping to play) so wear comfortable shoes, take plenty to drink and a snack (there is a shop on Field Barn Rd. if you run out).

On a bicycle it only takes about 20 minutes.

1. Stand facing the main entrance to the school, turn to your right, walk past the entrance to the car park and left down the footpath following the school fence.
2. Follow the footpath and fence all the way to the corner and then turn right onto the wide cycle path.
3. Follow the cycle path to the bridge and then turn right on to the canal tow path.
4. Follow the tow path past both locks, past the pub on the far bank, under two bridges and along a narrow bit (look ahead and wait if there is someone coming the other way) to a modern red brick bridge.
5. Go up the steps at the side of the bridge, carefully cross the road and go down Budbroke Rd.
6. Go past the Canal Centre and the ruined house, over the bridge and follow the road round to the right into the industrial area.
7. Turn right down the cycle path just after the large blue building.
8. Follow the cycle path along by the canal, under the A46 and join the little road that goes past the Canal and River Trust car park (you could follow the tow path all the way to this point, but you would have to cross the lock gates).
9. Turn left at the end of this little road, past the entrance to Warwick Parkway Station and under the railway bridge.
10. Go past Stanks Farm, past Blandford Way, then follow the main road round the corner and up the hill past Field Barn Rd. and Damson Rd.
11. At the corner turn left along the second small road, called Montgomery Avenue (the sign says that it is a private road, but a public footpath follows this route, so you are allowed to use it), go on past the play park and follow the road around the tree-covered roundabout to the far corner where there is a small, fenced, foot path.
12. Go down the foot path (walk, even if you have a bicycle) and turn left at the end.
13. Follow the road along to the Old Red Telephone Box.
14. Turn left, through the kissing gate and follow the path out on to the field.

You have arrived. There are sheep and lambs in this field, so do not scare them and if you have a dog, keep it on a lead. You will have to walk along the path to see different aspects of the view, there is an old tree stump from which the view is particularly good.

You will notice that there are ridges and dips (furrows) in the field, this is because it is a medieval field: Each person in the villiage had a different ridge to use. There is another one like this on Warwick race course.