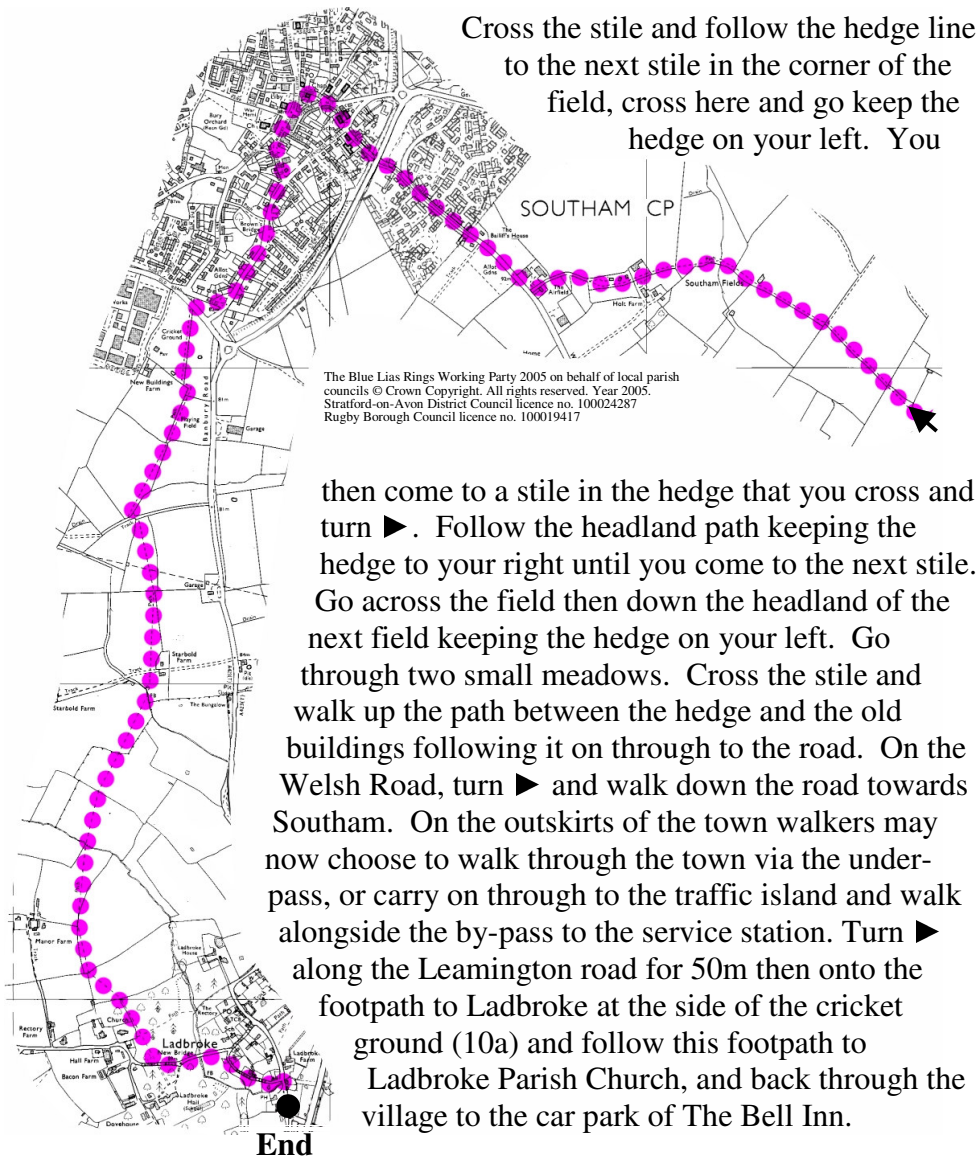


Cross the stile and follow the hedge line to the next stile in the corner of the field, cross here and go keep the hedge on your left. You



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then come to a stile in the hedge that you cross and turn ►. Follow the headland path keeping the hedge to your right until you come to the next stile. Go across the field then down the headland of the next field keeping the hedge on your left. Go through two small meadows. Cross the stile and walk up the path between the hedge and the old buildings following it on through to the road. On the Welsh Road, turn ► and walk down the road towards Southam. On the outskirts of the town walkers may now choose to walk through the town via the underpass, or carry on through to the traffic island and walk alongside the by-pass to the service station. Turn ► along the Leamington road for 50m then onto the footpath to Ladbroke at the side of the cricket ground (10a) and follow this footpath to Ladbroke Parish Church, and back through the village to the car park of The Bell Inn.

End

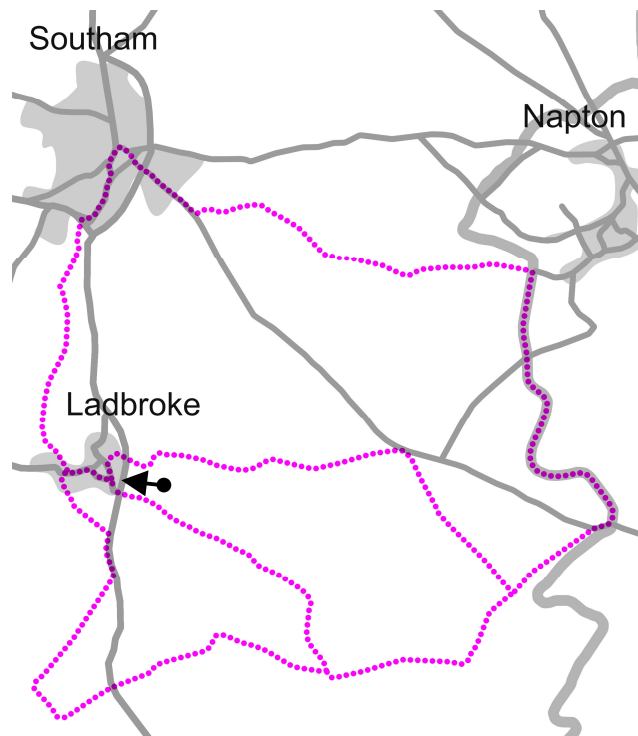
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Walk 3

Ladbroke, Napton and Southam

This leaflet covers the longest route, a distance of 20½ km (12¾ miles). Leaflet 3A refers to two shorter routes.

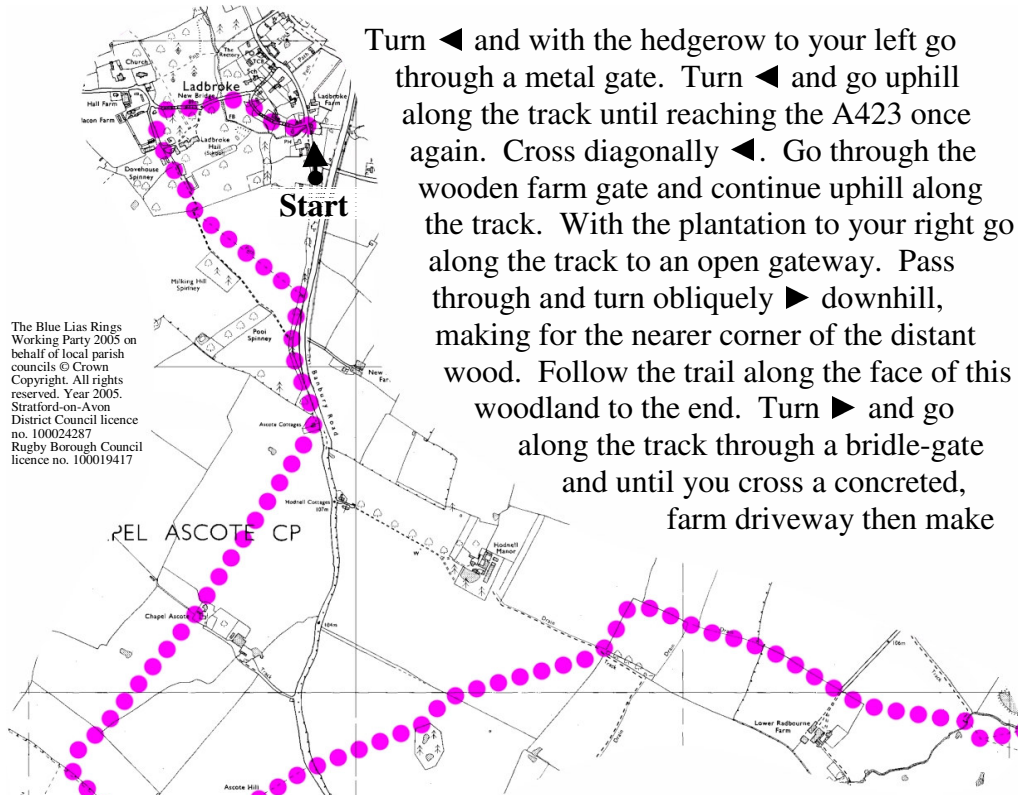


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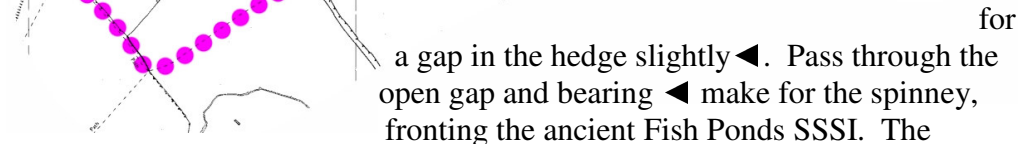
Stiles referred to in the text may have been replaced with gates as part of an ongoing access improvement plan.

Turn ◀ out of The Bell Inn car park and ◀ again into Bridge Lane and ◀ again into Church Road, past the frontage to Ladbroke Hall. Turn ◀ into the rear entrance driveway, pass the garage blocks, and along a further driveway, with a Leylandii hedge to your left to a stile, and onto a footpath. Cross this paddock to a stile and into a larger field, keeping the two spinneys some 50m to your right. Go over the brow of the hill and head down to the main road (A423). Turn ► up the road to Chapel Ascote Cottages, and ► across the yard of No. 2 to the stile. Follow the path round, through the gate and onto the waymarked route across a large field to the rear of Chapel Ascote Farm and over two more stiles into another field. Go straight downhill, cross a stile and through the field to a gate onto a bridleway.

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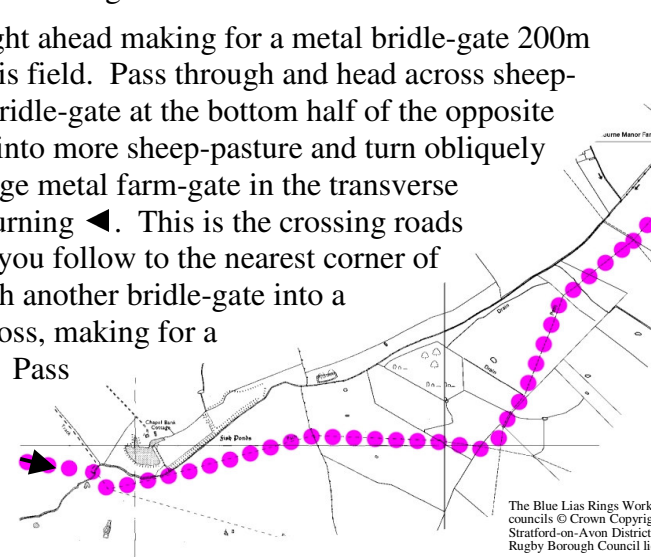


Turn ◀ and with the hedgerow to your left go through a metal gate. Turn ◀ and go uphill along the track until reaching the A423 once again. Cross diagonally ◀. Go through the wooden farm gate and continue uphill along the track. With the plantation to your right go along the track to an open gateway. Pass through and turn obliquely ▶ downhill, making for the nearer corner of the distant wood. Follow the trail along the face of this woodland to the end. Turn ▶ and go along the track through a bridle-gate and until you cross a concreted, farm driveway then make



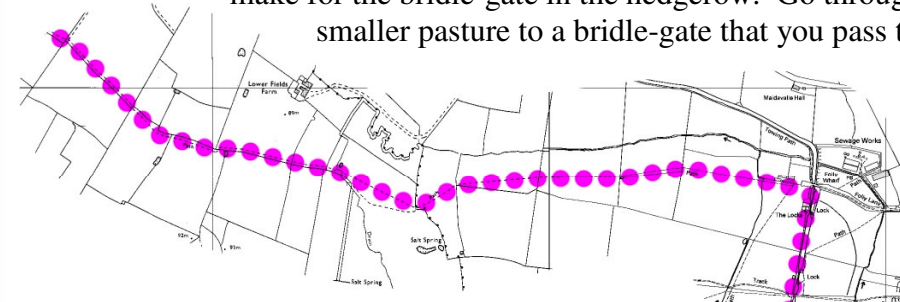
for a gap in the hedge slightly ◀. Pass through the open gap and bearing ◀ make for the spinney, fronting the ancient Fish Ponds SSSI. The

bridleway now lies straight ahead making for a metal bridle-gate 200m from the top corner of this field. Pass through and head across sheep-pasture land to another bridle-gate at the bottom half of the opposite hedgerow. Go through, into more sheep-pasture and turn obliquely ▶ heading down to a large metal farm-gate in the transverse hedging. Pass through turning ◀. This is the crossing roads for the bridleway which you follow to the nearest corner of this field, passing through another bridle-gate into a small pasture that you cross, making for a bridle-gate at the corner. Pass through and cross a very large area of pasture. Keep the hedgerow on

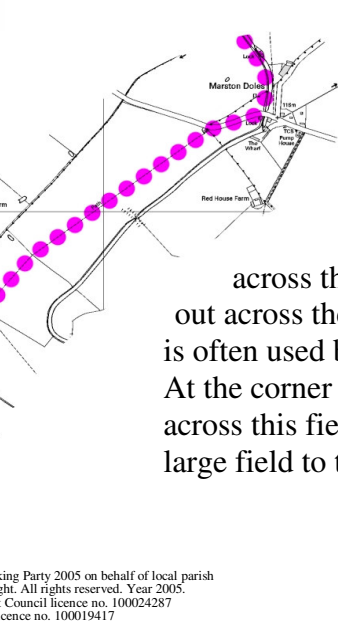


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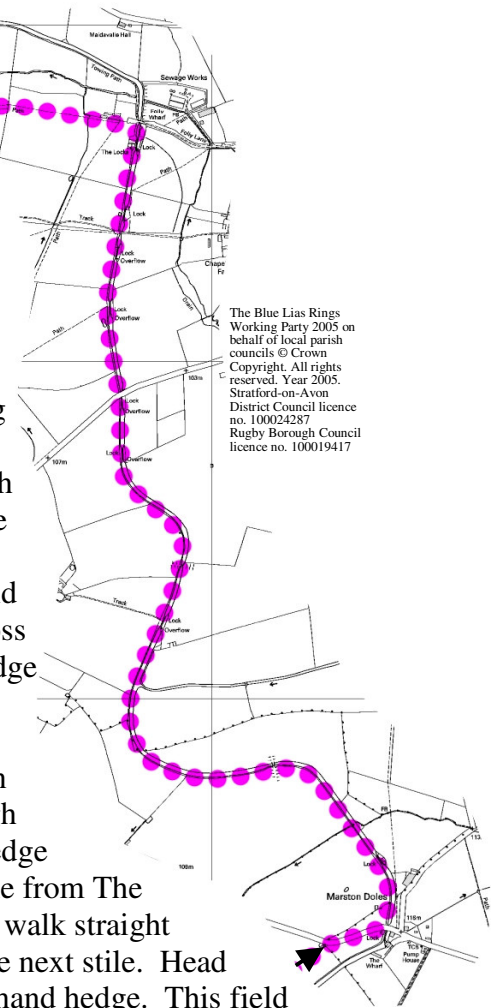
your right for 200m and cross an open drain and veering ◀ continue for 500m making for a point roughly middle-field. Cross an open drain and make for the bridle-gate in the hedgerow. Go through and across a smaller pasture to a bridle-gate that you pass through onto a



footpath crossing road. Head across this area of pasture and through the bridle-gate into a long, wide field leading to the Welsh Road East. Passing through the final bridle-gate, turn ▶ up to the canal bridge. Go onto the towpath and follow the Oxford Canal walk in the direction of Rugby. Continue until you arrive at The Folly Inn. Make for the old telephone kiosk in front of the shop, cross the stile and turn ▶ and go down the ridge and furrow field. Cross



over the small brook and head for the open gateway, pass through and walk to the far hedge keeping in a straight line from The Folly. Cross the stile and walk straight across the middle of the field to the next stile. Head out across the field but veer to the left hand hedge. This field is often used by model aeroplane enthusiasts so take this into consideration. At the corner of the field go through a gateway and a gap in the hedge. Go across this field and head towards a stile in the far hedge. Walk across this large field to the far side.



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