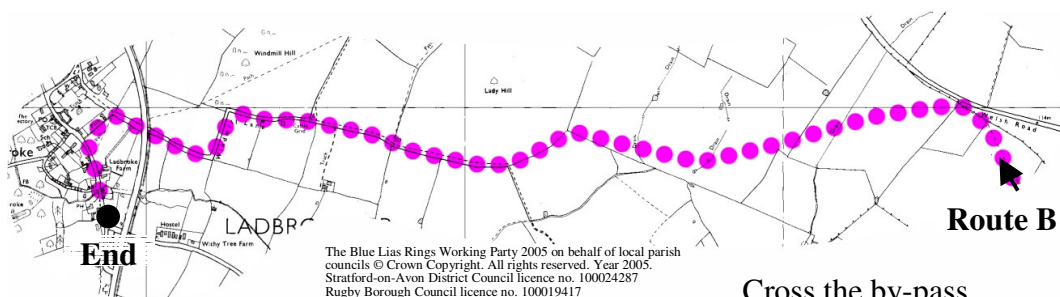


Do not go onto the road but turn sharp ◀ and head for the protruding left hand corner of this large field and follow the track. Follow the line of the hedge until reaching a farm track at the distant left hand corner of this same field. Turn ◀ and follow the hedge line to a gateway and go out onto a metalled roadway (Windmill Lane) leading back to the village.



Cross the by-pass into the truncated section of the lane and either walk round the roads back to the starting point or follow the short, waymarked footpath as an alternative route.

*LADBROKE – The Domesday Book of 1085 AD identifies the settlement as “Lodbroc” presumed to refer to the Lot Brook which still meanders gently through the village. Records reveal the principal landowning families to have been the De Lodbrokes, Catesbys, Dudleys and Palmers. The Parish Church of All Saints is a particularly fine example of the Norman architectural period and lovers of English architecture in general will find much to occupy them throughout the village.*

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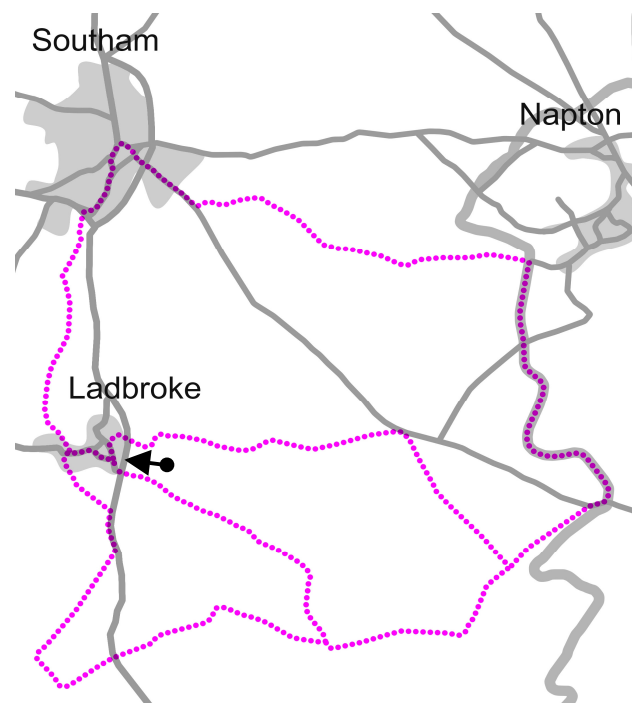
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## Walk 3A

### Two Shorter Walks from Ladbroke

**Route A.** 9¼ km (5¾ miles) and **Route B** 13¼ km (8¼ miles).

Leaflet 3 refers to a longer route.



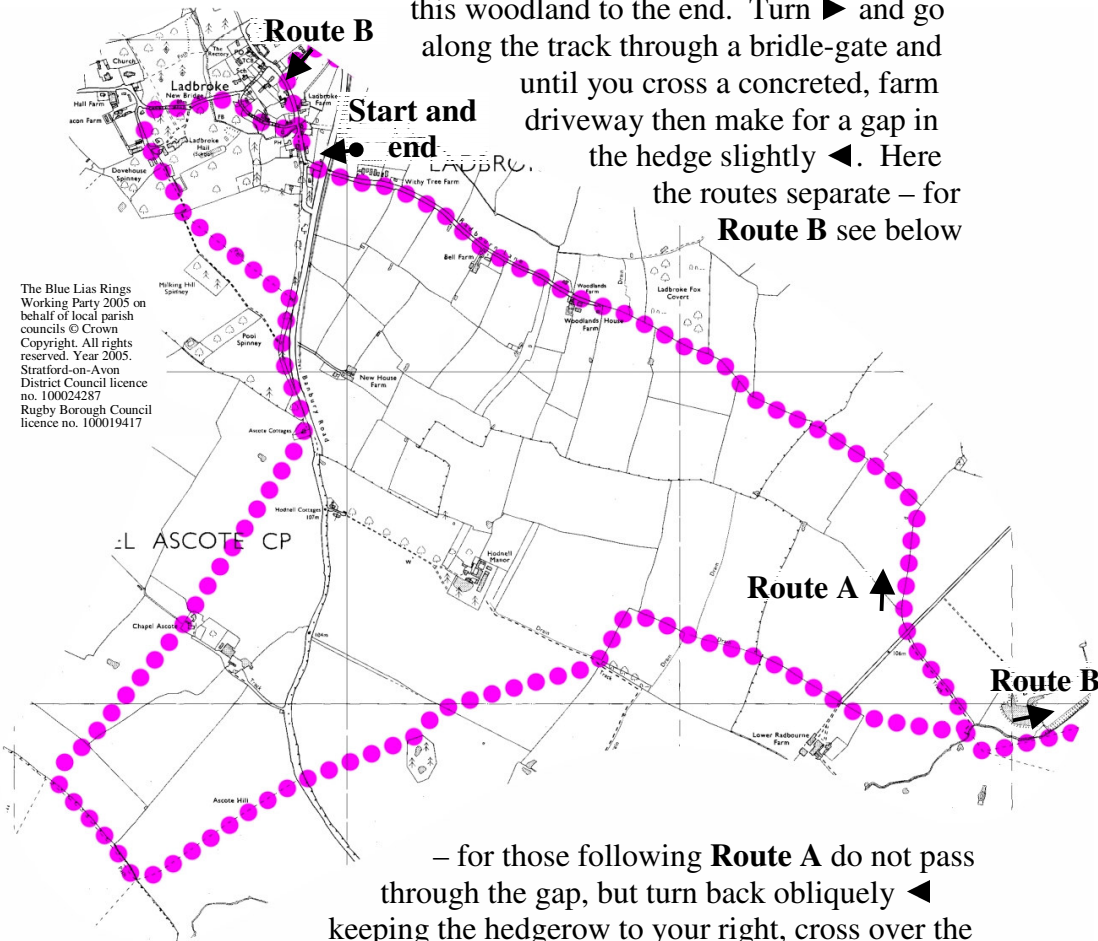
Historical notes on points of interest are shown in italics.

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

**ROUTE A** - 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.

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 ◀. Here the routes separate – for **Route B** see below



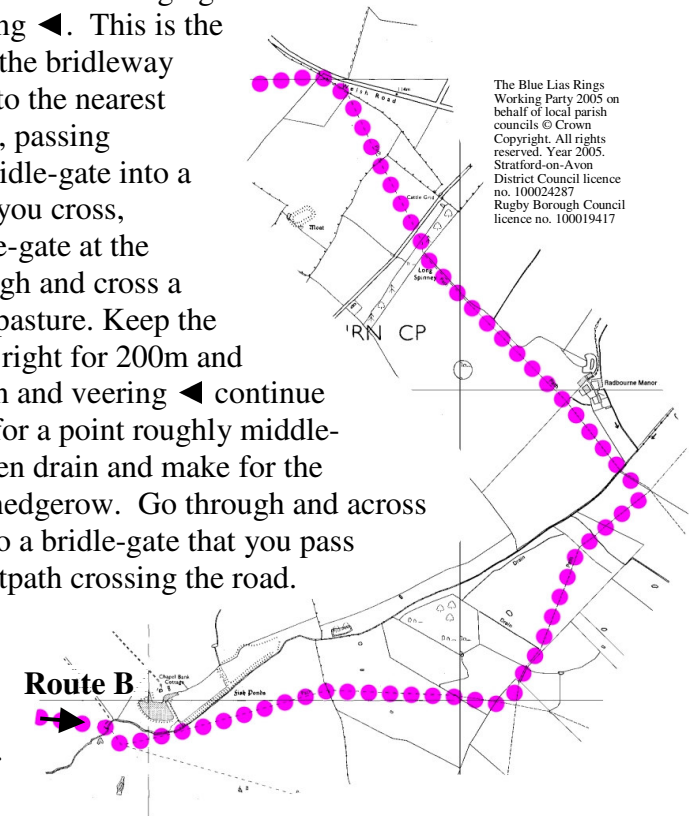
– for those following **Route A** do not pass through the gap, but turn back obliquely ◀ keeping the hedgerow to your right, cross over the roadway again and go through a bridle-gate. Bear sharp ▶ around the edge of the field. Pass through three hedgerow gaps keeping straight ahead. The route crosses a sleeper-bridge and runs between a hedgerow and fencing. Pass along the face of Ladbroke Fox Covert and through the gateway at Woodland Farm House to reach Radbourn Lane. Go out onto the by-pass.

Cross here and go straight ahead, through the bridle-gate to the top of the lane and turn ▶ for the car park at The Bell Inn, Ladbroke.

**ROUTE B** - 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 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 the road. After passing through the gate turn ◀. Keeping close to the hedgerow head for the gate in the corner of the field.

Pass through and continue ahead. Go through another gate, into a large field, and keeping the island plantation well to your left make diagonally for the far hedgerow which you follow to the top corner of the field in the lee of the Long Spinney. Pass through and across the double-styled bridge. Cross the private farm roadway and follow the waymarked route until you reach the junction with the Welsh Road.



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