

Outline of the route

As a simple 'out and back' route, the 1st part of this walk takes you to the Wollerton Wetlands; but via its 2nd part provides a circular walk and/or access to Stoke Heath. It starts at the Village Room (roadside parking) - please don't park on the nearby private 'Old Yard' driveway.

Note. The first part this walk, to the Wetlands, follows recently established and diverted public footpaths—not yet shown on OS maps.

Take the 'Old Yard' driveway to Cow Lane, then follow the signs down to the **River Tern** footbridge. Cross the bridge and you're in the **Wollerton Wetlands**. Built as part of the Hodnet bypass scheme, this area is full of **plants, insects, birds & other animals**. You can walk round the wetlands and return, or follow the rest of the route to Stoke Heath. To continue; follow the path along the river bank, then go under the bypass bridge and through two small gates to enter a field. Footpaths from this point on are as shown on OS maps—although the 'Gallops' may not be shown.

Note. The owners/occupiers of land on this side of the bypass have indicated that, to permit a circular walk or perhaps avoid walking through animals/crops, they are content for walkers to also use the tracks marked by purple dots on the map. Please respect this gesture and note that such permission can be withdrawn at any time.

The high ground on this side of the bypass affords good **views** across the **Tern Valley** and, in the distance, the **village of Hodnet** and beyond that the **Hawkstone Hills**.

Welcome to Hodnet

This leaflet is one of a series intended to help visitors and residents walk some **local paths**, highlighting features of interest en-route. Some walks connect to others—see maps.

If visiting, please consider supporting some of our **local businesses and visitor attractions** see www.hodnet.org.uk for details.

Details of other walks, and information on Hodnet Footpath Group, can be found at www.hodnet.org.uk/fpg

When out walking, may we remind you to:

Close gates after use

Not leave litter

Keep dogs on a lead near livestock, and clean up after them—dog faeces can spread diseases
(Dog bin by Wollerton Old Hall Garden)

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Hodnet Walks : 5

Wollerton to Stoke Heath

'Wetlands Walk'



Photo. A Underwood

Distance? Approx 1 or 3 miles

Time? 1 to 2 hours.

Fitness Level? Easy/Moderate

Stiles? None on 1st part, some on remainder

Dog Friendly? May need help over some stiles (2nd part)

