

Walk 2 Greet and Warren Farm

A circular walk around Warren Farm Hill. Hill views in all directions.

Distance: 8 kms / 5 miles

Duration: 2.5 hours

Difficulty: Moderate

8 stiles, one of which is rather high

Start/finish Gretton Green

Ascent: 120metres / 395 feet



From the Green in Gretton, walk up past the Royal Oak, until you reach the bridleway (known locally as Gypsy Lane) on the brow of the hill on your right. Opposite Gypsy Lane, cross the stile **A** and take the signposted path ahead. Cross 3 further stiles till you reach a road. Turn right, and at the Littleworth village sign, take the signposted path on the left. Keeping the hedge on your right, follow this path uphill to the corner of the field. Go through the gate, then bear left along the edge of the field, with views east to the Cotswolds.

In the distance, you may see the Stanway House Fountain, a white plume in front of dark trees.

In the corner of this field, cross the stile, and enter a wooded area. Exit onto a stony track and turn left towards the farm. Enter the farmyard and bear right in front of an open barn. Continue on this track for a short way till you reach a 3-way junction **B**.

The track you are on is not a right of way from here on. Take the Isbourne Way to the right and when you see two farm buildings on your left, look out for a stile about 50m further on **C**. Walk up to the stile but do not cross it. Turn right and, keeping the hedge on your left, walk on to a waymarked gap in a wire fence. Go through the gap and follow the path as it curves left towards Shetcombe Wood. *The bulky white building you can see from here is Toddington Manor, in the process of conversion for its owner, Damian Hurst.*

When you reach Shetcombe Wood, cross the stile

and join a stony track. With the wood on your right, follow this track through a gate, and continue downhill till you reach a stile on the left **D**.

Cross it and walk over the field to a narrow path up a steep bank. At the top of this path, turn right and walk along the edge of the field. When you reach a pheasant pen, follow the path round the pen and with the hedge on your right, go up to the kissing gate at the top. *From here, you can see Gretton, Nottingham and Dixton Hills to the west, Alderton Hill, Bredon Hill and the Malverns to the north and the Cotswolds in the east.*

Go through the kissing gate and follow the track, with hawthorn and elder scrub on the right, till Warren Farmhouse comes into view. The path goes through the farm, so on reaching a wooden fence, turn right and then left through the fence onto the gravel drive. Keep right, to pass in front of the house, then left to a waymarked metal gate. From here, walk downhill bearing left as you go till you have the Cotswold scarp in front you. At the three-way junction, turn right onto the track you originally came on. Follow the track through the farmyard and down to the first few houses of Greet.

When you reach a footpath sign on the right **E**, go up the gravelled drive. Turn left at the top onto a path bearing right between hedges. You will reach a road – this is Littleworth. Take the road that is signposted to Gretton, and at the top of this road, turn right onto the Gretton road.