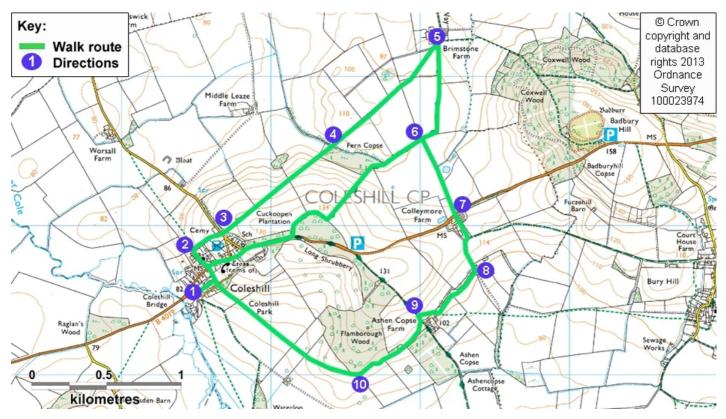




OXFORDSHIRE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE & BERKSHIRE

Coleshill green walk

Delve into the family history of Coleshill's former first family, the Pleydell-Bouverie's, during this gentle stroll through the heart of the Coleshill estate. Soak up traditional rural life crossing farmland, before returning through the Capability Brown-styled parkland. Finally, catch a glimpse of the village's secret Second World War history. Follow the green waymarkers on this route.



Information

Address: Buscot and Coleshill Estate Office, Coleshill,

Swindon, SN6 7PT OS map: Explorer 170 Activity: Walking

Easy: A flat walk along lanes, footpaths and farm tracks. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: The route goes through two farmyards and fields, where there may be livestock, so dogs must be kept under control at all times.

Full trail: Miles: 4.0 (km: 6.4)

Access: Challenging

Duration: 1 hour 30 mins - 2 hours

Terrain

Some tracks and footpaths may be muddy and uneven, especially after rain, so care and suitable footwear are recommended.

Total steps: 11

Start point: The estate yard car park at Coleshill, grid ref: SU235935

- 1. Park in the car park at Home Farm. Turn left out of the car park and walk towards the village. Cross the main road and walk down the lane opposite, on the left of the green with the church on your right.
- 2. Go through the gate into a field and turn immediately right and continue straight on.
- 3. Cross the stile out of the field, cross the road and continue straight on through the gateway. Follow the footpath along the hedge line down to Fern Copse.
- 4. From exiting the woodland follow the footpath up the hill and over the bridge. Then turn left and take the stile about 30 yards along the hedge on the left. This takes you on a diagonal route across the field to a stile in the copse by Brimstone Farm.
- 5. Turn right on the track and right again onto the farm drive.
- 6. A short cut can be taken after the double bend in the drive, by turning right and passing Fern Copse again and heading to Cuckoopen Plantation, where you turn right to skirt the woods, then enter and return to the village by a woodland track.
- 7. Cross the road to Colleymore Farm. Walk through the farm and bear right.
- 8. Turn right opposite a cottage and walk up to Ashen Copse Farm. Keep to the edge of the field and bear right to a stile. Continue past with the farm buildings on your left.
- 9. Go onto the farm drive and cross the road with the wood to your left. Pass Flamborough Woods to your right.
- 10. At the corner of Flamborough Woods, go through a gate and cut diagonally across the field. Go through a kissing gate into a grass field. Cross the field and into Coleshill Park. Continue across the parkland through several more kissing gates.
- 11. Return to Coleshill through two more gates beside Courtleaze. The site of Coleshill House was above to your right as you leave the park. At the crossroads, turn right and

head up the road to the Guard House, before returning straight back downhill to car park.

End point: The estate yard car park at Coleshill, grid ref: SU235935