

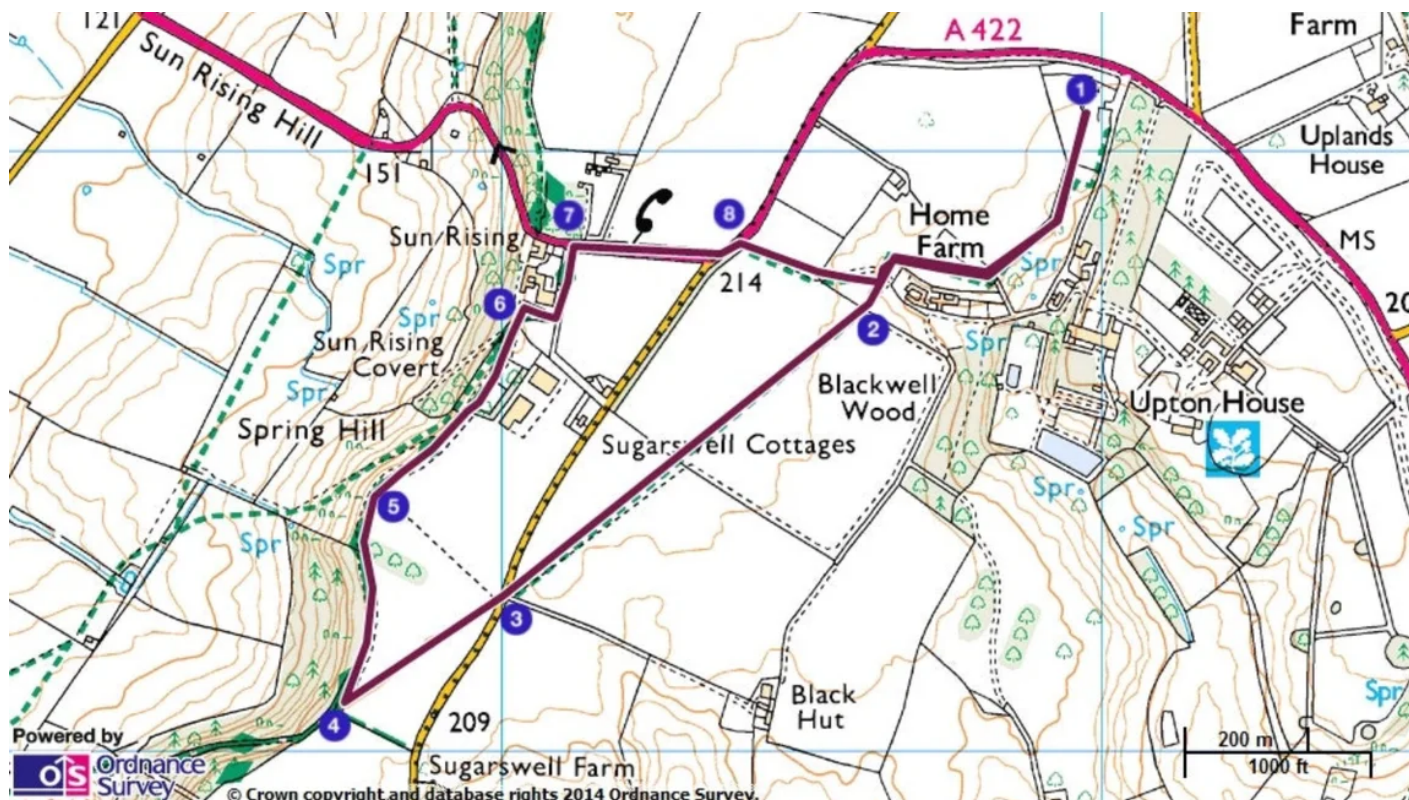
WARWICKSHIRE

Edge Hill views walk from Upton House

Amble through arable land for spectacular views across Warwickshire and down to the site of the first battle of the English Civil War.

! Opening times and local land

All walks start at the car park, which is only open during Upton House and Gardens' usual hours – please check our website for details. The surrounding land is not in the care of the National Trust. Please follow the Countryside Code.



Information

Address: Upton House and Gardens, near Banbury, OX15 6HT

OS map: Explorer 206

Activity: Walking

Easy: Mostly easy going. For further details, see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: The walk crosses farmland where animals may be grazing, so dogs must be kept under close control. Dogs are not permitted in the grounds of Upton House, except for assistance dogs.

Full trail: Miles: 2.3 (km: 3.68)

Access: Challenging

Duration: 1 hour - 1 hour 30 mins

Terrain

Mostly easy going on established footpaths and through fields. Some parts are slippery in wet weather, especially along the Edgehill ridge.

Total steps: 8

Start point: National Trust car park at Upton House and Gardens, grid ref: SP369461

1. From the main car park, pick up the arrowed footpath by walking towards the pedestrian exit point. Just before the gate, turn right and head along the wide verge inside the car park with the fence on your left-hand side. Aim for the corner post with an arrow on it. Turn right there, then go through the kissing gate halfway along the fence, shutting the gate behind you. Ahead of you, some farm buildings will come into view. Keeping them on your left, go through the next gate. Follow the path downhill and head for the stile set in the hedge on the horizon.
2. Cross the stile and take the straight path over two fields to Sugarswell Lane.
3. Cross the road. Go diagonally left across the field towards the gate in the corner next to the woodland.
4. Go through the gate and follow the woodland track on the right all the way to the end and through the iron gate. Note: although this section is not a public right of way, it is open to walkers by permission of the Upton Estate.
5. You are now standing 700 feet (215m) above sea level at the escarpment of Edge Hill, the most north-easterly outcrop of the Cotswolds, with views across north Warwickshire. Continue along the escarpment to the next iron gate and through the woodland, passing the paddocks on the right and the stables on the left.
6. At the farm, turn right onto the short lane. At the T-junction with another lane, turn left towards the A422 at Sun Rising Hill.
7. Turn right onto the A422, taking great care since there is no pedestrian footway. Follow the verge and cross the minor road on the corner. Walk along the boundary wall

and through the gate.

8. Continue along the fields and retrace your steps back to the car park.

End point: National Trust car park at Upton House and Gardens, grid ref: SP369461
