

# **ISE VALLEY VAGABONDS**

Daventry Permanent Trail BWF App No PT165

START & FINISH: Lodge Road Lower Car Park (Long Stay), Lodge Road,  
Daventry, Northants NN11 4FP

OS map 152 Grid Ref SP575628 Distance 11km

Fee £1.00

Route last updated on 29 June 2011

This route description is valid from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012

This walk has been established by members of the Ise Valley Vagabonds Walking Club (BWF Club No 70) and is a qualifying event in the IVV award scheme. It can be walked at any time.

Leave the car park and turn left along Lodge Road to pass the main entrance to Daventry District Council offices on the left and Daventry Leisure Centre on the right. At the end of the road, turn right and continue on uphill to the town centre. Turn right into the High Street. After Barclays Bank on the left, turn left up Sheaf Street and ahead passing the Gazebo.

## **QUESTION 1. ON THE BUILDING OPPOSITE WHEATSHEAF COURT THERE IS A PLAQUE. WHEN DID JOSEPH PRIESTLEY STUDY HERE?**

At mini roundabout turn left into New Street and pass Police Station on the right. Continue to follow this road as it bears left. At the Market Square with the Moot Hall and the Plume of Feathers ahead, turn right and walk towards the Holy Cross Church. Pass the Church on your left and then Tesco car park on the right. Go through metal railings to the road and cross road to small path between the houses. At the next road cross over and continue on the path. Keep ahead on path with back of houses on the left and playing field on right. At road, cross, go through underpass and then go straight ahead on footpath to road. Cross road and ahead on footpath opposite, turning right at T-junction, past sign for Keys Close into Howe Crescent. Turn left (with Jervis Close 2-14 on wall), then ahead to a flight of steps. Go up steps and at top, turn left then right to another set of steps up to the road. Cross road and turn right. After 30 metres turn left uphill onto the public footpath. At top of hill turn right through gate to the left of the cattle grid.

## **QUESTION 2. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THIS HILL?**

Then turn around to face the white building. Turn back around with mast to your left and walk slightly to the left towards the mast. Pass through a gap in the low wooden barrier. Walk towards the mast. Follow main track past the mast and then a bench. Stay in this field and bear round to the left. Continue on path with concrete bases mainly to the left and belt of trees to the right, walking all the time in an anticlockwise direction just inside the perimeter fence, keeping to the main path at all times. After 1.3km, at red brick buildings on the right, and with golf course ahead, bear left onto gravel path. Go ahead with golf course on the right. After 400 metres, at bench on the right, turn right to a large tree and cross the stile. Bear right and go downhill through the trees to the road. Cross and continue down footpath opposite. At Gleneagles Close, turn right in front of houses. At the end, turn left into Sunningdale

Drive. At the end, by Wentworth Close sign, turn right onto cycleway. Turn left after 50 metres, still on cycleway. Cross road to cycleway opposite and go between 4 bollards with pylon to the right. 50 metres after Norton Close, turn right between yellow posts onto cycleway/footpath. Go through the underpass and turn right as you emerge, towards the 'Visitors' Centre 1.7km'.

**QUESTION 3. IF YOU HAD TURNED LEFT, HOW FAR WOULD IT BE TO THE VISITORS' CENTRE IN THIS DIRECTION?**

After 25 metres bear left with wooden railings on the left and follow the path, the Reservoir Walk, keeping reservoir to your left. Bear left over the weir bridge, reservoir still to the left, until you reach the Daventry Country Park buildings on the right. *There are toilets here and a café.*

**QUESTION 4. WHOSE NAME IS ON THE VISITORS' CENTRE?**

Do not turn left but continue straight on. Just before the car park, bear right onto the tarmac cycleway, and follow it to the road. Cross the road with care, turn left, and after 20 metres turn right into the housing estate. Go ahead with play area on the right, following path round to the right to the road. Turn left (this is Speke Drive). Go ahead ignoring all turns to T-junction. Turn left and after 30 metres, turn left onto cycleway/footpath (old railway line). Continue along cycleway/footpath ignoring all turn offs. After 450 meters, go over the wooden bridge and continue ahead for another 650 metres. Look out for old railway gradient arm on the right.

**QUESTION 5. WHAT GRADIENT IS IT TO THE TOWN?**

Follow footpath round to the right to the road. Cross the road with great care and bear right on footpath to head towards the blue cycleway/footpath sign. Turn left onto the cycleway/footpath and go through the underpass and turn right back into the car park.

We hope you have enjoyed the walk!

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**ISE VALLEY VAGABONDS  
PERMANENT TRAIL REGISTRATION FORM**

TRAIL	Daventry Permanent Trail 2012(1)	
ROUTE UPDATED	29 June 2011	
DATE WALKED		
NAME		
ADDRESS		
ADDITIONAL WALKERS		
ENTRY FEE	Walkers @ £1.00 each	Total £
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED</b>		<b>£</b>
Please put my IVV stamps on a new set of Insert cards Yes/No		
<b>ANSWERS</b>		
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Comments		
<p>If you have a problem with this trail, please try and resolve it with the organiser. If you are unable to resolve the problem, then please contact the BWF Trail Officer.</p>		
<p>Please enclose a STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE (at least C6 (114 x 162mm) or DL (110 x 220mm)) with this form and send it to</p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">Carol Jones 138 Rushden Road Wymington Rushden Northants NN10 9LE</p>		