

Yaxley & Eye

Start & Finish Points: Yaxley Village Hall (TM 120 739) Mileage: 6 miles

This is a varied walk around the small town of Eye, including the imposing town hall, passing under some wind turbines, and taking in the town's old airfield.

To start the walk, leave the car park and turn left. Just after the road swings to the left, having the Cherry Tree pub to your right, turn right down Leys Lane. Leave the road when it swings left and carry on in the same direction on a green track. When it ceases, carry on in the same direction between two posts, through some trees. When the path comes out onto a hard surface drive, turn right.

Just before you come to a farm, turn left, walking on grass and turn right down a green track, unsigned. When the track swings left, carry straight on, crossing a footbridge. Once across, turn left. After a few paces, turn right, keeping a ditch to your left. Once you are faced by a Tarmac drive, turn left, then go through some automatic gates and immediately turn right, keeping a hedge to your left. When you come to a concrete area, cross it and carry on in the same direction.

After approximately 200 yards turn left across a footbridge and cross a road, then cross another footbridge and go through a gap in a wire mesh fence. Cross a green slightly diagonally right, then through a gap in a fence and then cross a field diagonally left, cross a concrete road and aim for the second barn from the right. Turn left on a hard-surface track. Just before you come to a fence in front of you, turn right, keeping the fence to your left. After a few paces turn left through a gate in the fence. Once through, turn right and when you come to a large barn on your right turn left across a concrete area and through a metal gate.

Carry straight on across another concrete area. Twenty yards before you come to a white post on your right, turn right across a field. Once across, turn left on a concrete track and turn right down another concrete track. When the track ceases, carry on, on a green path as it swings to the left, then right.

When the path becomes a track, just carry on, having housing both sides. When you come to a road, cross it and carry on in the same direction. When you come to a building in front of you, turn left down a slope. You will then come to a crossroads of paths. Carry on in the same direction.

When the path swings to the right, turn left, coming out onto a road. Then turn right. When you come to a war memorial, turn right, having the Queens Head to your right. At a T-junction of roads, turn right. At a 30mph sign turn right on a green path. At a T-junction of paths turn left, left again over a stile and immediately turn right. Cross a sleeper bridge and immediately turn right between trees.

Just before a ford, turn left, keeping a stream to your right. When you come to some bushes in front of you, turn left, then after a few paces turn right on a track. Once across the fields, carry straight on with hedges both sides. When you come to a track running in front of you, turn right, having a green barn to your right.

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About 10 yards after passing the barn, turn left down and up a slope and carry on in the same direction. Turn left through a gate and then turn right. Ignore the first footpath sign and turn right at the second one over two stiles, cross a footbridge and carry on in the same direction; then go up a bank and cross a road and turn right and a quick left by a footpath sign. Go down a bank and over a stile; then carry on in the same direction, with a fence to your left. Cross another stile and, once across, turn left on a road. At a road junction turn left, then a quick right back in the car park where you started.

