

Roman Camp to Millennium Green

(Circular route) 6km (3.5 miles).

Walk anticlockwise.

1... If starting at Kings Norton High School, take the footpath just right of the school into a green area known as the Mounds. There are various paths through this, but if you keep left you will see the ventilation shaft chimney from the canal tunnel which is beneath your feet!

2... Exit the area via a squeeze stile and go straight ahead into Bargehorse Walk. Obviously the horses could not go through the tunnel, so this is roughly the route they would have followed to the other end!

3... Cross over the Old Portway unless you want to visit shops at Hawkesley Square.

4... Continue along Bargehorse Walk until you reach Longdales Road.

5... Turn left here, uphill and continue along it until you reach a mini roundabout at the top of Primrose Hill.

6... Here, cross over Primrose Hill and go through a squeeze stile, painted blue, into the Fields Millennium Green. Go down some steps. There is a circular Nature Trail walk which you could do here, but if you haven't time to do this (it takes about 30 minutes) follow on

7... Keep straight on at the bottom of the steps, walk past an orchard, a car park, a large flower sculpture and a wetland area. This path is part of the Nature Trail. (There is a picnic table near the car park.)

8... You should exit just after the wet area by turning right when the path bends round left.

9... Almost opposite you will see a small road, Icknield Street, an old Roman Road. When the cemetery opposite the Millennium Green was being made,



remains of a Roman Camp were found and excavated. There is a display board showing the findings in the cemetery building.

10... Turn left after the squeeze stile, continue walking along Walkers Heath Road, but where this becomes named Harbinger Road, keep straight on into the cul de sac as far as the roundabout at the top of Parsons Hill.

11... Walk down the hill as far as the canal, access the towpath at the bridge, down the ramp, turn right, walk under the road bridge.

12... Walk along the canal as far as the tunnel, where you walk up to the start of the walk at the High School.

