

Easy walking with some gradients but no really steep hills

Turn left out of the Village Hall car park onto High Street, cross over the road to the footpath leading to the Beaufort Arms car park and proceed to the bottom right hand corner of the pub car park (1). Here you'll find a yellow waymark which takes you down the right hand side of the new house, over two stiles and follows a footpath that runs along the bottom of the gardens of several houses.



“Stay on this footpath which turns left at the last house (2)”

Stay on this footpath, which turns left at the last house (2) and then right in the corner of the field (3) continuing to follow the line of the houses, past the allotments and over another two stiles. At the second stile, keep straight on across the field in front of you, following the line of the telegraph poles.

At the end of this first field, go down the bank and keep walking straight across the next

field towards the footpath sign in the far hedge. As you walk across the field, keep the corner hedge to your right. Ahead in the distance you will see the Marshfield Path.



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You'll now follow the Marshfield Path for approximately 1.6 km, aiming for the woods on the horizon.

When you reach the top of the slope (with Bodkin Hazel Wood on your right), you will see a track (Bodkin Hazel Lane) coming from your left. Join this path and turn right through a gate (5) and continue along the path with the woods on your right.

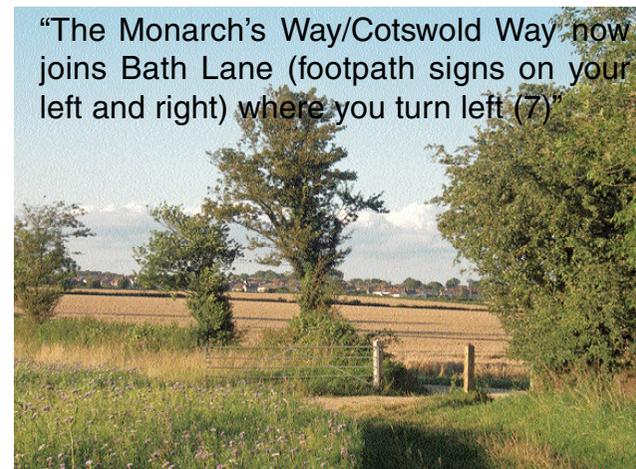
Keeping Bodkin Hazel Wood on your right all the time, continue along the wide grassy path and keep following this path round to the right and you will eventually leave the woods on your right and enter open countryside. You are now on Bodkin Hazel Lane. The “lane”, which remains a wide grassy strip, will take you all

the way to a gate that leads onto Highfield Lane. During this part of the walk you'll have a great view of Hawkesbury Monument.



“When you reach Highfield Lane (6), go straight across”

When you reach Highfield Lane (6), go straight across and then over the stile on your right and continue along the Monarch's Way/Cotswold Way as they run parallel to Highfield Lane for approximately 1.2 km. This short stretch of path has some fantastic views across the Severn Vale. You can see both Severn Bridges and the mountains of South Wales.



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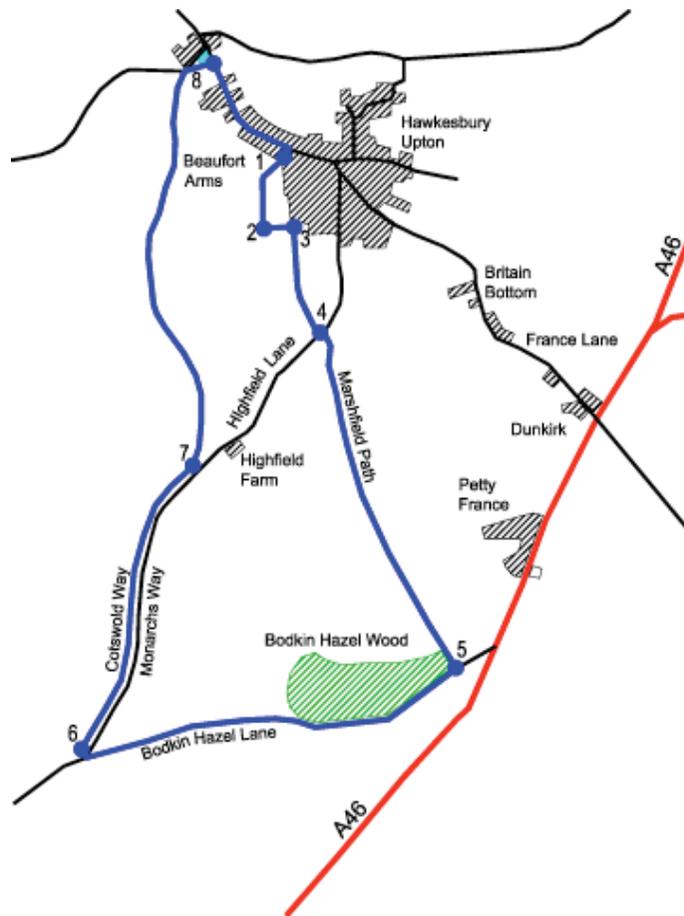
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Stay on this track right to the end and when you get there, turn right and follow the minor road past the Drovers Pool (keeping the pool on your left) and up to the main road (8).



Please cross to the other side of the main road where there is a pavement and then head right, up the hill to the centre of the village.

Before long you will come to the Village Hall on your left and The Beaufort Arms on your right.



WALKS AROUND HAWKESBURY

No: 01

OS Explorer Map167
Thornbury, Dursley & Yate

Grid ref: ST 777 870

Distance: 4.5 miles (7 km)

Time: 1.5 - 2 hours

Difficulty: Easy/moderate

Start: Hawkesbury Upton
Village Hall car park



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**The Marshfield Path,
Bodkin Hazel Lane and
Bath Lane**