

Route instructions

A: From North Aston Church take the track opposite the lych gate and then either the drive or permissive path to the road. Turn left along road for 200m then take the path on the left of the farm drive towards a small wood. On reaching the wood, go through the gate leaving the wood on the right. In 50m turn right through a gate into the wood and out the other side. Making directly for the mill cross 2 fields to reach the road (B).

B: Turn left along road (care!) and cross over river and canal and under railway. Immediately after the first house on right go up steps on right and follow footpath to church (C).

C: Leaving Somerton church on the right, take the footpath between the church and the rear of the houses. Bear right through a gate and over a stile, across a small field and then follow an electric fence bearing round to the left. Go through a pair of gates and follow the hedge on the right until a gap is reached. Go through the gap and then cross the field making for the gate to the left of the building by the railway level crossing (D).

D: Cross the railway, canal and river and follow the bridleway over the causeway, up the field and then the farm drive to a road (E).

E: Turn right for 150m, then right down a farm track. Immediately before the farm buildings turn left, over a stile. Follow this path over the fields below the lake. At the belt of woodland take the rightmost path of 3 back to North Aston Church.

This path can be walked in either direction and from any convenient start point.

Parking

North Aston Church

Things to note:

St James, Somerton – Fermor Chapel with family tombs

St Mary the Virgin, North Aston – restored alabaster effigies of John and Alice Anne

Route finding

Although the footpaths north of the North Aston-Somerton Road have a full set of waymarks on gates and stiles, they are not very clear on the ground. If in doubt keep to the hedge on the right (if going clockwise). An alternative is to take the road.

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7.3 km, 4.5 miles

Mapping from OS Explorer map 191

Link to route on OS website:-

<https://tinyurl.com/2bmbsfxr>



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