



The numbers on this map show the starting point for each walk

PLEASE

- Leave gates as you find them
- Keep your dog under close control
- Take extra care in fields of cows and calves
- Keep to the waymarked paths
- Take your litter home
- Try to use public transport
- Wear suitable footwear and clothing



Drayton Walks

A series of 10 short walks in the Market Drayton area compiled by Andrew D. Boden

Walk 2

Almington and the Coal Brook
(1½ miles - 2½ km)

The walk is described in sufficient detail to follow it successfully just by using this sheet. However, you are encouraged to use the Ordnance Survey® Explorer™ 1:25 000 map no. 243 - Market Drayton, Loggerheads & Eccleshall - where the route can be seen in the context of the surrounding countryside.

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Walk 2

Starting from the village of Almington, east of Market Drayton, this short walk (1½ miles - 2½ km) spans the Coal Brook valley, returning to the village through a wooded area and alongside the pool and grounds of Almington Hall. Point 3 of this walk marks the same spot as point 3 in Walk 1, and the two walks could be easily combined to form a longer circular, or figure-of-eight stroll.



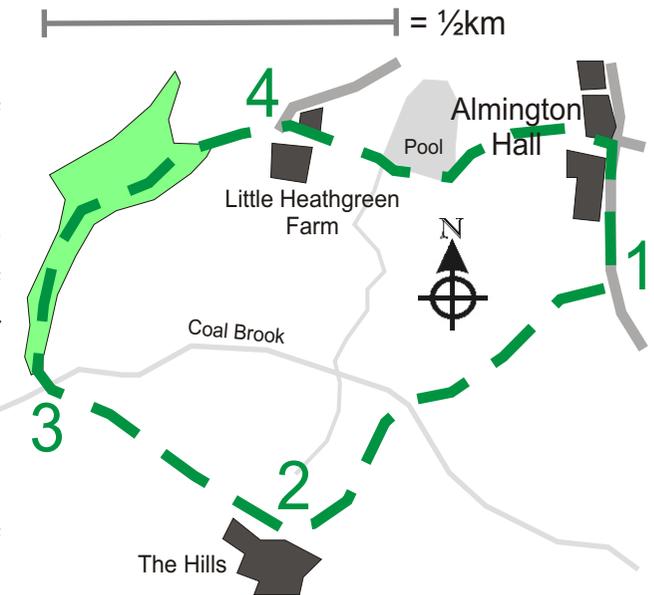
To reach Almington take the A53 out of Market Drayton towards Newcastle. After crossing the river Tern at Shifford's Bridge take the first lane on the right by Clod Hall. Follow the lane around to the right to reach the village. The Hall will be on your right as you approach a road junction. Carry straight on here - signed 'Four Alls' - and the starting point is a short distance along the road, through a metal gate on the right into a large field.

1 SJ 7020 3425

Go into the large field and follow the right hand hedge down the bank to a bridge over the Coal Brook. Cross the bridge and continue straight ahead up the field to the farm - called 'The Hills'.

2. SJ 6969 3389

At the farm turn right and follow the track (hedge on left) all the way along. There are good views back across the valley from here. At the end of the field the path drops down to meet a collection of gates, stiles and a footbridge over the brook.



3. SJ 6939 3410

Cross the footbridge and retrace a short stretch covered in walk 1, up through the trees, across the track between two fields with a gate and stile on either side, then through the wood, following the track round to the right until it leaves the wood and becomes a wide track between high hedges. This leads to Little Heathgreen Farm

4. SJ 6971 3448

The farm is on your right, another house is on the left and a roadway leads away to the left. However the grassy footpath leads straight ahead between the garden of the house on the left and the outbuildings of the farm on the right. Follow this path over a stile into a small paddock then take the stile in the right hand fence and cross the field corner to a gate. Go through the gate and down to a sleeper bridge over the stream formed by the outflow from the lake on your left. Cross the bridge and then another made from a large slab of stone. Continue with the lake on your left and the path widens into a track with the high wall of Almington Hall on the left. This emerges at the road junction in the village, alongside a red postbox set into the wall on the right. Turn right along the road to return to the starting point.