



no134 Hardwick from Sywell

Sywell is on minor roads NE of Northampton and W of Wellingborough

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With thanks to David Geerson



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Details			
Distance:	13.5km (8½ miles)		
Total Ascent:	75m (246ft)		
Time:	3½ hrs	Grade:	2
Maps:	OS Landranger® 141 & 152 or OS Explorer Map™ 224		
Start/Finish:	Sywell Church, Northamptonshire		
Grid Ref:	SP822673		
Sat Nav:	N52.2972 W0.7960		

GPS data: Position Format = 'British Grid'
Map Datum = 'ord sryv GB'

Quiet country churches & villages

S Go NW from the church to reach a T-junction. Go NE (right) & follow the road E (right) & NE (left) past Sywell Aerodrome (left) until it suddenly bends SE (right). Continue N (straight-on) on a path signed with black arrows along the edge of a fields. (2 km)

① At the junction of two streams go left through a gap in the hedge & follow the left-hand edge of a long narrow field to reach a gate. Go through into pasture & continue N (straight-on) & NW (half-left) along the edge of Sywell Wood, through a five-bar gate & then a 2nd single gate to reach a 2nd five-bar gate in a field corner. (1¼ km)

② Don't go through but go NE (right) along a field edge past a point-to-point fence jump before going N (left) through a wide gap in the hedge. Continue N (straight-on) through an 5-bar gate & immediately turn NE (right) along the field edge to reach another waymarked 5-bar gate. Ignore this gate & continue NE (straight-on) for 100m to reach a wooden kissing gate. Go through & bear E (half-right) on a faint path across a field to pass behind Hardwick Lodge to reach & cross a stream. Follow the path beyond to reach a lane. (1¼ km)

③ Cross the lane & go NNE (left) on a signed path through a crop field. Skirt round a small pool & continue N (straight-on) to a hedge. Continue N (straight-on) beyond, descending gently beside a hedge to reach a waymark about half-way across the next field. (¾ km)

④ Go E (right) & cross the crop field to join a track at a field corner. Follow the track E (straight-on) until it bends N (left). Continue E (straight-on) along a field edge to reach a 4-way footpath signpost. (1½ km)

⑤ Go S (right - signed 'Hardwick') across a field to a footbridge. Cross & continue S ascending gently to a road. Go SSW (straight-on) on the road into Hardwick village & follow it when it bends W (right) past the church. (1¼ km)

⑥ Go S (left - 'no through road' sign). Beyond the farm buildings bear SW (half-right) over a stile. Continue SW across the field beyond to reach a 2nd stile beside a gate. Ignore the gate & go SSW (half-left) across the next field to reach a single gate beside a large double aluminium gate in a field corner. (1¼ km)

⑦ Go S (left) through the single gate & follow a stream S to reach a road. Cross & continue S by the stream across several fields to reach a 2nd road on the outskirts of Mears Ashby. Go S (right) on the road to reach a T-junction in the village. (2¼ km)

⑧ Go W (right - North Street) through the village to a 2nd junction. Go N (right - Glebe Rd) for a 20m & then W (left) on a signed path that descends & bears WNW (half-right) to a footbridge. Cross & continue WNW across the field beyond to reach a road at a bend. Go WNW on the road to return to Sywell Church & the start. (2km)



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- ▲ Hewitt (Mountain)
- ▲ Dewey (Hill)
- ▲ Nuttall
- Wainwright
- Bridget (Hill)
- △ Trig Point

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