

FOXLYDIATE TO UPPER BENTLEY

For motorists this ramble begins in the car park in Salters Lane, Batchley. From the car park, proceed into the woods with the houses visible through the trees on your left. Where the path joins up with a hard surface walkway, turn right. Having passed through the subway under the A448 main road, you will come out into a secondary but still busy road. Having crossed the road, turn left and then, after a few yards, right into Foxlydiate Lane.

If you are coming by public transport, the Bromsgrove bus will take you to Foxlydiate Lane. Proceed along the lane, admiring the beautiful thatched cottage as you go. At the junction, turn left. This road will take you past St. Phillips Church and 'Saltways' Cheshire Home. Just beyond the home, turn right into Pumphouse Lane. A good view of the Malvern Hills is obtained as you walk along this narrow country lane.

Past Raglis Cottage and over the footbridge across the ford, the lane continues until it reaches a junction with a lane off to the left. The way is straight on as far as Sling Cottage. This restored country cottage, which is to our right, is the start of a footpath indicated by a signpost. Through the gate and straight ahead stands the first stile, and then the second stile.

There is an alternative stile just off to the left providing an easier path which lies ahead on the far side of the crossing over the ditch. Over the ditch continue ahead with the hedge on your right. When the hedge comes to an end, turn right through a gateway, then having gone through a second gateway, turn left. Proceed with the hedge on your left, until you reach a gateway on your left. Through the gateway, turn right and move towards the hedge which can be seen ahead. Keeping the hedge to your right, you will reach a stile. Over this stile, this time with the hedge on your left continue through the gateway and then to the stile in the corner of the field alongside the pumping station. When you come out into the lane by the pumping station, you turn right and then left at the top of the hill in order to return to Foxlydiate.

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Bentley - "the clearing where
there is coarse grass"

upper Bentley

