

A shorter walk around the Broxtead Estate – 3.4 miles



An easy walk over farmland and heath and a pleasant bit of woodland on the Broxtead Estate

The wood's name, Sawpit Covert, comes from the old pit, now covered in brambles in the woods – the directions tell you where it is but please don't fall in!

All place names are taken from O.S. Maps.

This walk can be extended to cover a stretch over open heathland.

Directions

Turn right out of the car park down Old Post Office Lane, at the end of the lane turn right.

Past the pig units (Abblitt's Farm) turn left opposite a pair of semis.

You'll soon be on sand tracks – cross a bridge over a stream and take the field edge footpath on the right (just before you reach the houses on the left).

Follow this until you come to a path junction – turn left pass the crag pit on the left and, at the next junction, turn right onto a bridleway.

Take the next left (after Black Bottom Plantation), the track is less used and has an open area on the right and woods ahead.

At the signpost veer right and stay on the 'obvious path' (may not be exactly as on OS maps) until you reach a wide sand track.

Turn left onto this bridle path and go straight on for a while then turn right at a cross roads with a tank on the left.

When you see a gate head turn left just before it down another straight track with hedges/trees on each side .

Go straight down this Bridgeway past Oak Hill Plantation and straight across a cross roads further down.

You are now on the track you took on the way out Before the last pair of houses on the right turn right onto a footpath that leaves these houses on your left – there's a footpath arrow. If you reach the point where you turned right on your way out you've gone too far!

Follow this path through a copse and along a field edge path that brings you out by the buildings of Broxtead Farm.

At the farm turn left onto the wide track leaving the buildings and a pond on your right.

When the track bends to the left follow it around and you'll find yourself at the bottom of Old Post Office Lane again.

