



Baulk Wood

Starting from St Mary's Church. A walk on cross-field paths to **Baulk Wood**, a recently extended Community Nature Reserve. The area is rich in wild life and in summer, a haven for butterflies. The return route provides an opportunity to view All Saints Church, Clifton. *(Baulk Wood and the adjoining meadow have paths that may provide disabled access. The wood has hard paths with two passing places, those in the meadow are well mowed and relatively flat, however they could be soft in winter. There is car park provision accessed off Langford Road, Henlow. (By Langford Football Ground).*

DISTANCE: 6.8 km (4.25 miles).

Maps - Ordnance Survey: Landranger 153 and Explorer 193 & 208.

YOUR ROUTE: From St Mary's Church return to the High Street, turn right. With pit recreation ground on right walk ahead, continue to reach a footpath sign past the last house on right. **1** Follow waymarked path diagonally across the field, *or use permissive route to right, around the field edge*. Turn right at the farmyard **2** and follow waymarked path to main road, cross over and turn left. Continue along the road, cross over track entrance, pass Baulk House on your right. In short distance, on right, enter **Baulk Wood** via gap by five-bar gate. Cross over ride and go through gate ahead. Follow path around to left, to reach gate at the far end, leave the wood **3**. With *interpretative board* on your right cross open area to reach a path heading past conifer trees bordering Langford Football Ground. Follow the mown path ahead and around to the right, continue with Henlow Brook on your left. Pass a picnic table and bench to reach a gate in hedge ahead **4**. Go through gate and up steps to reach a track. Turn left over a bridge, pass entrance to Sewage Works and on to reach cross track. Turn right, shortly turn left onto a permissive route. On reaching a cross track turn left, continue to car park **5**. Follow surfaced track ahead, passing barn conversions on your left and Hawarden Cottage on right to reach crossroads in Clifton **6**.







All Saints Church is in sight ahead, which is well worth a visit? If not visiting the church turn left and continue on pavement past housing. At the last dwelling cross the road and turn left. Continue past site entrance then farmland on left and right. Cross bridge over Henlow Brook. In short distance take second waymarked path on right **7**. Follow grassed path between hedge and post & rail fence to reach waymark post at gap in fence on right. Follow path over allotments to reach High Street. Cross over, turn right then left for return to St Mary's Church.

POINTS OF INTEREST:

Baulk Wood: A Community Nature Reserve of varied habitat. Created from an ex landfill site by local volunteers. It is now managed and maintained on behalf of Mid Beds District Council by Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity.









All Saints Church Clifton: The Medieval sections of the church are impressive. Of particular interest is an alabaster tomb now confirmed to be that of Sir Thomas Lucy, a herald to Henry VIII? All Saints is a fine example of a Bedfordshire village church.

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Clifton Bury Farm

Bilberry Pond

Hawarden Cottage

Clifton Farm

All Saints Church

Clifton House

Pavilion

Playing Field

School

Clifton

Stockbridge Farm

Stockbridge Road

Stock Bridge

Newtown

Allotments

Gardeners Lane

Recreation Ground

St Mary's Church

Church Road

High Street

School

School

Henlow Recreation Ground

Henlow

Henlow Brook

River Ivel

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Sewage Works

Baulk House

Baulk Wood

Langford Football Ground

Kingfisher Farm

Langford Road

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