

From the Town Hall walk down Butter Street past the Parish Church and along the High Street. Cross Swan Street & walk down Bleachfield Street, pass the allotments & a play area & turn right through a waymarked gate. Follow the path alongside the River Arrow to a bridge over Spittle Brook.

Cross the bridge, (ignoring the path to the left) & proceed to join an old railway track bed. Turn right & look for a stile in the facing fence. Cross & climb up steps onto the path alongside the busy A435. Turn left & walk over the river bridge. Take a short path on your left towards a field gate Before reaching the gate turn left onto a footpath running along the bottom of the embankment with a ditch on your right. Passing through a gate, turn left & go under the A435 & through a gate

Follow the waymarked path along the riverside to a gate leading onto a railway track bed. Continue along the track for three-quarters of a mile.

On your right notice Arrow Mill across the river, now a hotel & restaurant. The hill on your left was once the site of a Norman Motte & Bailey Castle.

You will approach the A46 road where it crosses the River Arrow. Climb steps up to the roadside. Turn right & cross the river to go over another stile & descend the embankment. Turn right & go under the road bridge Follow the waymarked path passing the old Wixford Station now a fenced garden then up a long set of steps to the road into Wixford. Cross the road & go down steps & through a gate. The Right of Way to Broom continues ahead but it is more pleasant to bear left to regain the old railway track & follow it for just over half a mile to

reach the remains of the old Broom station. Here you must bear right to re-join the Right of Way. Follow the path up to the road ahead.

Turn left & follow the road into Broom & through the village to the Broom Tavern. Go left along a road alongside the tavern to another road. Cross this & follow the Heart of England Way path ahead crossing the access road to Moor Hall.

There is a good view ahead to Oversley Castle on the hill.

Continue in the same direction(north)with a fence on your left, over several stiles to bear left over earthworks & a dry bridge to reach a second bridge near a small but attractive waterfall. Continue until you arrive at a road with the Fish Inn opposite. Turn right passing some picturesque half-timbered cottages as far as a road signed *Church Fields*. Follow this road until it meets a footpath curving right towards Wixford Church.

In the churchyard there is a rare 18C thatched hurdle & gorse horse house for the mount of the visiting clergy

Cross a small road to pass through the decorative metal gates of Oversley Lodge You are still on the Heart of England Way. Turn left up the tarmac track leading to Oversley Castle. Follow this winding route uphill. Just before the gate into Oversley Castle turn sharp left following the waymarked stony track around the hill.

On the other side of the hill a track goes left but we continue slightly right along a track lined with Laburnum trees passing a cottage & two barn

conversions. Turn left down the farm track to Lower Oversley Lodge Farm with its two prominent silos.

Continue down the concrete road to a gate on your left. Go through the gate & descend over the bridle bridge & continue down Primrose Lane. Turn right into Mill Lane, by the thatched cottages, then left & over the bridge that crosses the confluence of the rivers Arrow & Alne. The road takes us up to the Stratford Road which we cross to enter a small recreation ground, Centenary Fields. Go on passing the Memorial seats into Gas House Lane. Turn right & walk up Malt Mill Lane to the town centre.

For Further details see:

OS EXPLORER MAP 205
STRATFORD & EVESHAM
1:25,000 scale

Civic society publications

Local walks leaflets

1. Oversley Hill – 4.5miles
2. Alcock's Arbour – 5 miles
3. Coughton – 4.5 miles
4. Alcester Heath – 6 miles
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6. Broom – 6 miles

Wherever you go follow

The Country Code

- Respect the life of the countryside
- Guard against all risk of fire
- Leave gates as you find them
- Keep your dogs under close control
- Keep to public paths across farmland
- Use gates & stiles to cross fences, hedges & walls
- Leave livestock, crops & machinery alone
- Take your litter home
- Help to keep all water clean
- Protect wildlife, plants & trees
- Take special care on country roads
- Make no unnecessary noise

ALCESTER CIVIC SOCIETY

Local Walks

No. 6

Broom



Length 6 miles

Time 3 hours

