

## For alternative routes:-

To include Souldrop Village, follow route marked a) to d) on map. This will add another hour to the walk.

## SHORT WALK

At 2 walk straight past the right hand turn.

A. Follow the path down to the brook, across the ride, through the spinney and up the slope. There is a lovely little waterfall to right. Follow the path round and up the hill.

B. Excellent rural view to the left, with Colworth House on the right. Either walk back to the beginning by the road side path or up through the woods on the right to Twin Lodges.

## THE COLWORTH WALKS

### LOCATION:

Sharnbrook is 9 miles North of Bedford off the A6 Trunk Road, and 6 miles South of Rushden. This is a slightly undulating walk with very pleasant rural views of the Colworth Estate and Souldrop.

The distance of the main walk is about 3 miles and takes 1 1/2 hours at a leisurely pace. This is an excellent walk for the family. For the longer walk add an hour for the extra distance.

The Short Walk will take about 40 minutes. Stout footwear is needed for all routes as there is one boggy area: otherwise the main walk is on tarmac.

## PARKING

Cars may be parked on Colworth Road. Please park with consideration.

## TRANSPORT

Sharnbrook has an excellent bus service from Bedford and Rushden via the 124/125, X50/X52.

## WAYMARKING

All paths are marked.

## REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments can be obtained from the Bedford Arms (PH) in Souldrop village.

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Front Cover drawing - Colworth House entrance canopy c.1820

## COUNTRY CODE

Please remember:

Remove your litter. Keep your dogs under control. Keep to public paths



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# COLWORTH ESTATE

Circular Map



# AN EXCELLENT WALK

# FOR THE FAMILY

Sharnbrook Parish Council



1. Walk along a leafy lane, over the railway bridge to the Village Green at Souldrop. For a pub stop turn right at the green. The Bedford Arms (PH) is on the left.

2. Turn left onto the footpath which is signposted (before a row of houses). Go round the barns and join the farm track.

3. Leaving Berry Spring Wood on the left, bear right and go over a stile on the left, marked as a Nature Reserve. Cross the railway foot-bridge and walk along a grassy drive. Continue on this track.

4. Turn left at T junction of tracks before the farm buildings. Walk along the path to rejoin the main walk at 9.

9. Walk on past the junction below Lee Farm. See the rural views and the Unilever laboratory on the left.

10. Turn left past the Crop Science Notice.

11. Join the main drive. To the left is the Unilever Sports Field & beyond the barrier to the right and left is the golf course.

12. Continue straight on up Yelow Lane, being extra careful of the traffic, Sharnbrook Upper School and Playing Field on the right.

8. Turn left on the tarmac road or right for a longer route, leaving the Colworth Estate at a).

7. Climb the stile and walk to the field edge on the right. (Splendid views of the railway bridge and the church with Old Thurleigh Airfield on the horizon. Further on there are views of the Racing Stables and Lee Farm Cottages on the left.)

6. To the right are lovely views of All Saints Church, Souldrop.

5. A pond has been dug by Unilever. It is interesting to see how it has naturalised.

4. Views to the right over rural countryside. An alternative walk to Souldrop is along the hedgerow of the field. On reaching the road via a stile, turn right for a visit to the Bedford Arms Pub (1 mile). Go straight on past the stile on the way back to rejoin the path at point 8.

3. Walk past the first bridge & cross into the wood by the second bridge joining the main ride. Views of Colworth House to the left through the trees and the railway line to the right.

2. Cross the bridge over the Sharn Brook and up the hill. A lovely rural aspect with views of St. Peter's Church, Sharnbrook in winter.

1. Enter Colworth Estate at North Lodge. Bear right off road, crossing spinney to the left via stile or marked path.

13. Pass between the Twin Lodges on the left and turn right, down a pleasant woodland walk.

#### RIGHTS OF WAY COLWORTH ESTATE

FOOTPATH ———  
BRIDLEWAY .....  
ROAD ———  
B.O.A.T. VVVVV

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