

We all met in the car park of the Lickey Hills visitors centre. There were seven attendees, which was good as a lot of people were on holiday.

We started the walk down a bridle path which was quite icy, down to the road. We crossed the road and headed towards the Rose and Crown Hotel. Right of that we started to walk up hill adjacent to the golf course. With quite a pull and good paths we arrived at the edge of the Beacon. We didn't go to the top, we turned left into the wooded area which was beautiful. Walking a few metres we turned left down a steep flight of steps, we did have to be careful.

Reaching the bottom we turn left and walk right of some pools. Reaching the end of the path we turn right onto the footpath for a few metres then crossed the road to another lovely wooded area. The path wound its way through little wooded paths, still very icy there. We arrived back at the Lickey Centre.

Walking down past the Centre through the woods with lovely trees on either side, we stopped for a photo.

We had a drink break in a shelter on the side of the path.

We forked right for Barnt Green and descended to some wooden fencing where we headed right. Quite a lot of ice on this path. We came to a lane and turned left then immediately right onto a path and soon we came out opposite the Barnt Green station. Turn left onto the footpath and followed until we came to a bridge.

Cross over and make for the Barnt Green Social club which is where the path starts. The path takes us to a field. Head across keeping to the left. We came to a gate then followed a path diagonally across this second field.

We come to a road which we have to follow up between two reservoirs to a left turn onto a bridleway.

We had very good views of the Licky Hills from here. Walking on we come to the Barnt Green reservoir. We stopped for a photo there.

Turning left then right we come to small lane with Cofton Hackett church on our left. The church has a timber porch and bell-turret dating back to the 15th century.

Turning right onto a field with quite a pull to the top. Through a kissing gate to go across a field, which is another pull to the road. Cross this road upwards to a very steep hill that takes us to the Lickey Hills Centre. A very nice 6 1/2 mile walk . We all had a nice hot chocolate.

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