

Norton Camp

Walk 3

Distance - 3.4m (5.5km) Ascent: 110m, 360ft Map: O.S. Explorer 217, The Long Mynd & Wenlock Edge, 1:25,000

A fine, part circular walk direct from the property, ascending the modest hill to the west, crowned by the ramparts of Norton Camp, an Iron Age hill fort. Some of the paths are small and difficult to see especially around the fort. Mud in places after rain. No steep gradients.

Start/car parking - HPB Upper Norton

WALK

From the main entrance turn left along the road. Turn right at the first waymarked track.

The right of way over the fields may be blocked by crops. If so, this is not a problem, so two routes are described – one on the right of way through the fields and the second going around the fields.

Route 1, through the fields:

1. Go straight ahead up the field to a stile.

2. Go over the stile, cross a farm track, turn diagonally right heading for conifer trees. There is no marked path and the exact route will vary depending on the crops planted.

The right of way brings one to the woods and a signposted path straight ahead into the woods.

Route 2, around the fields:

1. Go left by a barn and then right up a track. Turn right at the top of the first field with a hedge on the right passing a stile on the right. Continue along the edge of the field until reaching a fence, then turn left with the fence on the right along the edge of another field.

2. 40m beyond the fence turn right along the track with a hedge on the right (no signs)

There are views to the right including Flounders Folly tower on the hill.

When reaching the wood turn left (no signs) and walk approx. 80m with woods on the right.

Turn right into the woods by a waymarker.

3. After about 50m, ignore a small track on the left, and continue downhill.

After about a further 80m turn left on a waymarked track, bending to the left and climbing steadily. At a major track turn left.

4. Just before a house there is track on the right. If you wish to see the centre of the hill fort (now a field) go up this track for about 30m and peep over the gate and then return to the house.

The next part of the walk is a clockwise walk along the ramparts of the hill fort essentially going around this field.

Leaving the house on your left go straight ahead on to a grassy track.

At a waymarker turn right (not the 3 Woods Walk)

The path is now narrow along the top of the rampart and goes up and down.

Keep to the top of the rampart by keeping left and ignoring other paths.

There is a severe drop to the left.

Pass a waymarker on the left.

5. Where there is a small path to the right and a rise just in front, turn left (there are chopped tree trunks on the left of the path) going steeply down the rampart.

(GR 446 821). Again there is no sign.

After the short steep descent the path bends to the right.

Walk onto a grassy path going downhill.

On reaching a track turn right, and where the track bends to the right, (after just under a 100m) there is a grassy area and a grassy track on the left. Take this unmarked track.

6. This where the route joins the outward walk.

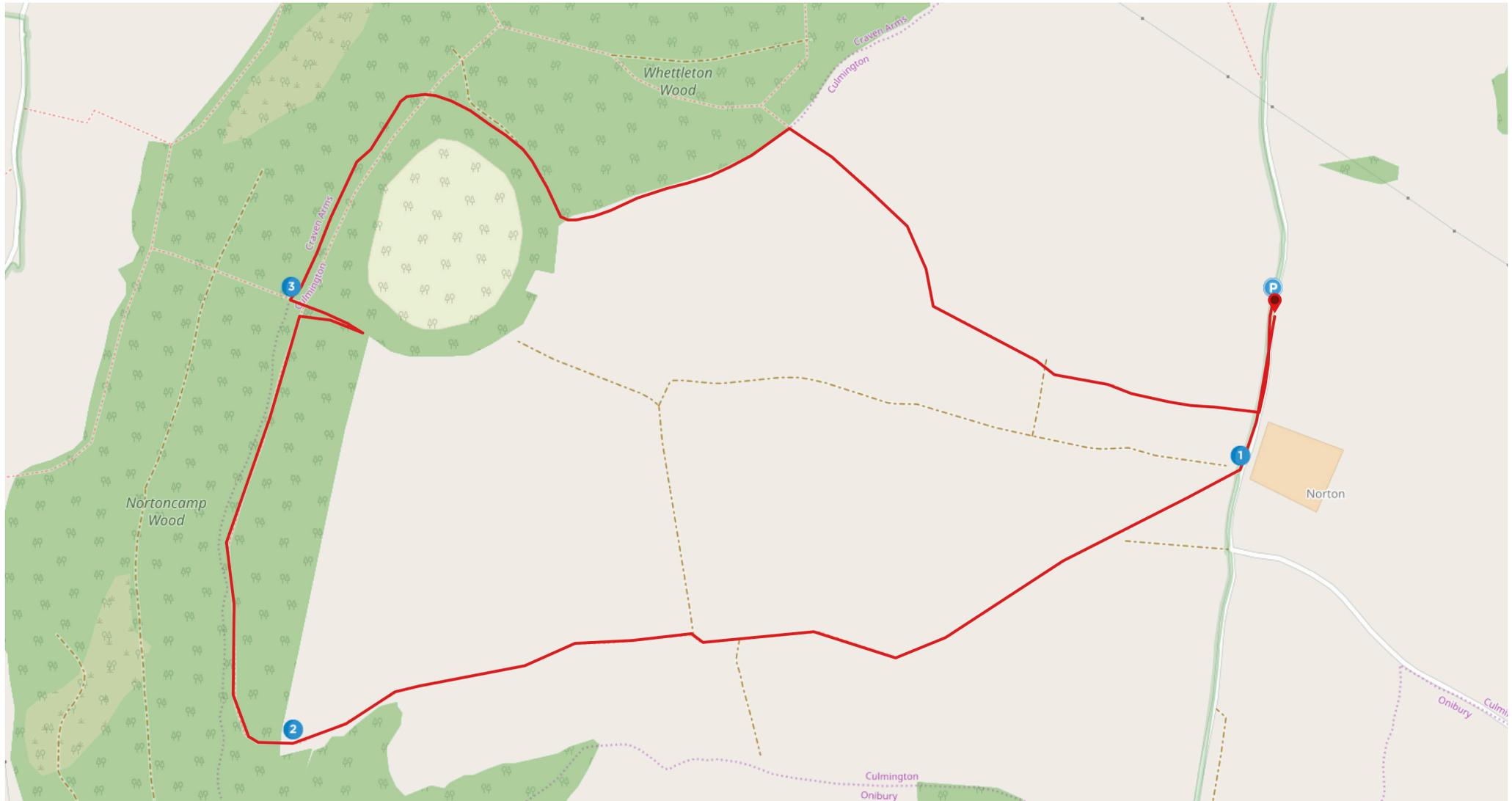
Retrace your steps to Upper Norton:

Turn right at a waymarker (celebrating 50yrs), left at the field, right before the gate, left after a hedge, walk straight on with the fence on the left, right on reaching a hedge, continue to the end and turn left to a road and Upper Norton.

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