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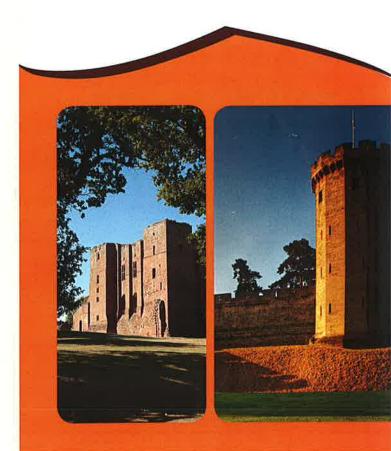






Two Castles Walk

Enjoy a 6½ mile walk from Warwick Castle to Kenilworth Castle



A 6½ mile walk from Warwick Castle to Kenilworth Castle to with a return by bus or a circular walk of 12 miles

- I. Start the walk from Warwick Castle along Castle Street, pass the Visitor Information Centre, and cross into Church Street. Go under the arch of St Mary's Church, to the end of Northgate Street. Turn right, and cross over into Cape Road. At the bend cross to the wide path to the right of the car park. Follow the path, keeping left, downhill, under the railway, and take the path straight ahead between the houses. At the road turn left, continue over the crossroads into Scar Bank, Turn right and before the car park turn left over the canal bridge. Leave the bridge via the concrete steps and turn right then left, between the houses to 'Greenway'. Turn left, follow the road and the continuing footpath alongside the school grounds, to reach and cross the pedestrian crossing. Follow the footpath up the hill and turn right at the top to the Pelican Crossing. Cross the road and take the left footpath, up the slope, turning right. Continue across the end of the cul de sac to reach the next road. Cross the road and turn right to take the 3rd left turn into Wade Grove. Keep straight ahead and follow the path, between the houses into the open area. At the 'goal posts' leave the path following the left hedge line to reach and turn left along Woodloes Lane over the A46.
- 2. Follow the lane and take the left turn towards Woodloes Farm, entering the ancient Wedgnock Park. Just before the farm buildings take the footpath right across the fields. Pass the houses and continue straight ahead through the gate. Follow the fenced path to reach the open area of the Warwickshire Golf Course. Continue straight ahead, and follow the track until just before a large electricity pylon. Turn ½ left along the footpath. The footpath goes through an old quarry site then goes up hill, following a fence

- on the left to reach an open field. Follow the right hedge line, passing a waymarking post, and continue through a cultivated field to take a gate into a meadow. Continue with the right hedge, past the embankment part of the **Goodrest Manor** archaeology and bear left to cross the brook. Take the gate and follow the right fence line across the field to take the gate to the concrete drive.
- 3. Continuing on Map 2 turn right along the drive passing the concrete emplacements of the 2nd World War AA Gun Site and reach and cross Rouncil Lane, turn right for a few metres and take the gate on the left. Follow the well marked bridle way along the hedge line. Continue through a series of large fields passing close to Oaks Farm. Continue over the bridge, through the gate. Cross the field ½ right to take a gate. Follow the path right crossing a 'boggy' area. To begin the alternative return to Warwick by foot take the next gate left and follow the right fence line. Continue route A-C below.
- 4. To return to Warwick by bus turn right to reach a track via a gate, and turn left and continue then right and left to reach Kenilworth Castle. Turn left along the entrance path, passing the ticket kiosk, but, before the entrance gates, take the steps right down the embankment. Follow the footpath left around the castle perimeter and reach the B4103. Take the gate, cross the road, turn right (passing the Queen & Castle and Clarendon Arms pubs) and continue up Castle Hill for 200m and turn right into Abbey Fields. Follow the surfaced footpath through the Park and turn right at the ruin to reach the Leisure Centre, continuing up the hill to exit the park. Cross the road into Abbey End and continue for 200m to the no. X16 bus stop to return to Warwick
- A. Returning to Warwick on foot from (3) turn left following the hedge line. After the second gate turn ½ left, cross the field up the hill to the

- hedge line, take the gate and turn right. Follow the hedge then farm track across a field. Keep straight ahead through three gates then follow the right hedge line. At a waymarking post turn left to cross the field, take a gate and turn right along the farm track to Rouncil Lane.
- B. Turn left along the lane and at the next bend leave the lane, straight ahead to take a gate into the field. Go straight up the field, between fences, bending left at the top to take a gate. Follow the path, cross Inchford Brook, turn left and follow the brook. Pass a bridge and follow the brook for another 600m. Take the gate on the left and cross the brook. Follow the path straight ahead to take a gate, to reach Wedgnock Lane just below Bull Oak Farm.
- C. Turn left along the lane which continues for 3km (passing the Hatton Flight link bridle way) to reach the Volvo HQ. Turn right and 2nd left along Cape Road to return to the centre of Warwick.

Historical notes

Goodrest Manor was situated just south of the present farmhouse and the original double moated manor house was built in 1374. The embankment was built to dam Cuttle Brook and provide a fish pool. The name Goodrest was adopted, it is believed, because several of the Countesses of Warwick retired here at the time of childbirth.

The Bannerhill World War II Heavy Anti Aircraft Gun Battery was one of 18 sites, forming the air attack defensive ring around Coventry. This site had four 4.7" guns and at the end of the war became a prisoner of war camp.

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