

For an interesting diversion, when you reach the small green on your right, cross over the road. Keeping the hedge on your left, when you get to a gap in the hedge turn left. You will now see what is probably the largest oak tree you are ever likely to come across. Go and stand by the trunk and take in the sheer size of this magnificent specimen.

From the tree you can continue your walk by following the clearing to your left known as Azalea Gardens. Walk to the footpath and then turn left. Continue to the fenced area and follow the path round to the right. This will lead you back to the Nature Reserve and the footpath back to the Community Centre will be in front of you on the opposite side of the road.

If you had decided not to take the diversion to the large oak tree, continue down Curtis Hayward Drive until you return to the Nature Reserve. The footpath leading back to the Community Centre will be on your left immediately opposite the entrance to the Reserve.

Prior to returning to the Centre you may wish to visit the Quedgeley Moat which has listed Ancient Monument status. To do so, turn right at the end of Park Drive and follow the footpath until you reach School Lane. Turn right and follow the lane until reaching Scholars Walk. Turn right and follow the road keeping to the right and then take the gravelled footpath that leads down to the Moat.

The Moat dates back to the 1500's and was originally constructed to provide a water supply to Woolstrop House and later to Quedgeley House.

Retrace your steps back to the Community Centre.

We hope you enjoyed this short walk - if you did, please tell others about it.

If you did have any difficulties in following the route, please let us know.

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Walks Around Quedgeley

Walk Number One Easy. Family Walk 1 and 1/2 miles

A Walk through the History of Quedgeley



Quedgeley House

A Walk Through History

Quedgeley House was built in the early 1800's as a replacement for Woolstrop House. It was situated on the site of what is now Deerhurst Place. The house was owned by the Curtis Hayward family until 1960 when it was sold to the Quedgeley Development Company and was subsequently demolished in 1980.

For the walk, start at the Quedgeley Community Centre which is situated in School Lane. With the centre behind you, cross the road and turn immediately left continuing for approx 100 metres.

Pass the entrance to the Parish Church and bear right along the footpath which was once the original road to Quedgeley House. Cross over the road and turn right into St James Road.

At Park Drive turn Left and follow the road until it ends and where a footpath starts. This footpath marks the original avenue of oak trees that formed the driveway up to Quedgeley House.

Follow this path until you reach Curtis Hayward Drive. (Named after the family who last owned Quedgeley House) and cross the road into the Quedgeley Nature Reserve using the gate on the left.

(You are now standing in what were the gardens of Quedgeley House).

After approx 40 metres you will come to a fork in the path at which you should bear left. On your left hand side is a pond just after which is a footpath to the right. Follow this path passing a large cedar tree until you enter a clearing with an even larger cedar tree in front of you. Take a few moments to stop and listen and you'll be surprised how easy it is to forget you are actually standing in the middle of an extensively developed area.

Follow the footpath and you will pass a mound into which three concrete pipes have been inserted. This is an artificial badger sett which was built at the time of the construction of Deerhurst Place. It was hoped that the badgers would use this artificial sett whilst the construction continued around them. It should be noted that badgers were not protected at the time and it was largely down to the efforts and dedication of a number of local people that this initiative was adopted.

On passing the sett, turn right following the path and then bear to your left. After approx 200 metres you will come across a metal swing gate on your left which is the entrance to Hillcot Drive. Go through this gate and walk straight down Hillcot until you reach Severnvale Drive.

Cross over, turn left and then immediately right into Clearwater Drive. Continue walking past the large open space on your right until you see a footpath to the right. Take this path and follow it straight down the small hill and then turn right across the small wooden bridge.

You are now walking alongside what is known as the Clearwater Drive area and which is currently under consideration for further residential development. The area is a natural wetland area with a great diversity of wildlife including great crested newts. QACA, hopefully with the support of the general public is attempting to save the site and to retain it as an unspoilt open space for the local community to continue to enjoy.

Follow the path for approx 800 metres bearing right just before the wooden bridge. Continue walking and you will eventually re-enter Severnvale Drive. Cross the road using the Zebra crossing and then turn right following the path until you reach Curtis Hayward Drive.

Turn left and continue along Curtis Hayward Drive.