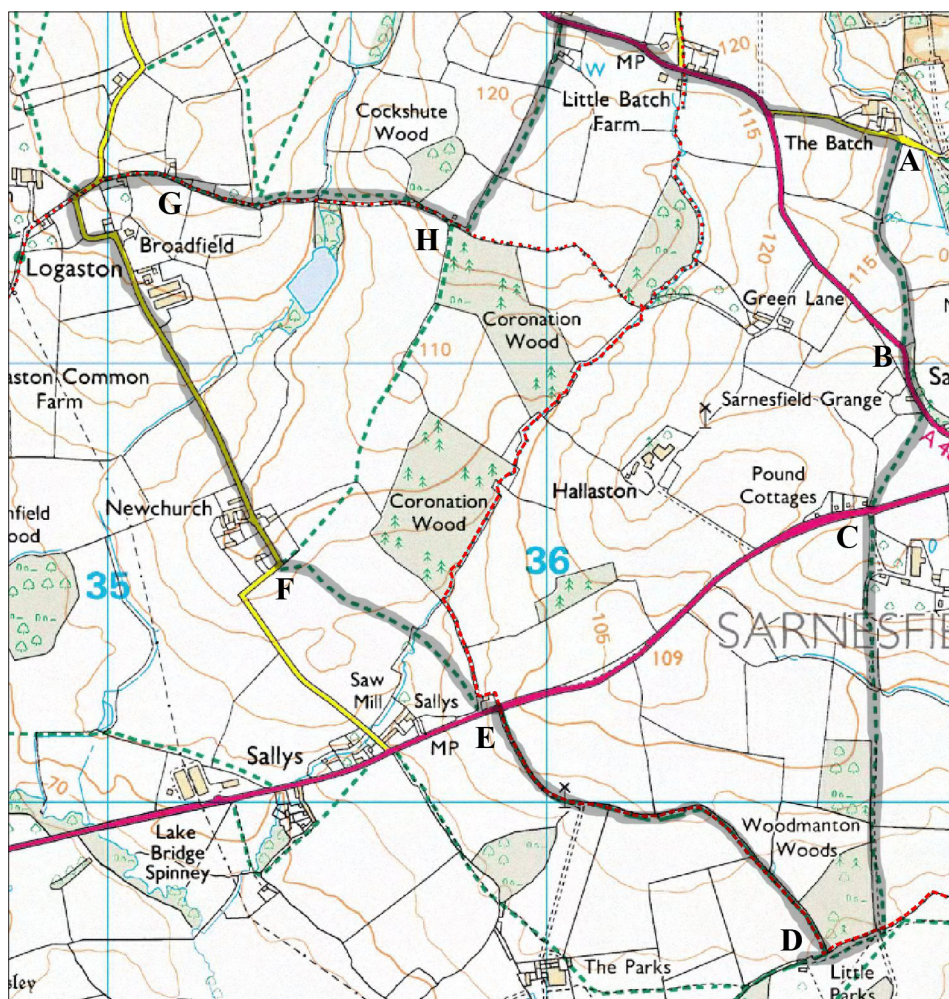




This walk crosses fields in which there is often livestock. Please take care to leave gates as you find them, and follow countryside guidance when walking with a dog.

This walk starts from near the Sarnesfield Estate sawyard where two car parking spaces are available during daylight hours for those walking this route. Take the no-through road off the A480 to The Batch, beyond which you will see a sign indicating the spaces.

A) Walk back up towards the Batch from the car parking spaces, and roughly opposite the end of the farm buildings on your right, go through the second of two gates on your left to enter a field. Follow the field boundary on your left to a gate into the next field, then again follow the field boundary on your left to a road-side gate at the far end of the field.

B) Turn left on the main road and immediately past Sarnesfield Grange, a large house on the right, cross a stile into a field. Head diagonally across this field, aiming just to the left of a line of cottages (if obstructed by crops it may be possible to follow the right-hand field edge instead). Cross the stile in the far corner of the field out onto the A4112, which you then cross to walk down the lane that serves Woodmanton Farm.

C) Take the track off to the right that soon diverges from the lane, to leave a black and white cottage and its garden to your left; the cottage is thought by some to have been the possible home of John Abell, the celebrated Sarnesfield 'Architector'. Keep on the track to enter a field which you cross. Stay on the track as it runs alongside one wood on your right, followed by a short section of field and then a second wood. At the far end of this wood, turn right along the field edge. After 200 metres or so go through the small metal gate by an imposing oak tree in the field boundary on your right.

D) Once through the gate, turn right and follow the field boundary on your right back to the edge of the wood, where you turn left and keep following field boundaries on your right, passing first through one field gate and then one small gate to then cross over a narrow stretch of pasture to join the lane that serves The Parks Farm. Turn right on this and follow it down to the A4112.

E) Turn left on the main road, taking care as this is a busy road. After about 50 metres you will pass a cottage on the right, beyond which turn right on a track. Go through the gate across the track near the cottage, then turn left across a stile. Turn half right and cross the field, aiming for a gate in the valley bottom. Through this cross the stream and then a stile. Cross the next field, passing to the immediate left of the single tree standing in the middle of it, and then to the gate in the field boundary just to the right of the white-painted house. (If crops obstruct the route, you can turn left once in the field and follow a permissive path round its edge to a gate out onto a road, on which you then turn right.)

F) Once through the gate, turn right on the road. Follow this past the old oast house on the right, then downhill and over a stream, up past some chicken sheds to Broadfield. Continue walking on the road round three sides of a small rectangle, passing a no-through road off to the left to shortly after face a lane leading slightly uphill ahead of you. Take this and follow it to the far end, to go through the gate that leads to Pax Cottage. Pass this house on your left and go through the gate to the right of the stables, and then almost immediately drop down a bank on the right as you approach a riding ring. Here your route becomes a sunken path between two hedgerows (and can be muddy).

G) Follow this path till it reaches the end of the paddock on your left. Here you pass through a kissing gate and then follow the hedge on your right down to a stream where, a short way along it, you will find a kissing gate and a bridge which you should pass through and cross. Cross the corner of the next field and follow the field boundary on your right uphill to the right-hand corner of a wood, where you join a wide track.

H) Follow this track past the start of a woodland – Coronation Wood – on your right and the remains of a tumbled down cottage on your left, turning left once you enter a field. Follow the field boundary on your left, turning right and immediately left at the end of the first field so as to continue following field boundaries on your left. You cross a stile into a small field then enter the grounds of a house. Keep following the hedges on your left up the house's drive to reach the A480. Turn right and walk past the turning to the left to Meer and Broxwood to reach the no-through lane off to the left that leads to The Batch. Turn down this to return to your vehicle.