WAYPOINTS ON COUND SNOWDROP WALK

This route is over farmland and private woodland please keep dogs on their leads at all times.



Cross the road outside the Guildhall and climb over the stile, follow the hedge on your right to the next stile.

From this stile head directly across the field towards the

woods opposite – <u>after</u> the power line pole turn left and follow the fence and brook to the metal gate.

Over the stile next to the metal gate continuing straight on, with the fence and the brook on your right. Ignore the stile on your right that leads to the white foot bridge over Coundmoor Brook.

Continue on and go over the stile in the corner of the field, follow the path with the brook on your right to the kissing gate.

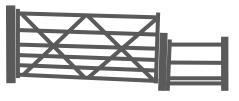


With the brook on your right go through a field with ground that rises steeply on your left. Pass

the washed out ford just before the fenced copse on your left.

Look for the old weir in the brook - you may miss it as you have to concentrate on crossing the boggy ground. It is always difficult here because a spring runs out of the hillside on the left and across the route at this point.

Continue ahead across the slope with the brook below you to the right and the woods ahead. Keeping at the same level and following the stone wall on your left. In front of the woods, is a



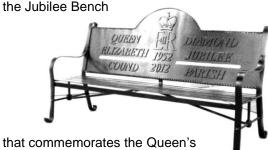
wide wooden gate and stile.

Through the gate, and into the woods and follow the foot path.

During the past few years extensive work has been carried out to reinvigorate the woodland. A stoned track leads you through to a large clearing with a vehicle bridge at the edge of the brook you should bear to the right over the bridge to the hard core track that passes above and to the right of the cabin.

Work has been done to successfully rejuvenate the woodland which is a SSSI and a considerable amount of planting has taken place where there is bare earth. Please keep to the track and follow it up through the woodland with a recently extended small lake on your left.

On open ground above the lake is



Diamond Jubilee. Here may be a good place to sit to rest and observe the wild life in the woods across the lake.

From the Jubilee Bench continue along the track to the footpath marker indicating where you leave the track and bear left down to an new red metal gate. Pass through the gate and on down and into the field towards the Coundmoor Brook.

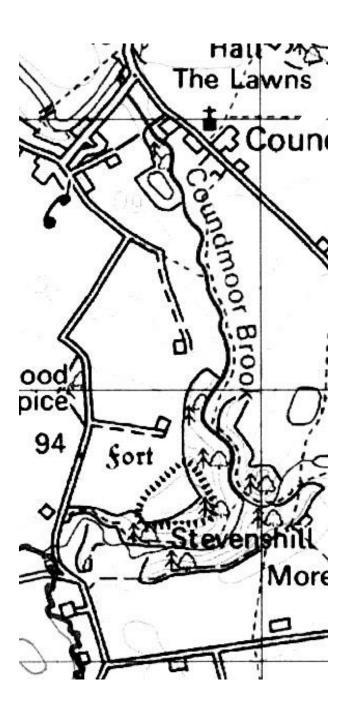
Passing through the field and following the brook you will find an old stone bridge on the left. There is **no** designated foot path over the bridge, please take care around the bridge



Keeping the brook on your left you continue on and you should see drifts of snowdrops on either side of the brook. Continue up stream through the field to the kissing gate leading to the road at Fullway Ford. Join the road and turn right up the hill. Follow the road for around 1½ Km into Upper Cound.

At the highest point on the road (94 metre) there is an excellent framed view of the Wrekin to the north east. Continue down the road eventually passing Glebe Farm and two houses on your right. Then turn right down Church Lane which turns in to a footpath and re-crosses Coundmoor Brook.

On reaching the road at the other end of Church Lane turn right towards the Church and the Guildhall.



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