

Bewdley Walk 2 June 2020

A great walk during lockdown on the last day of the good weather. It was a cloudy to start with but the sun came out later and it was very warm when the shade of trees was very welcome.

We parked at Habberley Nature Reserve and walked through the rocky outcrops.



We then walked past the Rockhouse Retreat. <https://www.therockhouseretreat.co.uk/>. This unique property featured on Grand Designs a few years ago. You can rent it for a romantic break.

It was then uphill and across the fields to Trimpley. Then mainly along a fairly quiet road to Eymore Wood which for future reference has a large free car park. Then through the woodland to Upper Arley and downhill to the river for lunch.



Following lunch there was a long walk along the west side of the river passing through woods and fields. At one point from the noise we felt we were at the seaside as there were a lot of people on the opposite bank and beach enjoying the fine weather in and out of the water (with safe distancing maintained). Walking under the Elan Aqueduct gave us an opportunity to consider the engineering feat that was undertaken to supply us with freshwater. The bridge itself is something to admire.



We intended to get an ice cream in Bewdley but the queues due to social distancing were too long so it was back up hill through quiet fields and lanes with some challenging stiles. We crossed the Severn Valley Railway on the way but no trains and probably not for a few weeks. We passed through another part of Trimpley then back down through the nature reserve to the car.

This was a great 12mile walk which I shall put in the programme for a later date. We have previously done a similar walk parking at Habberley Nature Reserve but some years ago. Hopefully by then there will be steam trains on the railway and more opportunity for refreshments and toilets!!