



Dursley Welcomes Walkers

Circular walk from Dursley Town Centre.

A 3 mile circular walk visiting Breakheart Quarry.

Breakheart Quarry is managed and run by Breakheart Community Project a registered charity. The Breakheart Site is a wonderful area for active play, suitable for a range of leisure and recreational activities, as well as education and training in outdoor skills.



From Dursley Market Hall, go along pedestrianised Parsonage Street and turn left up May Lane past the library. Opposite the bus station go left at a barrier by a green metal Cotswold Way post, continue between walls and turn R in a gap in the wire fence, between trees. Go ahead up the worn or mown grass to black metal posts leading to a road; follow this as it twists right and left. At the junction opposite Weavers Close go R steeply up into woods. Bear up L and continue to climb, avoiding all paths on the right. Remain on this track and at an obvious clearing with fewer, larger

trees on more level ground, the path curves to the right following the hillside. At a path crossroads, metal posts and chain, go ahead to a green vehicle barrier and turn left onto the road. Beware of traffic for the next stretch. Pass a turning to the right signed Waterley Bottoms and after about 100 metres find a stile at the top of a bank. This is Breakheart Quarry. Go briefly ahead to an information board and follow the waymarked public footpath round to the right, then following the quarry perimeter. Just after the Visitors' Centre on the right and other buildings on the left, bear slightly right at a wayposted junction past another information board on the right to a stile. Keep ahead alongside the fence of a small reservoir, over another stile into an open space with excellent views over Waterley Bottom. This route is not marked on maps as a public right of way but is used with the landowner's permission. Head to a gate and stepless stile in the far left corner, go left along the stoney track to a road, and cross with care.

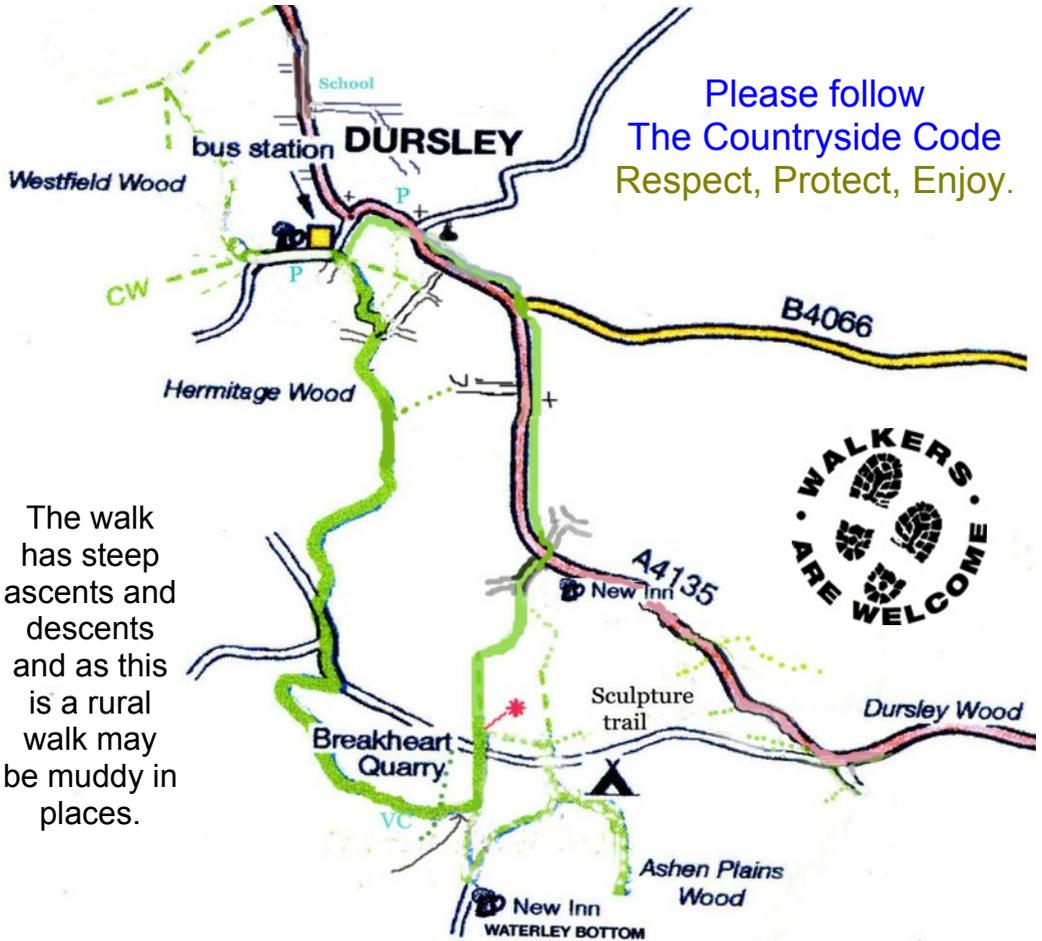
Until this point you were following the Lantern Way. At this point it turns right but to return directly to Dursley, go straight ahead. Dropping down the contours and ignoring side tracks should bring you





out after a few minutes in a cul de sac which will lead you onto the A4135 opposite an unfenced green. If it is a weekend afternoon you may find the New Inn at Woodmancote is open to your right. It serves excellent local ales but no meals. Otherwise cross the road and go left for the short walk into Dursley.

This leaflet has been produced by Dursley Welcomes Walkers. For more information please contact www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk



* The Dursley -Breakheart Circular Walk follows the Lantern Way to here.

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