



Church Stretton Short Circular Walks

Walk 6: Cwms Circuit

Route: Watling Street North - Cwms Lane - Cwms Farm - Hazler Road

- **Start:** Market Square, High Street Church Stretton
- **Length:** 6 miles
- **Time:** 2 and a half hours at a moderate pace
- **Difficulty:** An easy/moderate circular walk with a few short uphill and downhill sections on narrow footpaths. Can be muddy in winter.
- **Public Toilets:** Easthope Road & Lutwyche Road in Church Stretton
- **Eating Places:** Cafés and pubs in Church Stretton, Vending Hut at Gaerstones Farm (card payment only)
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Walk description: This lengthy but easy walk is in the east of the valley and provides delightful views of Caer Caradoc & Hope Bowdler Hill. As you return to town there are views of Church Stretton nestled below the Long Mynd.

The full series of eight short circular walks starting from Church Stretton are available in the Visitor Information Centre and can be downloaded from the **Visit Church Stretton website** at <https://churchstretton.co.uk/>

Walk Directions

Step 1) With the square on your left go along the High Street and turn right into Sandford Avenue. Follow this road all the way to the traffic lights by the A49. Cross over and take the first left into Watling Street North.

Step 2) As the road bends to the right, just before the Helmeth Road sign, go left up Cwms Lane, which is a tarmac farm road, signposted "Caer Caradoc". Follow the road to a cattle grid just past a house called Eastwood. Go through the kissing gate on the right and proceed up the field keeping hedge on your right.

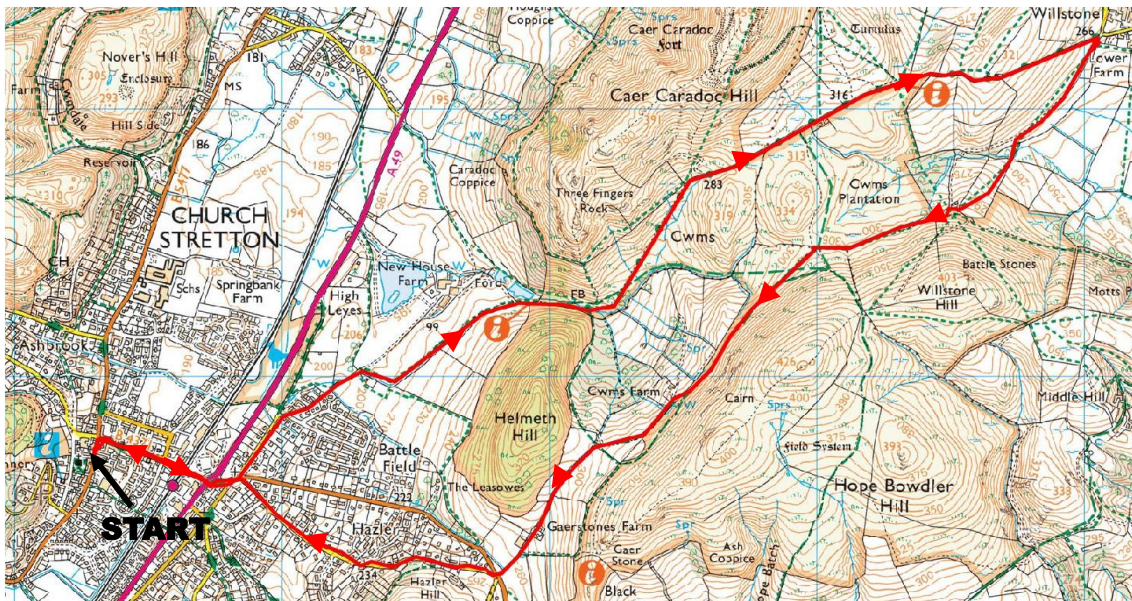
Step 3) At the far corner of the field the track bears right towards a farm gate /kissing gate. Pools are on your left. Go through the gate, keep on the path, cross over the ford and keep climbing until you pass through a gate. Caer Caradoc is on your left. Eventually you reach another gate.

Step 4) Keep ahead until you see the buildings of Willstone Farm. Just before the tarmac road turn right and over stile. Ignore second stile and follow faint farm track slightly right, initially with fence to the left and then into open field.



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Step 5) Look out for pedestrian gate to the left and footbridge. Take this route and go through further gate to climb up field bearing to the right to reach the right-hand corner of the field. Go through gate and turn right to meet a junction of paths with a signpost.

Step 6) Bear left and then almost immediately right at the signpost. Generally, now keep hedge on your right. This path takes you back along the valley with Hope Bowdler Hill on your left. On reaching a crossing of paths ignore a gate on your right but bear left for 5m and then immediately right to continue walking along the side of the valley.

Step 7) Keep on this path for 900m until you reach a gate on your right by Cwms Farm cottage. Go through the gate and bear left to reach farm road. Go through the next gate. Continue on track and bear to the left to go through further gate.

Step 8) Drop down track passing by Gaerstones Farm to reach the main road (you pass a vending hut with picnic benches here). Cross over main road and go down Hazler Road and back to town.

Thank you to Friends of Church Stretton Library for their help in developing these short walks

