

En Route.

Welbeck Estate is one of the great traditional landed estates, nestled within Sherwood Forest in Nottinghamshire. It is home to the School of Artisan Food.

The School of Artisan Food is dedicated to preserving, sharing and developing artisan food production skills.

Courses in all aspects of artisan food production range from half day taster sessions to a six month diploma in artisan baking. Staffed and run by experts whose skills are only matched by their passion, its students enjoy an unrivalled learning experience.

The school is housed in Welbeck's former fire stables, dating back to 1870. Training rooms are specially equipped for the teaching of breadmaking, cheesemaking, brewing, butchery, charcuterie and preserving. The environment is serene and inspiring, and thoroughly welcoming.

The School of Artisan Food has earned an international reputation for its exceptional courses and was awarded Best British Cookery School of the Year 2020 at the National Food and Drink Awards.

Route Description

- 1.** From the Pinfold **turn left to walk down the road**. Walking down this road you will have the St. Mary's Church on your left. **Carry on walking down the road**. The road goes downhill slightly and at a point where it bends round to the right you will pass over a stone bridge over a small river, and 10m beyond you will see a footpath fingerpost on your left. **Turn left to pass through the kissing gate and follow the path** which goes uphill towards some trees and along a ridge. About 70m and just after a bench look to the right and you will see some steps. **Climb up the steps to pass through a kissing gate and carry on uphill**, bearing left slightly and then you emerge into a field. **Continue straight ahead with fence on your right**, open fields on your left. You are walking along an obvious track with views on your right towards the village of Norton, beyond which you can see the woodland belonging to Welbeck Estate. As you rise to the peak of a gentle hill, to your left you can now see Steetley Chimney in Whitwell. The path now heads downhill to meet a road.
- 2.** **Pass through a gap in the hedge and cross straight over to a fingerpost opposite to continue across the next field**. You have open field on your right and hedgerow on your left. After walking down this field for a short while you will come to a tree. Do not be tempted to pass through the gap on your left but **go around the tree, with the tree on your left, to continue along the edge of the original field**. You still have hedgerow on your left and open field on your right. The track then bends round to the right to lead down to a metal kissing gate.

3. **Pass through the kissing gate to meet a tarmac road in front of a rather splendid lodge and turn left.** Do not pass through the ornamental gates to walk along the track beyond as you will be shot! **Pass through the wooden gates to walk along the tarmac road.** You can walk along the grass verges if you prefer. After walking along this lane for about 1.2Km you enter Tile Kiln Wood where the lane swings round to the left and shortly after starts to bend back round to the right. At the point where there is a triangular junction of lanes **follow it round to the right** as indicated by the yellow arrow on the fingerpost on your right.
4. After a further 475m you come to a junction of lanes. Where you see a big sign for the School of Artisan Food and straight ahead of you will see a redbrick house. **Here turn left.** You will see on the fence on your left a directional arrow and after that you will see a Robin Hood Way (bow and arrow) marker. You will have on your left a copse and wooden fence to your right. This lane will bring you down to meet the main Worksop to Mansfield road, the A60. As you approach the end of this lane, to your right you will see the courts of the Welbeck Tennis Club. **Cross over the road onto the lane opposite and after a further 70 metres turn right to meet the checkpoint.....**

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