

WDDC BLOSSOM DRIVE INSTRUCTIONS – Wichenford WR6 6YN

Courtesy of Bulmer Estates via Kevin and Sabrina Willis

Medium Distance (6.5 miles) and Long Distance Route (8.1 miles)

1. Turn right out of the yard gate and drive a short distance down the road where you come to a gate on the right hand side (signed Woodhouse Farm) into the orchard
2. Once through the gate follow the track down the hill to a small bridge
3. Drive over the bridge then turn immediately left following the hedge line with orchards on your right.
4. Continue around the boundary of the orchard until you see a yellow steel barrier ahead.
5. Turn left out of the orchard, through the barrier onto Ockeridge Lane – **Turn Immediately Right** (beware of traffic)
6. Continue straight on Ockeridge Lane, through the village of Winchenford, towards **OCKERIDGE and HOLT**, continuing passed the first left turn
7. Take the second left turn **Signed - KINGS GREEN 1/MARTLEY 3**
8. Continue straight at Triangle junction – **Signed MARTLEY and HILLSIDE**
9. At the red post box, **Turn Right – Signed WITTON HILL ½** (quite steep)
10. Continue straight uphill round a sharp bend to the left passing Puck's Rough Farm – continue down a steep hill – dogs may be barking in a garden high on your left hand side
11. Pass Prickley Green Farm sign on RHS
12. Immediately afterwards, **at a left hand bend, continue straight, leaving the road onto a gravel/stone track** – with a house on right hand side
13. Continue through gate into the orchard – you will see a large green oil tank on concrete block base on the right
14. Continue down the track to the end where a bridle path sign points left
15. **Take a right turn at that point** - keep the field boundary on your left around the edge of the orchard where some trees have been removed – this track may be bumpy
16. **Turn left through a 5ft metal gate** signed “**Martley Circular Walk**” - there is a wooden bridge to drive over. Ensure the gate is opened away from your direction of travel
17. Follow the hedge line on your LHS then through a gap in the hedge onto a track in the direction of a number of houses in the near distance
18. Just before the end of track there is a **small herd of little pigs** on the right hand side
19. After the pigs, **pass through a double gate, turning right onto Hockham's Lane** - pass Prickley Farm House on your left
20. Continue straight on this lane, up a hill until you come to a **Black and White Cottage** on right hand side – please note there may be dogs behind a panelled fence which might bark and spray up the gravel
21. If you wish to return to yard completing the 6.5 mile medium route, continue along this lane until you get to a cross roads – go straight on – (**signed - SINTON GREEN 2 / HALLOW 4**) the yard will be on your right hand side – if you wish to complete the long 8.1 mile route, see **Extra Loop**:



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EXTRA LOOP FOR THE LONG DISTANCE ROUTE

22. At the **Black and White Cottage** turn left into Orchard (signed Woodbury Farm)
23. Following the track, keep the field boundary hedge on your left. The track bends sharp right around the boundary. You will later see Bank Farm and a green oil tank to your left.
24. Continue for a short distance **to the next gate on left, leading from the field onto Bank Road**
25. Once through gate, **Turn Right onto Bank Road**
26. Follow the lane – past Nurseries and Asparagus farm on the RHS
27. **Continue along Bank Road through the village of Little Witley**
28. **At a grass triangle Turn Right onto Well Lane – signed OCKERIDGE**
29. **At a second grass triangle, by a black and white cottage, turn right – signed OCKERIDGE**
30. Continue along this lane – you will pass a sign on RHS - **“OCKERIDGE LAKES”**
31. At grass triangle **Bear Right – signed WICHENFORD and MARTLEY**
32. **At a cross roads, turn left – signed SINTON GREEN 2/HALLOW 4**
33. Continue straight until you come to the yard/starting point on your right hand side

Please Note:

BULMERS may have beehives dotted around the orchards but our 2017 survey showed no bees this year. If active, they can be aggressive. Should you inadvertently pass a hives - please go as quietly as possible and take as wide a berth ...(WARNING...!!!)

Please also take care as quiet lanes may have poor visibility around bends, speeding vehicles, barking dogs, farm animals and/or farm vehicles

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, REFER TO THE MAP PROVIDED

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Short Distance Route – approx 4.5 miles:

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4. Continue around the boundary of the orchard until you see a yellow steel barrier ahead.
5. **Go through the barrier and Turn Left onto Ockeridge Lane**
6. Continue along the lane until a red pillar box and telephone box on your LHS, shortly afterwards, there are two left turns. **Take the second Left Turn – signed SINTON GREEN and MONKWOOD NATURE RESERVE**
7. Continue down the lane, flanked by woodland
8. **At the next junction, Bear Left – Signed OAKALL GREEN**
9. Continue on to the next junction passing Oakhall Farm
10. At the green triangle junction, **with a closed down pub on your LHS – Turn Left – signed OCKERIDGE 2 ½** through Oakall Green Village
11. **Keep Straight on the lane, bending to the left past a green triangle junction - signed OCKERIDGE**
12. Continue on this lane past open fields and ‘Lovely Cottage’ on you right
13. Further on you will pass by Ockeridge Wood
14. Continue on the lane, **you will come to The Yard/Finishing point on your LHS**
15. **Optional loop** – after passing Ockeridge Wood on your return, you will approach the gate into the orchard on your LHS, which began the drive. Take another loop around the orchard if you wish



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