

Paths of Old

Walk 2 – Old to Scaldwell

Distance: 1.20 miles (one way)

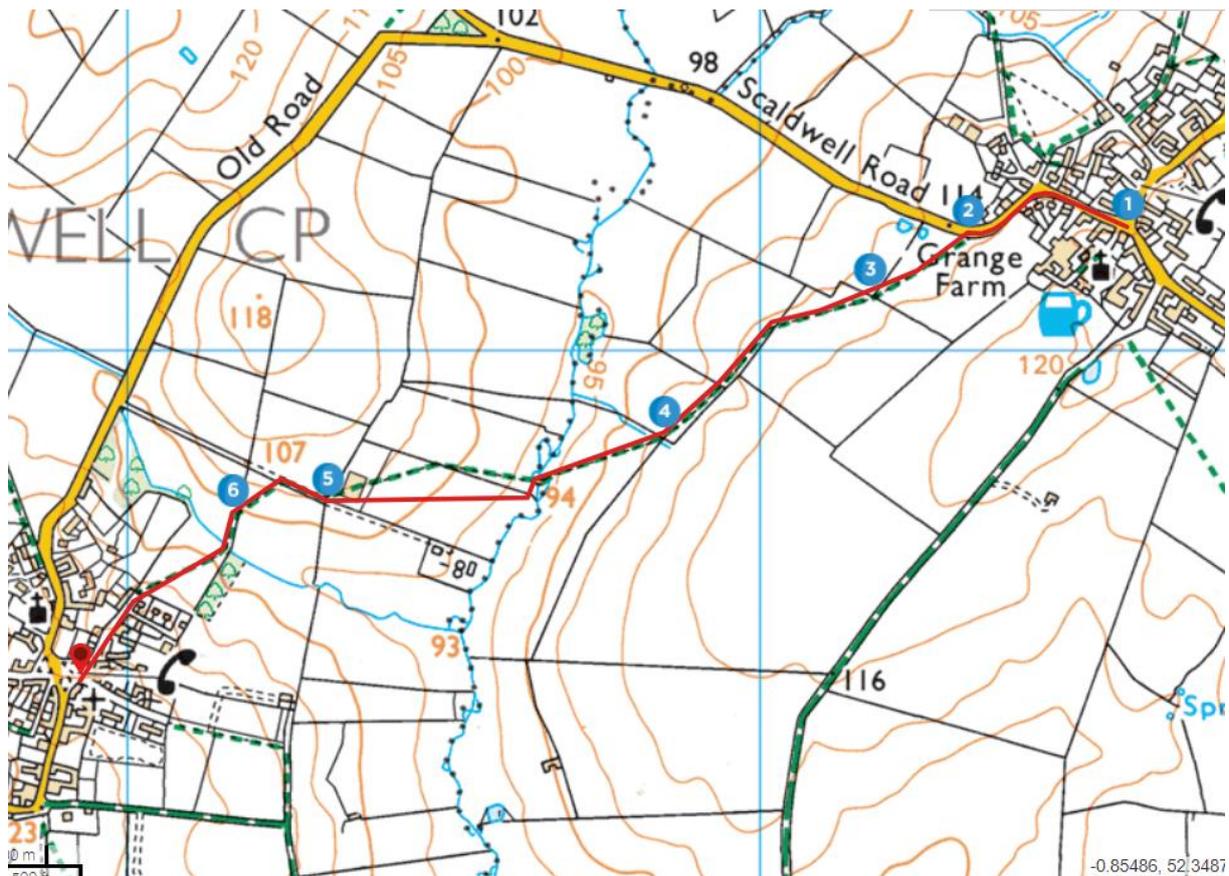
Grade: Easy

Start / Finish: The White Horse, Old (Grid Ref: SP786732) / Scaldwell (Grid Ref SP769725)

Map: OS Explorer 223 Northampton & Market Harborough

Things to see: Grey Heron, Common Buzzard, Brown Hare

Summary: A short walk of about 25-30 minutes duration across farmland



Point	Description
1	From outside the White Horse, follow Lamport Road out of the village, past Hamson's yard. At the right-hand bend, take the path over the stile on the left-hand side of the road (0.18 miles / Grid Ref SP783732).
2	On entering the field, head slightly right across the field – approximately in a WSW direction – aiming for a point where a line of trees marking an old field boundary meets the hedge on the far side of the field. This roughly follows the line of the electricity cables. Here you will see a double stile (0.30 miles / Grid Ref: 782731). Dog-walkers please note - there is often livestock in this field.
3	Cross the stile and head diagonally right towards another double stile roughly at the midpoint of the hedge (0.42 miles / Grid Ref SP780730). Go over this and turn immediately left, keeping the hedge on your left. Ignore the gate to your left and go through the gate ahead of you. Bear slightly right over the brow of the hill to another gate (0.61 miles / Grid Ref SP778729).
4	From here you can see Scaldwell village ahead of you. Head in this direction, gradually dropping down to your right to a footbridge over a small stream (0.73 miles / Grid Ref SP777728). Cross the bridge, turn immediately left and cross two stiles. Turn right and go up the hill aiming for the white gate in the top left corner. Cross the stile into the farmyard (0.92 miles / Grid Ref SP774728). Keep ahead through the farmyard passing in front of the barn to reach a stile beside a second white gate.
5	Cross the stile to reach a track in front of you. Follow this for approximately 40m to a stile on your left (1.00 miles / Grid Ref SP773728). Go over this into the field - ahead is a row of cream-coloured houses. Aim for a spot about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way down the right-hand hedge to find a stile (1.07 miles / Grid Ref SP772727).
6	Cross the stile and turn left to go over a footbridge. In the next field, head diagonally right, uphill, aiming for the right-hand end of the row of cream-coloured houses to reach a stile (1.18 miles / Grid Ref SP770726). Follow the lane uphill to reach Scaldwell village green (1.30 miles / Grid Ref SP769725) where a benche provides a great opportunity for a rest, or even a picnic lunch. To return, just retrace your steps.

Remember: for the benefit of all please keep to the path, close all gates behind you and keep dogs on a lead, especially around livestock.