

FLORE WALK 7 – TEXT DESCRIPTION AND DIRECTIONS

The text below is in 9 numbered paragraphs. On the accompanying map there are 9 points marked.

The 9 points on the map show in each case the starting point in relation to the 9 text paragraphs, below.

- 1) From Flore Post Office and Convenience Store head north up Brockhall Road, cross over the bypass and the M1 motorway and follow the road to Brockhall Village. Continue along the road through two gates (which may or may not be open) and continue along the country road until you arrive at a T-junction with the remains of the mediaeval village of Muscott on the left and a green grass triangle in the middle of the Junction.
- 2) Turn right and follow the road uphill until you see a footpath sign on your left pointing across the adjacent field. This is about 100 yards before you meet the main road between Duston and Whilton Locks (Roman Road). Continue diagonally across the grass field and over a rather dilapidated stile (take care). Continue diagonally over the next field and look out for the footpath sign visible above the hedge ahead, just in front of a blue road sign.
- 3) Cross the road with care. It is a busy road and traffic tends to travel fast. Go through the hedge on the other side of the road and continue diagonally over the first field, cross over two stiles, and continue to the five-bar gate which is near to the trig point in the field. Follow the path around the farm buildings, keeping them to your left. Cross a stile into a small field, walk towards the Whilton village houses and cross the next stile and then walk down onto Whilton High Street.
- 4) Turn right onto the street and walk along the road until you reach the church on your left. Walk into the churchyard via the gate and bear right following the path to a kissing gate. Go through the kissing gate into the field beyond. Walk across the field to a stile, cross the stile and bear left around a small allotment. Cross another stile and then walk diagonally over the field until you reach the road.

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- 5) Turn left onto the narrow country road passing a large farm on your left. Follow the road under the electricity pylons until you reach a bridleway sign on your right. Follow the bridleway which will eventually take you through a small narrow wood. After the wood continue to follow the hedge on your right until you come to a five-bar gate. Go through the gate, over the field beyond and into the village of Little Brington, passing some cottages.
- 6) At this point you will be able to see the Saracen's Head pub to your left if you feel in need of refreshment. Otherwise continue straight ahead along Blacksmith Lane. You will arrive at the busy Roman Road. Take care crossing the road, turn to your left along the wide verge until you reach a lay-by with a bridlepath sign pointing right across the fields. Follow the well-defined farm track downhill, admiring the views ahead.
- 7) You will find a five-bar gate on your left. Go through the gate and continue to follow the hedge, now keeping it on your right. Just before you reach another five-bar gate you will see a footpath sign pointing through the hedge on your right. Cross the stile, walk over the field beyond to another stile. Cross this and head slightly left towards a spinney. Cross a small wooden bridge, go through the spinney, over a stile and into a grazing field. Cross the field diagonally and pass through a gate. The path will lead you between two fishing ponds.
- 8) Follow the MacMillan way across several fields, looking out for the path indicator arrows. When you encounter a pylon in the field keep this to your right. You will reach a hedge. Pass through this, over a stile and then walk slightly right diagonally across the field to the Brington Road. Turn left onto the Brington Road, crossing the M1 motorway and the Flore Bypass.
- 9) On your right you will see a tarmacked area. Walk through a small gate off this area which takes you through the estate of new houses. Walk through this until you reach Flore High Street and you will see the White Hart pub and your starting point.