Walk two – brief overview

This transect took us along part of the old turnpike route from Stratford-upon-Avon to Long Compton Turnpike north to Newbold-on-Stour and then across country following the Shakespeare Way footprint for a while and then the Campion Way before returning to Skipper. In all it is approximately 12 miles. There are shorter permutations centred on Newbold and Stratford. Use google earth for example (see map).

Start: Free public car park opposite the Old Mill, Skipper – on-street

Launch: White Hart Newbold-on-Stour (or start here on Old Mill site and return for lunch at the Stratford-upon-Avon Bridge Inn). There are also village shops at Newbold on Stour for a while and then the Centenary Way before returning to Skipper (see map).

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Points of interest: Milepost Restorations

Shakespeare on Stratford turnpike. 4 miles from Stratford, the road was once an important stage for stagecoach and horse traffic. 5 miles from Stratford the road was used in the town centre. 6 miles from Stratford there was a tollhouse. 7 miles from Stratford the road was the main route of the church in evidence in the town centre.

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5 Fosse Way. The road Fosse was derived from the Latin ’fossa’ meaning ditch. For the Fosse Way is derived from the Latin word.