

U3A Cresswell walk

Meet at the Bramcote car park at 09.00

M1 to Junction 30 and go right onto A616 to Cresswell Crag Visitors Centre. (Grid reference SK 538744) Note not well signposted at about the 3rd roundabout off the M1. 40 miles 50 minutes

Parking in Cresswell Crag Visitors' Centre:- Suggested donation £3. Toilets available

Walk 8.5 miles route fairly flat. A number of gates and a few stiles.

Route:- From Visitors' Centre along the side of the lake at Cresswell Crag onto Robin Hood Way (RHW) round to Holbeck village. Onto Holbeck Lane to the A60. ¼ mile along a tarmac path on A60. Part way along A60 (after total of 2 miles walking) we can visit Welbeck Lime House café (good range of hot and cold drinks, good food menu and toilets), Harley Gallery and Farm Shop. Leave A60 to join another section of the RHW around the top of the Welbeck Estate. Some large logs next to South Lodge should be a suitable stop for lunch

Through Manor Hills wood up to Oak Wood and across fields to Belph (a short detour to Pennygreen tea room if required) and back to the Visitors' centre. Initial slope away from Cresswell Crag lake might be a bit slippery. Some fields might have sticky mud if it has or is raining but we had no problems on the pre-walk. Visitors' Centre café open to 3.30 pm