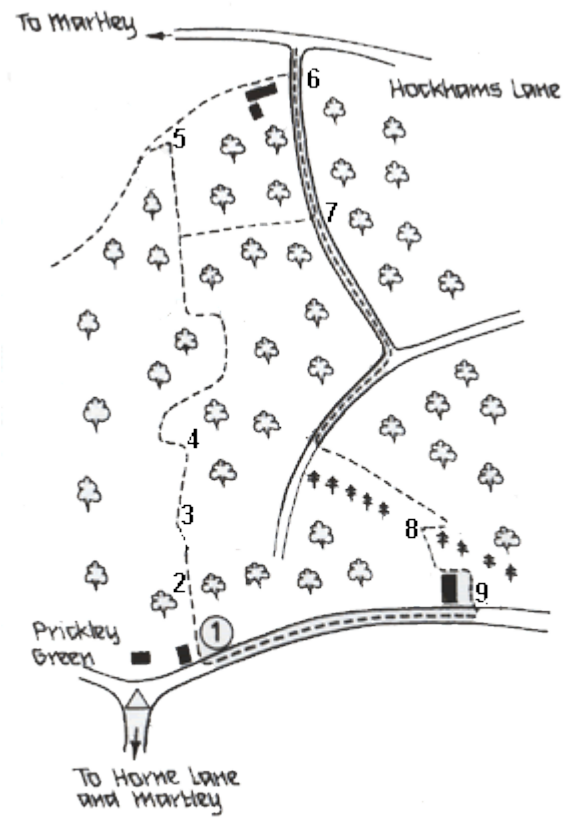


START The walk starts in Prickley Green at the end of the lane signed off Horn Lane. Limited parking may be available in the lanes converging on the grassy triangle in the centre of the cluster of houses and farms.

Walk East, along the lane away from the farmhouses to the stile and signpost beside the end bungalow on the left (1). Follow the hedge line of the paddock almost to the corner and bear right diagonally at the waymark through the trees with yellow markings, to a bridge across a brook (2). These orchards belong to Bulmers of Hereford and are all cider apples. Over the bridge take the route through the trees with yellow paint of their trunks. Emerging from the trees bear right and turn left (3). Continue along the track. At the next signpost turn left for ten yards then right (4) up the avenue of marked trees, passing on the right an alternative shortcut to the main track. Continue up the avenue to a gate at the top (5) (The dainty silver birch to the left deserves its name of "lady of the woods"). All these apple trees are uniformly pruned to produce the maximum number of fruit buds on each spur. They bear only a slight resemblance to the traditional standard fruit trees in the average garden with their shaggy heads and often-inaccessible top fruit.

map



Not to scale



Go through the metal gate past the "cottage in the orchard" and along the track lined with daffodils early in the year and beautiful roses later, to the old farm buildings of Hockham's House, formerly Hockham's Farm. All these orchards once belonged, as agricultural land, to farmhouses like this. After the buildings, (which used to be the old milking sheds, pigsties and stables), turn right over a stile along a narrow path and a 2nd stile. Carry straight ahead along a track, to the apple collection area and loading bays (7), ignoring path on right. At the brook, go through the green painted gate and walk straight ahead for 20m to a waymark post. Bear right towards a row of conifers. At the top a waymark post directs between conifers over a stile and ditch crossing (8). Continue straight on to a waymarking post near the corner of a garden, over a stile to a 2nd stile into the lane beside Pear Tree Cottage (9). Turn right and descend the lane for about 500 yards to the group of dwellings at Prickley Green and your starting point.

The Path-or-Nones

WALK 5

An Orchard Walk Grade: easy
Distance: 1.5 miles

The **Path-or-Nones** meet each third Sunday of the month for 2-3 hours from 9am, and has done since around 1985. The group tackles everything and anything on Martley's 41 miles of Rights of Way—clearance, installing gates, stiles, bridges, signposts and signage. We act on behalf of Worcestershire County Council and liaise between RoW users and landowners.

Volunteers are always welcome; we find it fun and worthwhile. Please contact Jon Pearsall 01886 888793 or John Nicklin 01886 888318
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These walks were first written by Keith and Audrey Trumper in the early 90s

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Respect other people

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

Protect the natural environment

- Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under effective control

Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead and be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs