



Walk Description

Title: Staverton – Shuckburgh - Flecknoe

Map: OS Explorer 222/206

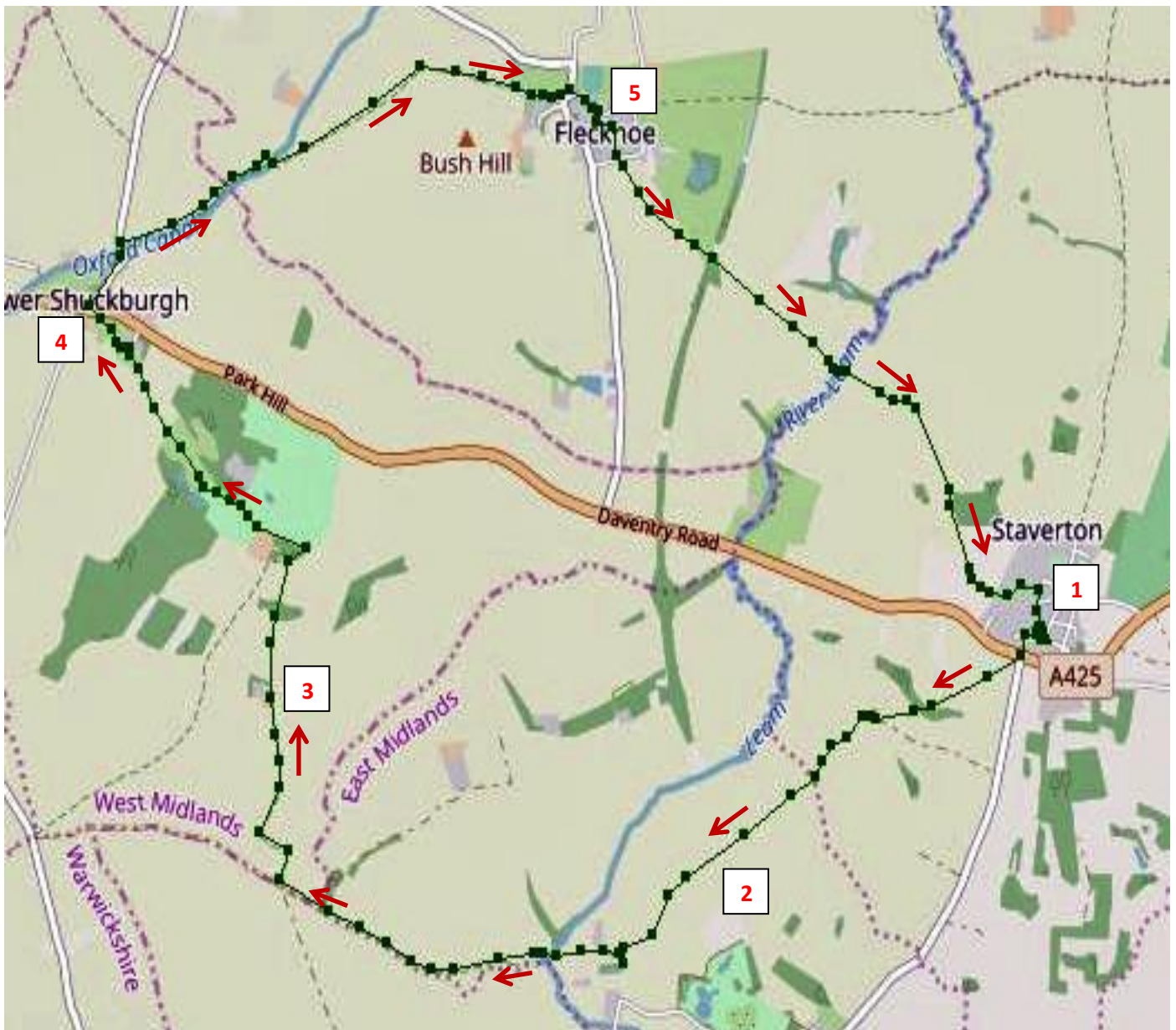
Distance: 9½ Miles

Ascent: 720ft

Start: The Green - Manor Road – Staverton - NN11 6JA – MapRef SP 539612

- 1) From The Green head west along The Orchard after a few metres turn left and walk to the A425 road – Cross the road and turn right on to the verge – Take a footpath (Jurassic Way) on the left and walk diagonally right across the field to a gap in the hedge – Keep going in the same direction across three fields to a brook – Drop down to the bridge across the brook and climb back up the other side – Take the footpath in front of you across a field to Bates Farm – Keeping the farm on your right follow the path across another arable field to another brook – Cross the brook and follow the path over a brow of a hill and then down to another brook – Cross the brook and cross a large arable field heading for a hedge – Go through the hedge and walk across another arable field towards a railway embankment in front of you – Keeping the **Catesby Viaduct** to your right – At the embankment go through a gap that used to be a bridge under the railway. (1¼ Miles)
- 2) The path now veers South East and follows a hedge for ½ mile - Just past a gate the path turns right (MapRef SP 519598) and heads towards an access road – Turn left on to the access road and the look for a bridle path on the right (Here you leave the Jurassic Way) – Follow the bridle path across the field passing a house on the right and **Lower Catesby** to the left – Go on to a bridge over the River Leam and then walk along the bridle path with the river on your left for 1 mile to a T Junction – Turn right and follow the path to a gate on your left – Go left through the gate and walk for 200 metres to a gate on the right – Turn right and keeping the hedge on your right walk towards Park Farm – Keep the farm on your left and walk to an access road. (3½ Miles)
- 3) Walk North on the access road for ½ mile and turn left onto the drive for **Shuckburgh Hall** (Signposted as a footpath) – Follow the drive past Home Farm on the left and where drive turns right take the footpath to the left and follow the path as it contours below the church – The path now drops steeply downhill through park land to Park Lane Farm – Do not go through the farm but take a footpath on the left which heads North West across a brook and on to the corner of the field to the A425 road at **Lower Shuckburgh**. (5 Miles)
- 4) Cross the road and walk North West on the road opposite (Lower Shuckburgh Road) – Go past the church on the left and walk to a bridge over the **Grand Union Canal** – Cross the bridge and turn right and walk on the tow path with the canal on your right for ½ mile until you reach a bridge turn to the left before the bridge and then cross the canal by the bridge – Once over the bridge follow a bridle path (track) to the left and follow the path to a hedge – The path then goes across two large arable fields on reaching a third field turn right and follow a hedge on the right into the village of **Flecknoe** - Walk along Vicarage Road to a T junction turn left then almost immediately right and follow the road to **The Old Olive Bush Pub**. (7 Miles)

- 5) Take the track opposite the pub to a bridle path – Turn left and walk along the path after 50 metres turn right onto a footpath which goes through a pasture field into a garden – Keep to the left through the garden and walk to a road – Cross the road and take the footpath which after going through a rough pasture field goes through the centre of a large arable field to where the path turns half left (MapRef SP 519630) and heads for the left hand hedge – Go through the hedge then almost immediately go over a disused railway and then into an arable field – Walk a few metres alongside a brook on the right then cross over the brook on a footbridge – Head South East to a hedge and on across two more arable fields to the River Leam – Cross the river and turn left onto a track which soon turns right and follows a hedge on the left (The footpath that is shown on the OS Map to go straight on does not exist on the ground please follow the track) – Follow the track for $\frac{3}{4}$ Mile until you reach a sewage works on the right – Just before the sewage works by a barn turn left through a gap in the hedge and follow the path to the left steeply uphill into **Staverton** . Walk down Croft Lane to Manor Road – Turn right and walk back to the start.



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