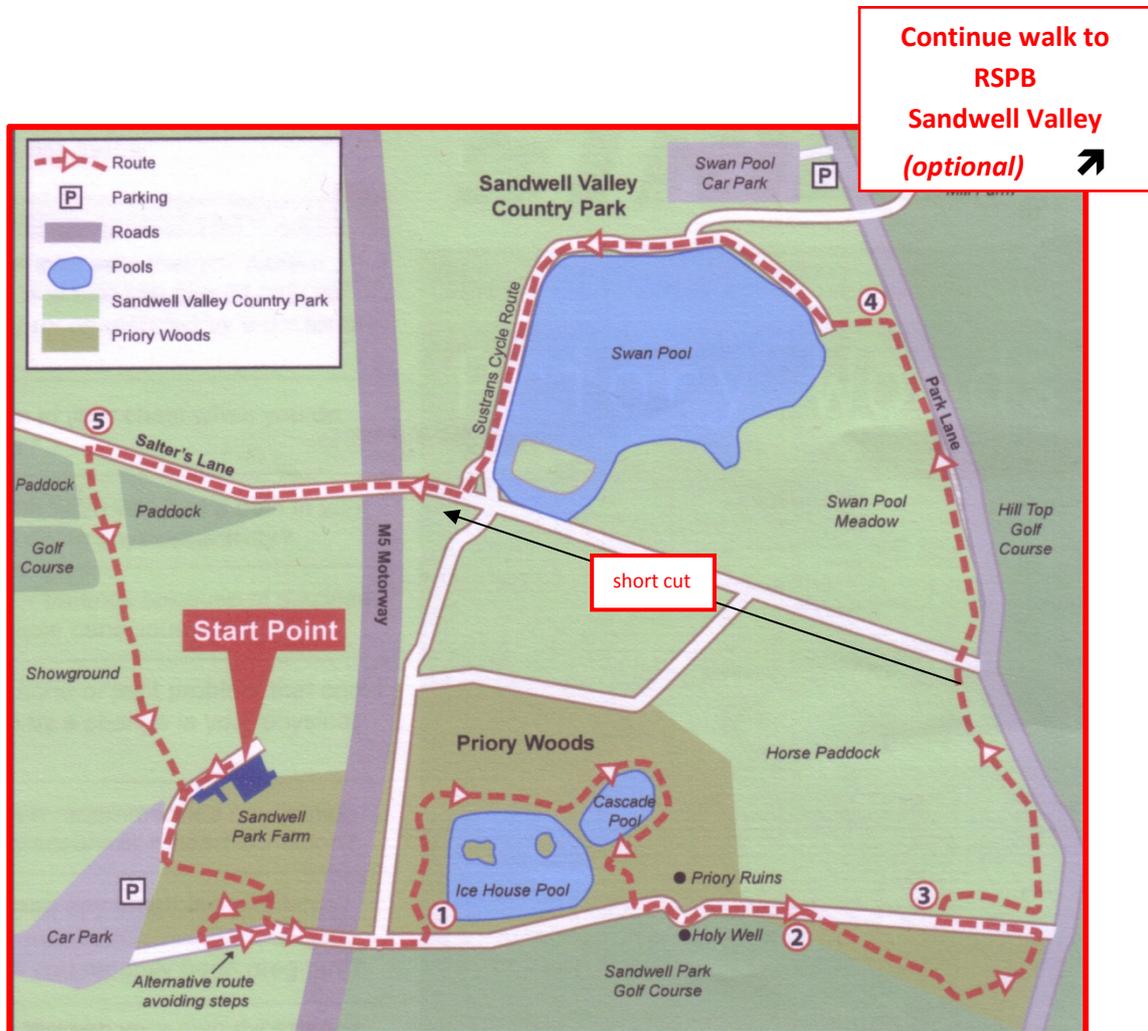


# Fellowship Walk in Priory Woods

Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May



## Timetable for the day and map key

- 1 Meet 1.30 p.m. Sandwell Park Farm
- 2 3.30 p.m. possible tea and home in time for evening prayer

**Start Point** Sandwell Park Farm and Parking

If you have a space or spaces in your car and are happy to give lifts in either direction, please tell *Paul* or *Jean Martin*.

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## Plan A – for walkers with transport

Make your own way to *Sandwell Park Farm*. This is one way; you probably know quicker ways,

- From Old Church, drive towards *Tesco* in West Bromwich or *Sandwell Hospital*, whichever you know better. You will come across signs for *Sandwell Park Farm* and/or *Sandwell Valley Country Park*. Follow them.
- From Salter's Lane, turn right into the *Sandwell Valley Country Park* and follow the roadway as far as you can, to *Sandwell Park Farm* and park there. There is no charge for parking.
- This is the start of the Priory Wood walk.

## Plan B – for those without transport

Speak to *Paul* or *Jean Martin*. We will try and put you in touch with someone who has room in their car.

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The *Priory Wood* walk is approximately 2.7 miles on mainly level ground. The booklet says that the walk takes around one hour to complete but that must have been for Sandwell dwellers; we took an hour and thirty minutes. Depending on the weather and on energy levels, the walk could be extended to include *RSPB Sandwell Valley*. This would add a further 1.5 miles or so and extend the walk by around 45 minutes.

There is a Visitors' Centre at Sandwell Park Farm with toilets and a café. However, this has an entrance fee of £2.20, £1.60 for those of advanced years. It closes at 4.30. There are toilets and a coffee machine at the West Bromwich Centre/Cycle Centre, 150 yards away. There, there is no charge for the toilets. There are no toilets on the walk and few large trees.

There are interesting water views across Ice House Pool and Swan Pool.

The walk is circular although there is a short cut, down the side of Swan Pool.

Strong, waterproof boots are recommended as well as wet-weather clothing.