

“Cannock Chase”

Sunday 25th February

Led By Helen Mansell



Directions to the carpark (SJ 9798 1914):

From Stafford take the A34 (Lichfield Road/Cannock Road) southbound, following signs towards Cannock Chase.

When you come to crossroads at Brocton, (and before you pass the Chetwynd Arms) turn left into Sawpit Lane which leads to the heart of Brocton village.

Pass the entrance to Brocton golf club and then, after the red telephone kiosk, turn right at The Village Green and head straight up the slightly narrow lane.

Keep going up and continue forward, over a speedbump, past The Quarry carpark, over another bump, keep left at the bend, over two more bumps then turn left to Coppice Hill/Freda's Grave

Walking anticlockwise from Coppice Hill carpark (SJ 9798 1914) we pass a glacial boulder, the remains of a weighbridge and on to the German Military Cemetery for our coffee-break.

Before lunch we go via Brindley Bottom and can then visit the War Hut which is manned by knowledgeable volunteers who are keen to explain about life on The Chase for 500,000 troops training for warfare on the Western Front during the first half of the 20th century.

Our route continues over old rifle ranges and shooting butts, where we may find 100 year old shrapnel or spent bullets, and finally we can peep at Freda's grave.

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