

WGCG / BCGS Event: Leader Mike Allen

A 'Geowalk' from Hartshill Hayes Country Park, via Mancetter (Oldbury) Quarry viewpoint, to Moorwood Cutting (approx. 3km) & return (approx. 2 km.) unless provision is made to leave car(s) at Moorwood.....*if required, please mention this in advance, when registering.*

Sunday 18th August at 2.00 p.m.

Assemble in Hartshill Country Park car park, Oldbury Road, Hartshill, Nuneaton, CV10 0TE (NGR: SP 3170 9435)

(parking charge £3.30 per day....cashless)

Toilet facilities are available at the country park (but nowhere else along the route)

Bring your own picnic if desired for consumption before the walk (a kiosk is sometimes operating in the country park)

The walk is along public footpaths and minor roads

In May these were very muddy in a couple of places, with short narrow, overgrown stretches (brambles, nettles, thistles and thorns!)

Dress appropriately for these and the weather conditions on the day

Geological Interest:

The route is mainly underlain by sediments of Upper Cambrian age intruded by a swarm of lamprophyre dykes

Exposure, however, is limited (viewpoint into active quarry (2) & small exposure of dyke in old, wooded quarry (3))

The Moorwood cutting (4) reveals the unconformable contact between Cambrian and late Carboniferous sediments

(a conservation cleanup is scheduled before this visit)

The broader context of the geological history of the area with topography (good viewpoints (1)) and past industry will be discussed en route



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