

CIRCULAR WALKS AROUND STALBRIDGE

Nº2

The Chive Field Circular



dog friendly



The Chive Field Circular is roughly 6.31 km long. There are sections of road, gravel lanes, well worn tracks, paths and fields to cross on the route, plus many different stiles to negotiate. The walk takes you through some lovely countryside, with beautiful views and the chance to spot wildlife, including deer, rabbits/hares, squirrels and the odd hunting bird. At various times of the year the mud on certain sections make it a winter wellie walk for some months, but in the summer most of the walk is dry. There is sometimes a field of sheep near the end of the walk, on the way towards Ten acre wood. Enjoy your walk....with or without your dog, and please do observe the Countryside Code.

All walks start and end at the Hub Building , just off Station Road in Stalbridge, so that visitors to the town can park up and enjoy the walk. This walk runs in an anti-clockwise direction. The following pages contain this map route in order, with information panels showing the route on a satellite map. The blue map pins on a white circle indicate the current location and the small blue pins the previous or next location.



← The start of the Chive Field Cir... ↗

name
The start of the Chive Field Circular walk around Stalbridge

description
All walking routes start and end at The Hub

← 1 Walk up to Station Road ↗

name
1 Walk up to Station Road

description
Starting from the Hub, walk up to Station Road then cross over to the other side where convenient and proceed up the footpath, past Williams Florist to the junction on the corner.

← 2 Down the High Street ↗

name
2 Down the High Street

description
Walk down the High Street until you reach the Market Cross, then cross the road at a convenient point and turn left into Gold Street

← 3 Walk up Gold Street ↗

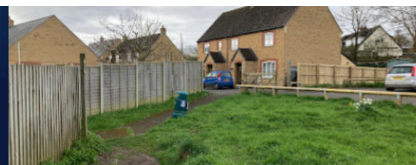
name
3 Walk up Gold Street

description
Walk up to the top of this beautiful street, passing bay windowed houses that used to be shops.

← 4 Cross the road here ↗

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4 Cross the road here

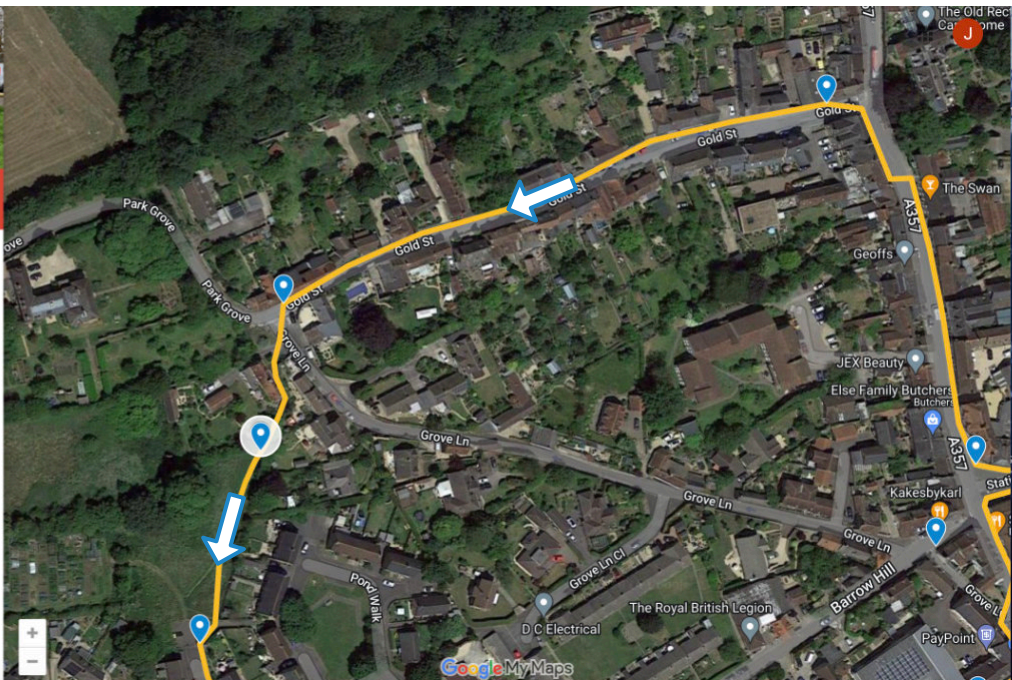
description
Head for the path between the houses, to the right of the hedge.



← 5 Head for the houses

name
5 Head for the houses

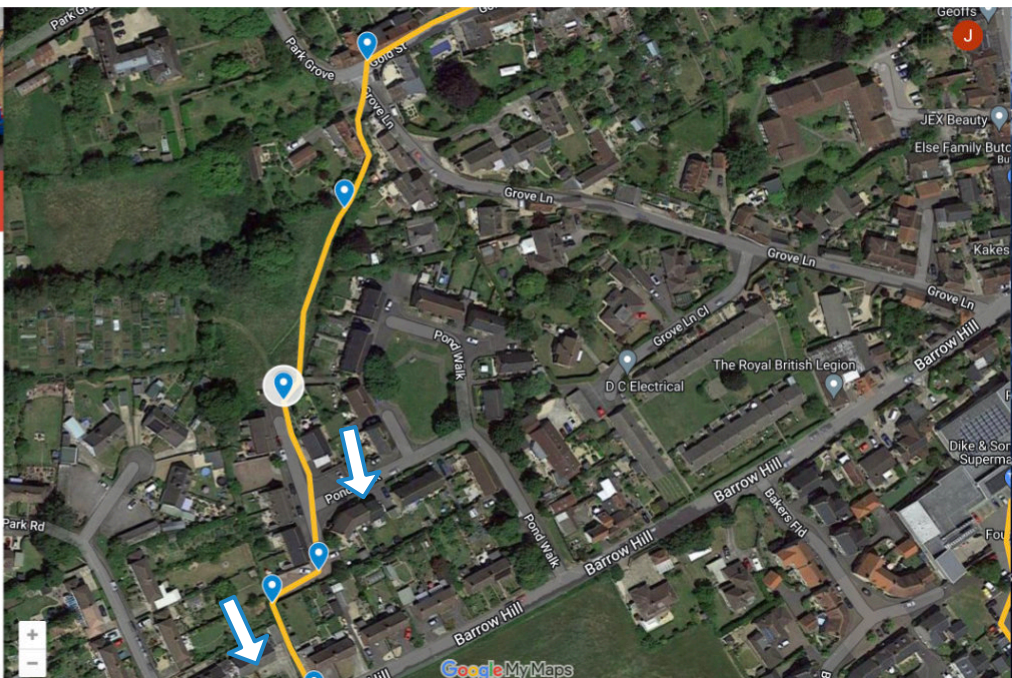
description
As you come out of the narrow path onto open land head for the houses



← 6 Follow the left pavement

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6 Follow the left pavement

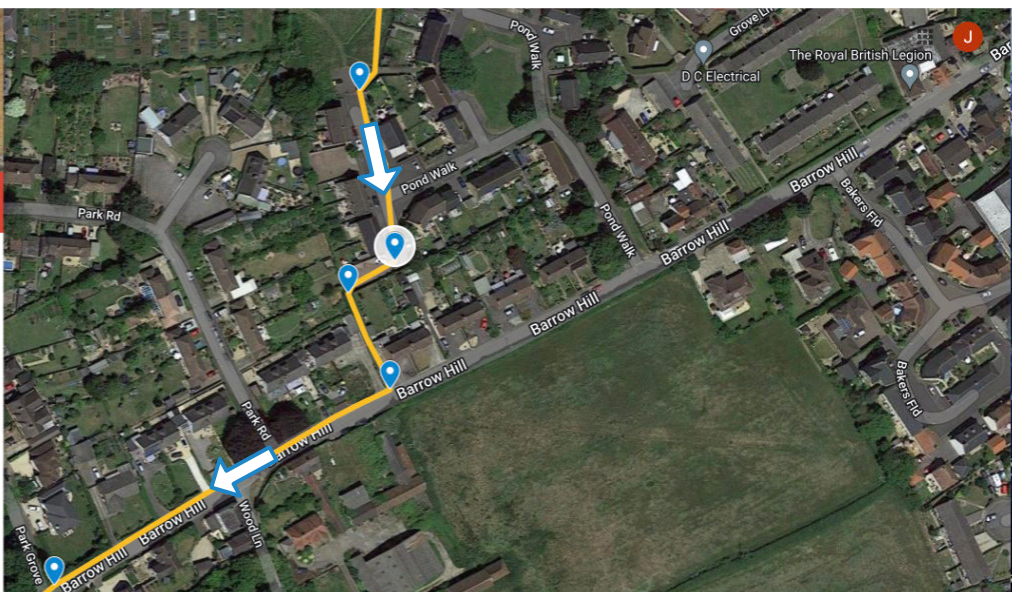
description
Follow the left pavement then cross over, heading for the small car park behind the right hand set of houses.




← 7 The Mini Car park

name
7 The Mini Car park

description
Bear to the right as you enter the mini car park

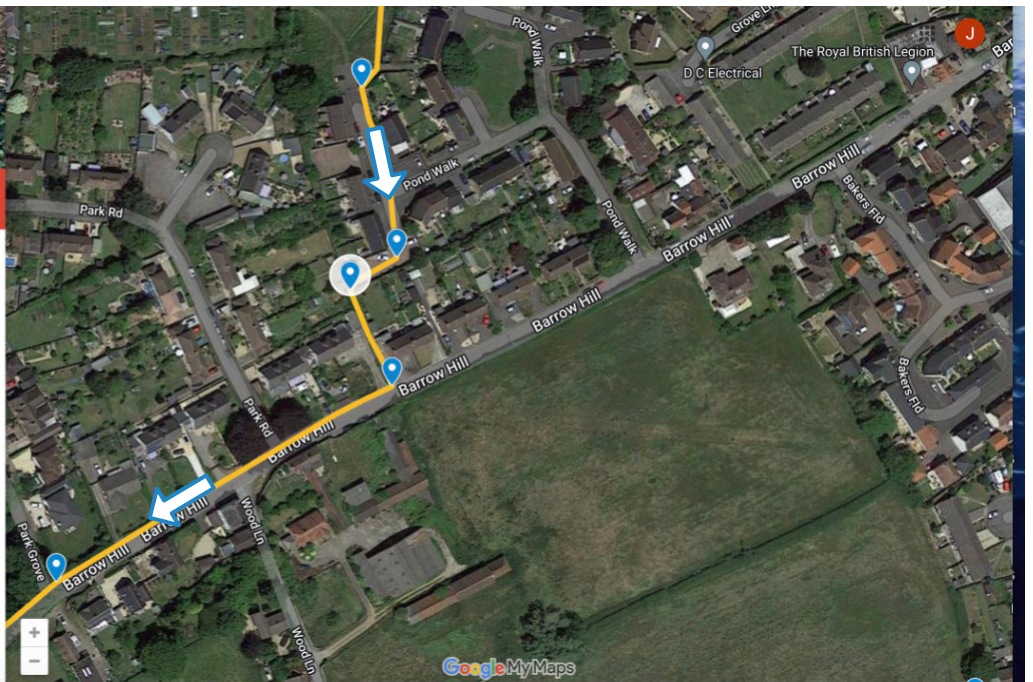





← 8 The Lilliput Wall

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8 The Lilliput Wall

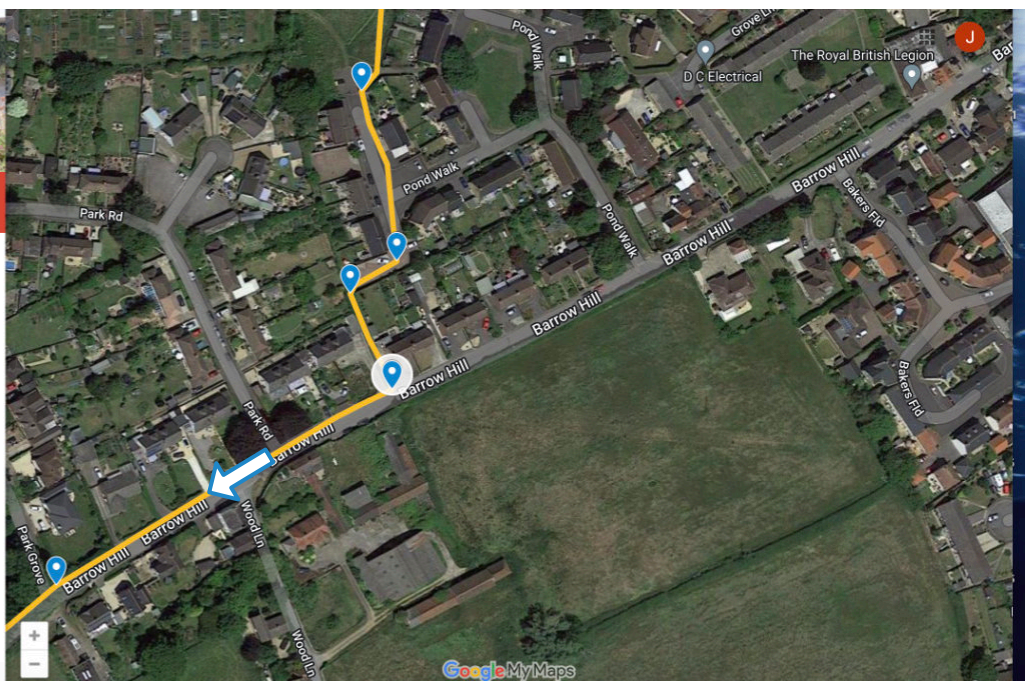

description
There is a low slab of stone here that your dog will want to jump over before you are ready to negotiate it. Head down the short narrow path which leads to Barrow Hill road.

← 9 Turn right

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9 Turn right

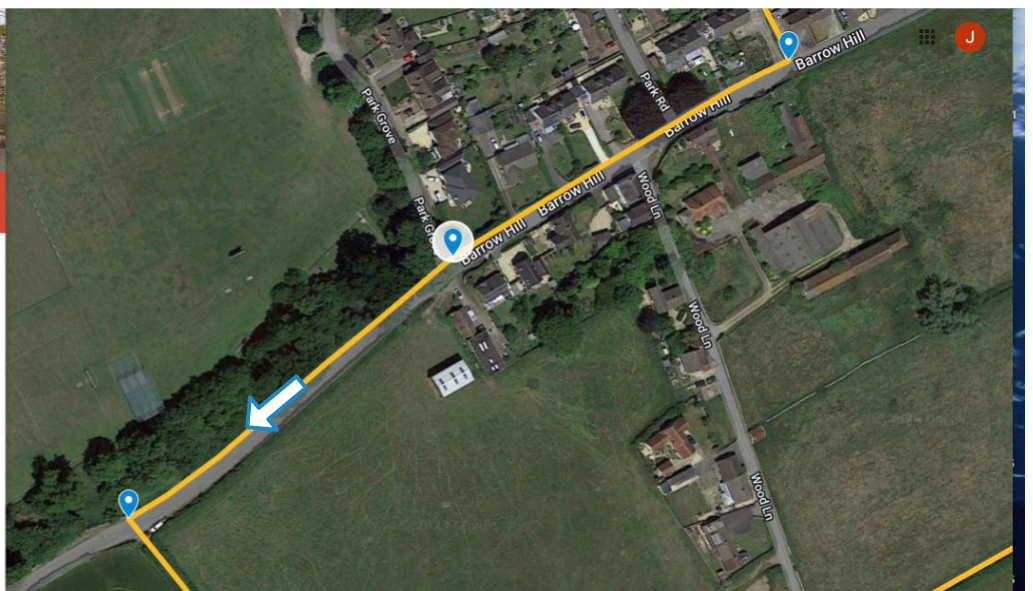
description
At the end of the short path turn right and head up Barrow Hill, crossing Park Road as you go.

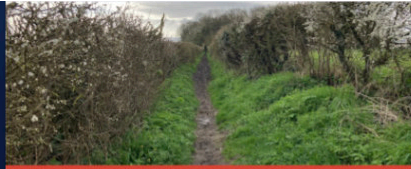



← 10 Cross Park Grove

name
10 Cross Park Grove

description
Cross Park Grove and head up the right hand path along the old stone wall of Stalbridge Park.

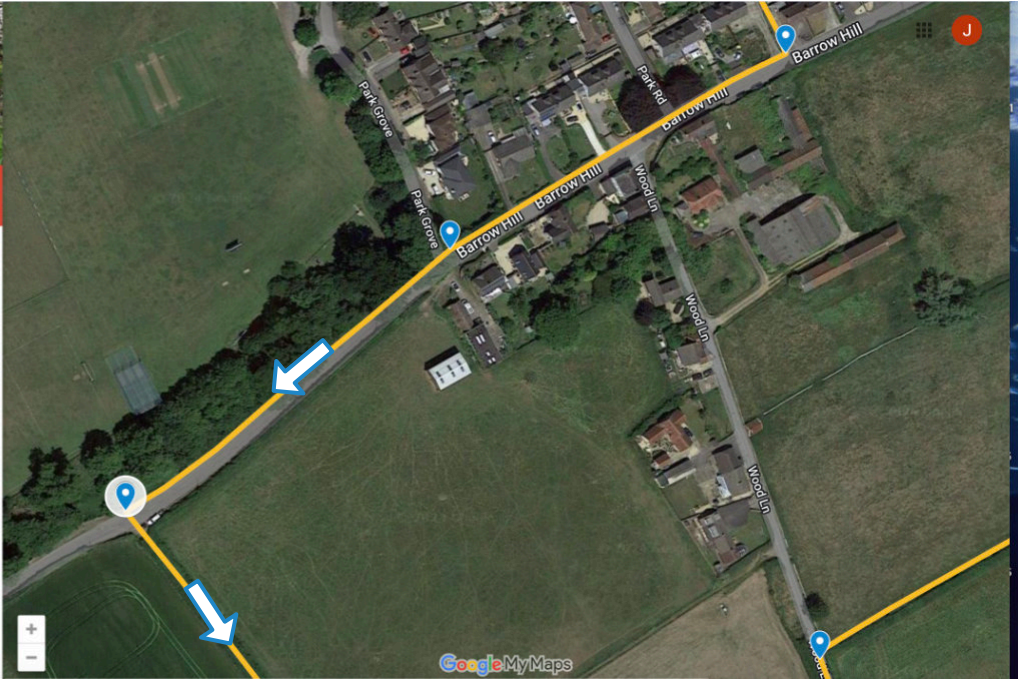
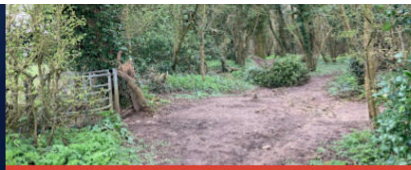




← 11 Ram Cat Lane

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11 Ram Cat Lane

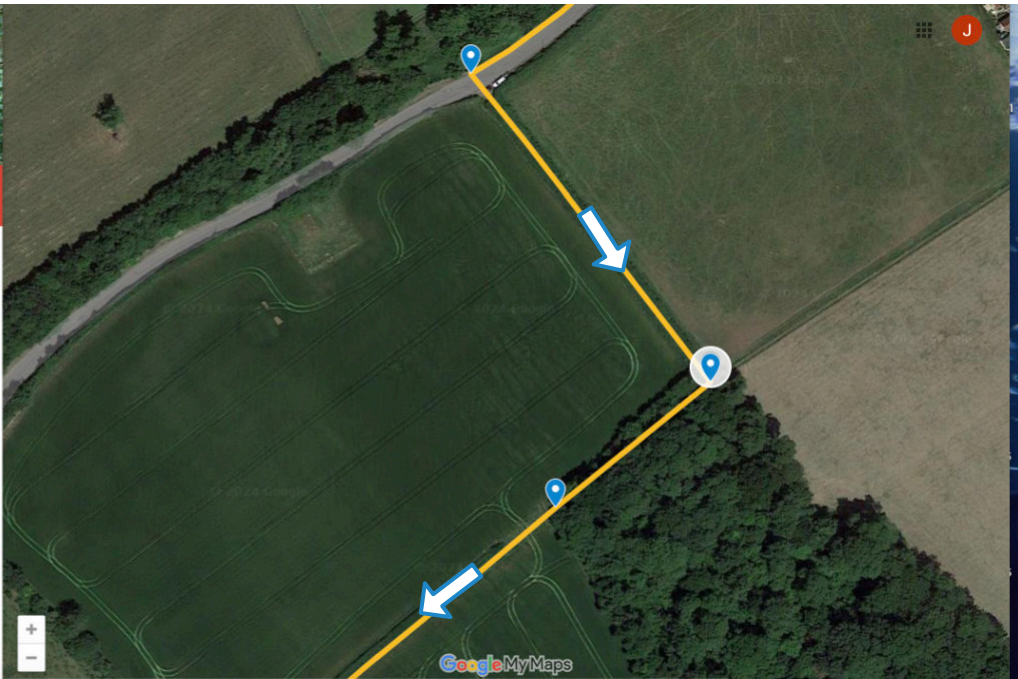

description
Cross the road and walk down this path, called 'Ram Cat Lane', all the way to the woods.

← 12 Harpitts

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12 Harpitts

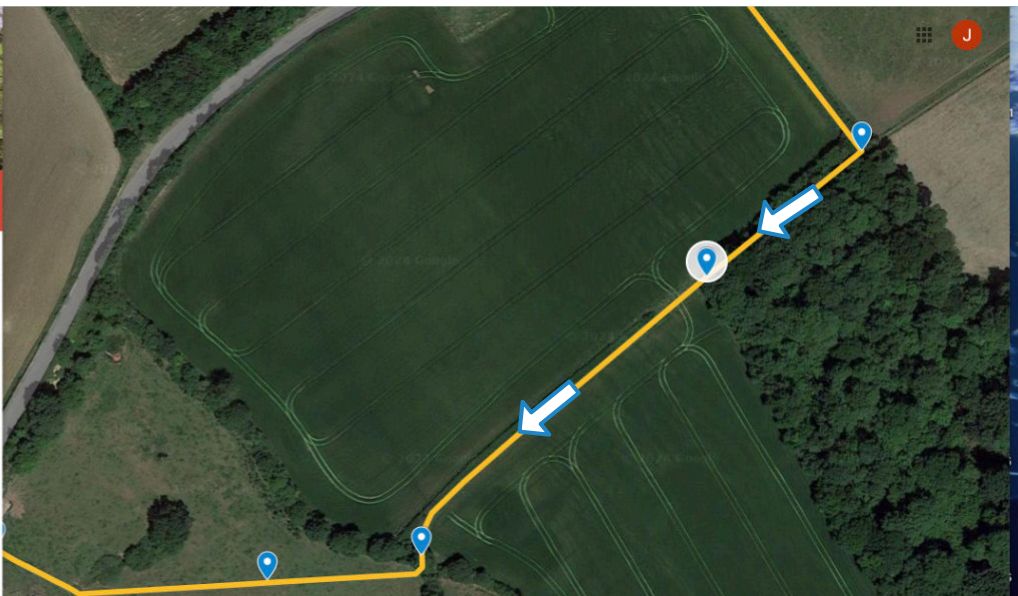
description
At the end of Ram Cat Lane you will see a kissing gate to your left, which leads to Wood Lane. Straight ahead is Harpitts plantation, but you turn right here and head down the path with sections of old stone wall on your left.

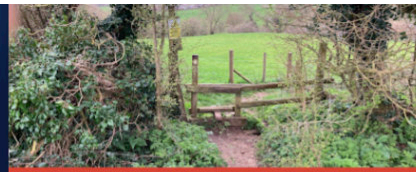



← 13 Wooden stile

name
13 Wooden stile

description
At the end of the path there is a wooden stile, leading into a field. After crossing the stile walk straight ahead, down the hill, with the hedge on your right.

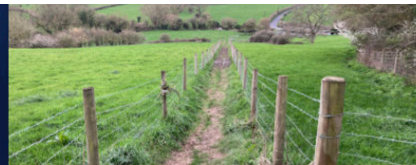
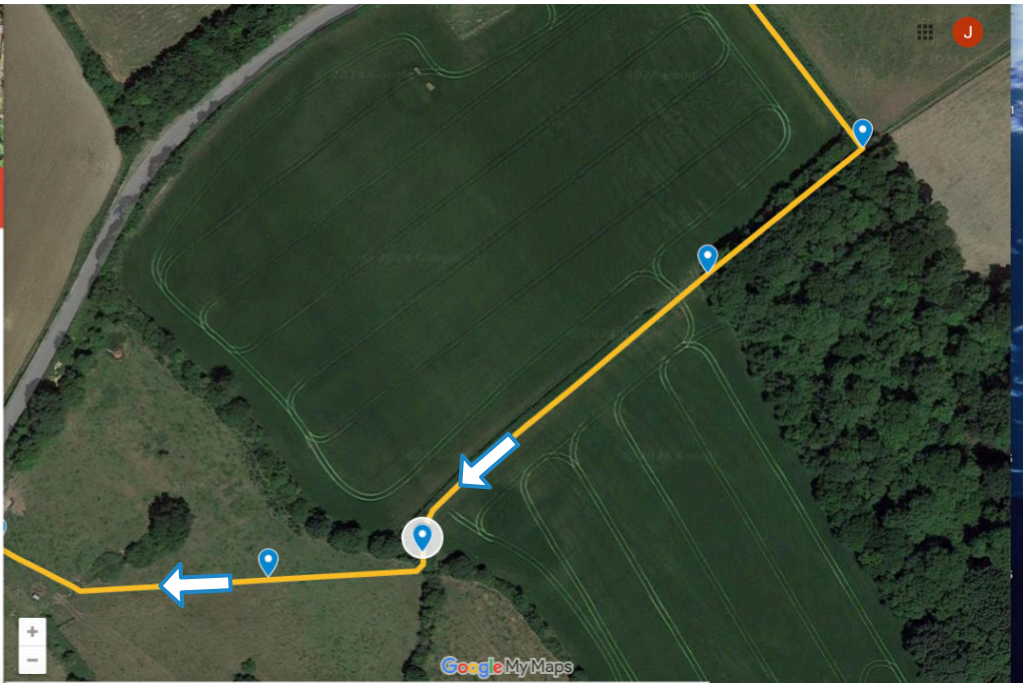




← 14 The Basels Stile

name
14 The Basels Stile

description
At the bottom corner of the field there is a wooden stile. cross the stile and walk down Basels Hill....carefully!



← 15 Watch your step!

name
15 Watch your step!

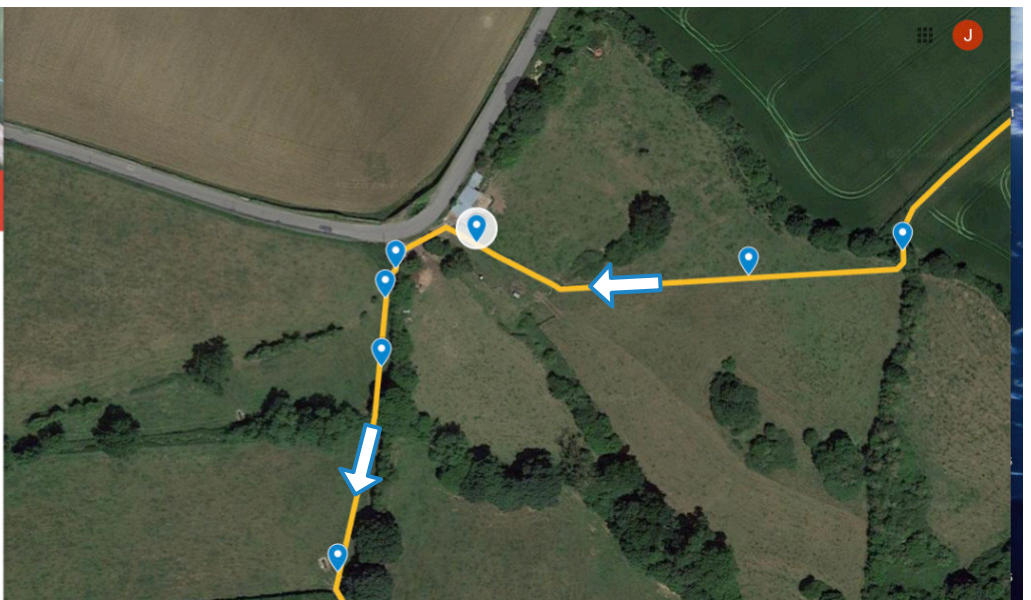
description
The narrow path down the hill can be slippery, especially near the top, and the fence either side has barbed wire on the top. You can hold on to the third row down which is not barbed.




← 16 Wooden stile

name
16 Wooden stile

description
As you reach the safety of flat ground there is a wooden stile to negotiate. Bear left after this.






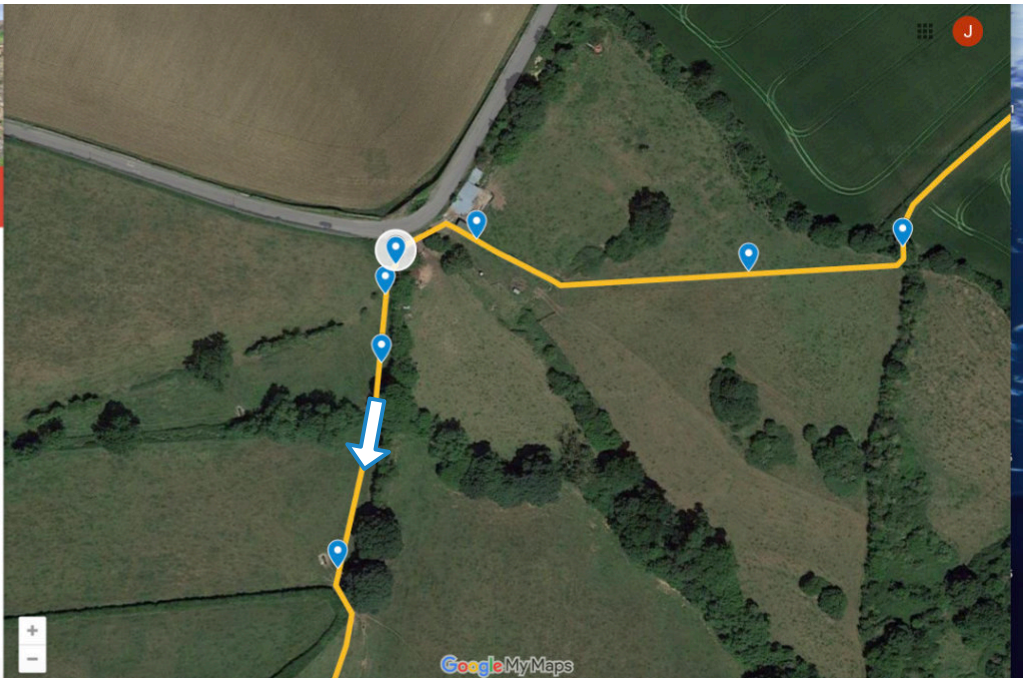

← Sheep dip? ↗

name
Sheep dip?

description
Across the road is a strange looking structure built into the wall. A stream from behind that wall passes under the road through the arch pictured here and comes out to your left.



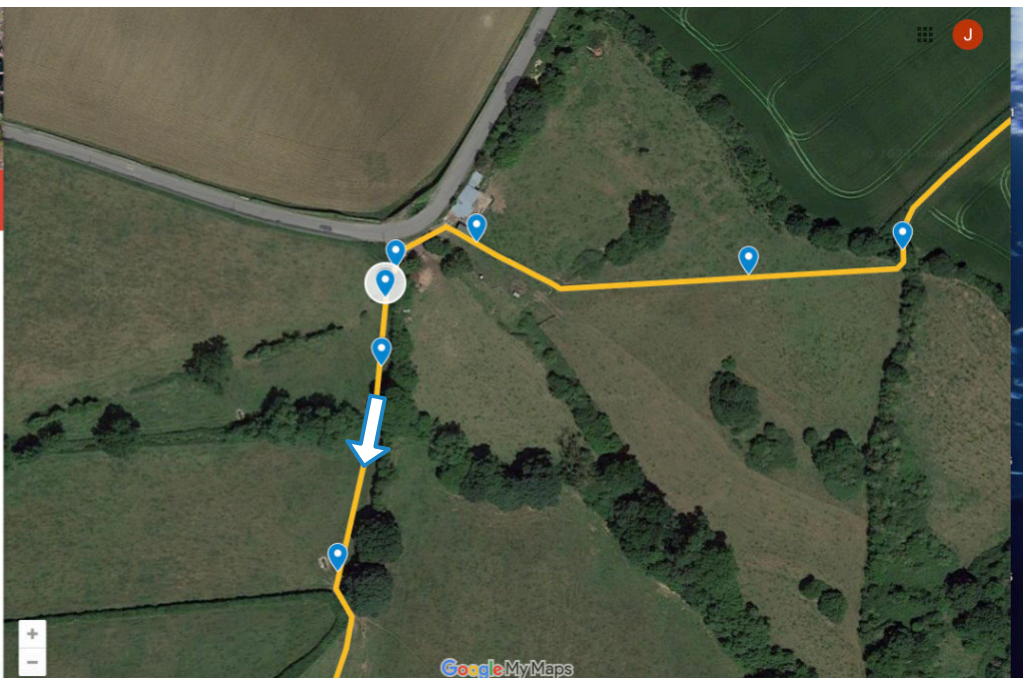
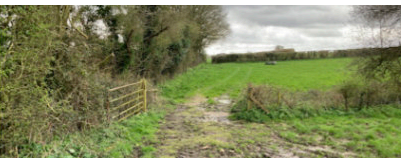
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← Gate and wooden stile ↗

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Gate and wooden stile

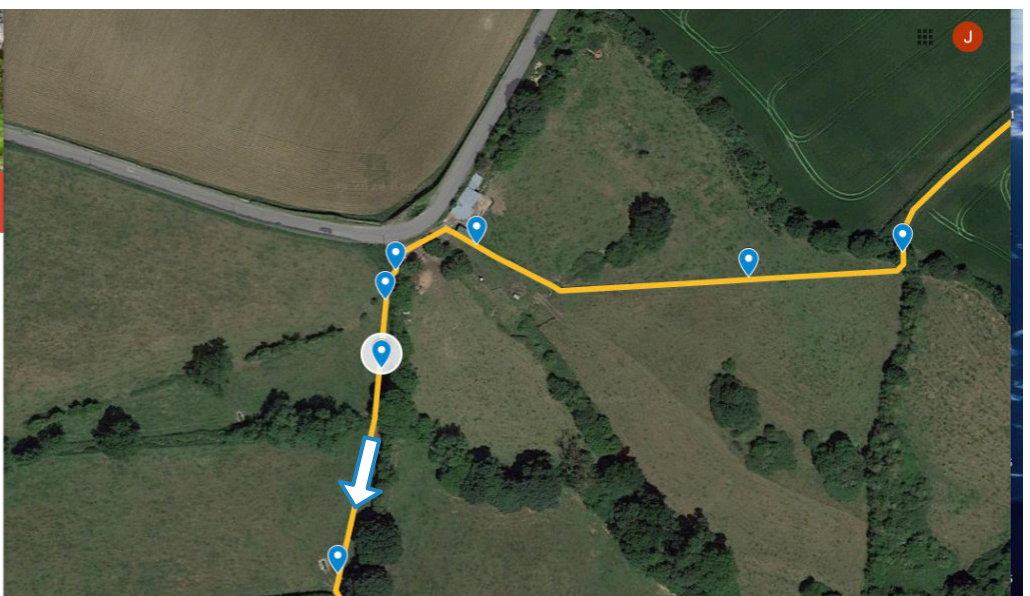
description
On your left is the entrance to a field with the stile on the right of a metal gate.

← Head for the next field ↗

name
Head for the next field

description
After crossing the stile, bear left along the bottom of the field, passing through this gate.

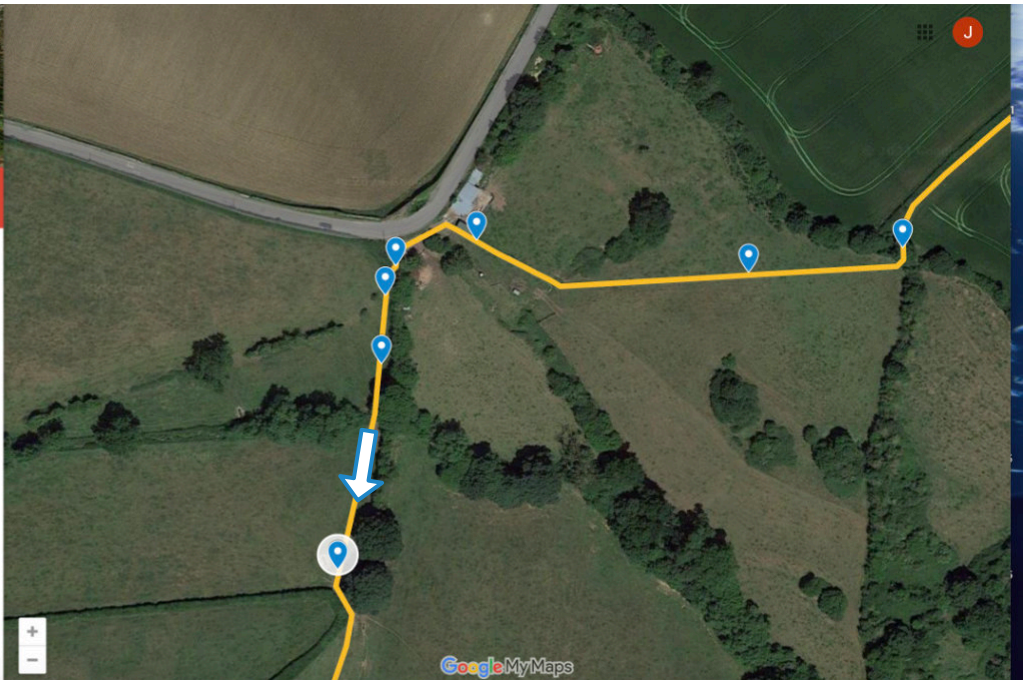




← On to the next gate

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On to the next gate

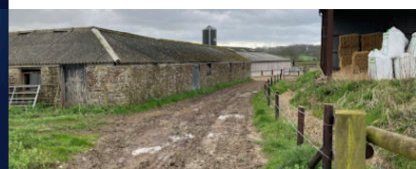
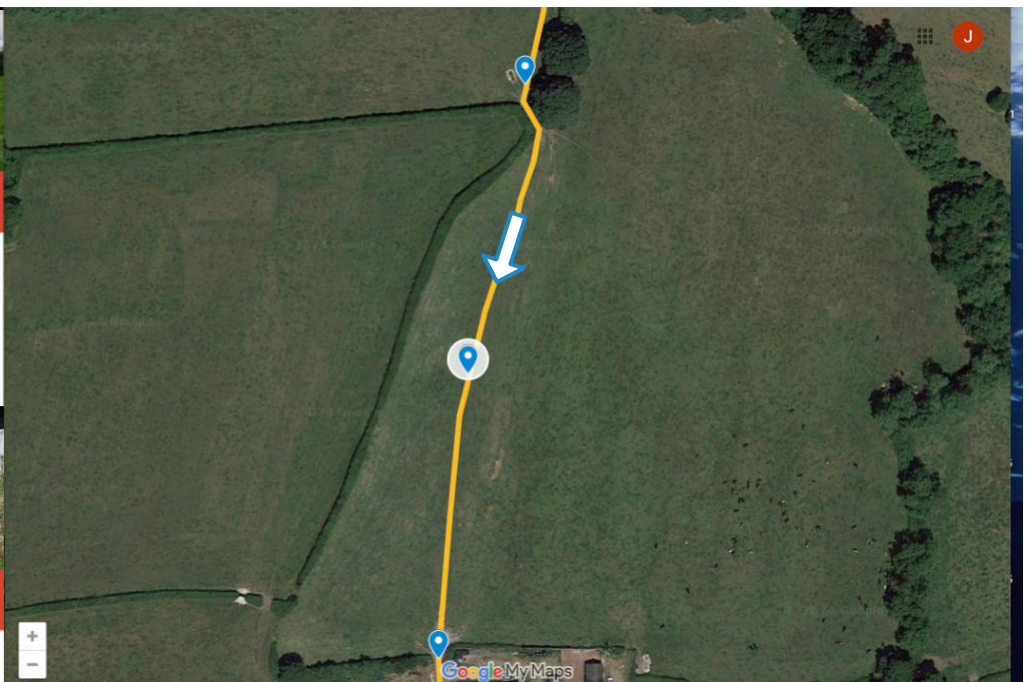
description
Carry on through this small field to the next gate, then bear slightly right as you enter the field that leads to the farm.



← Rutted path

name
Rutted path

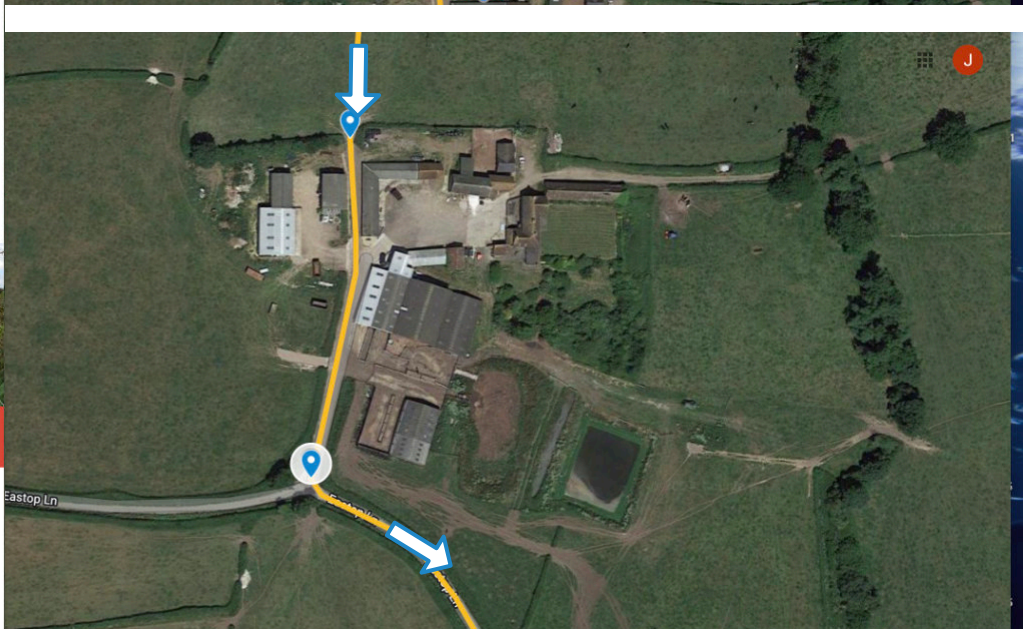
description
Walk along the narrow, rutted path, heading for the metal barn in the distance.



← The farm

name
The farm

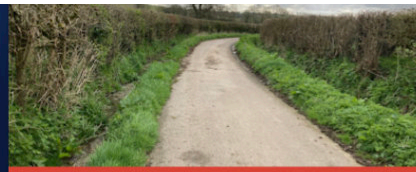
description
There are 3 metal gates to negotiate here as you enter the farm track. Sometimes they are all open. Walk through the farm keeping the old stone building on your left, passing the metal cow barns on your left and walking straight on until you get to the junction of Eastop Lane.



← Eastop Lane

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Eastop Lane

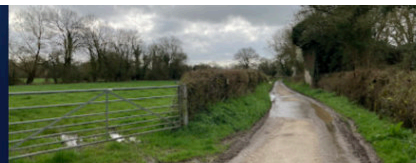
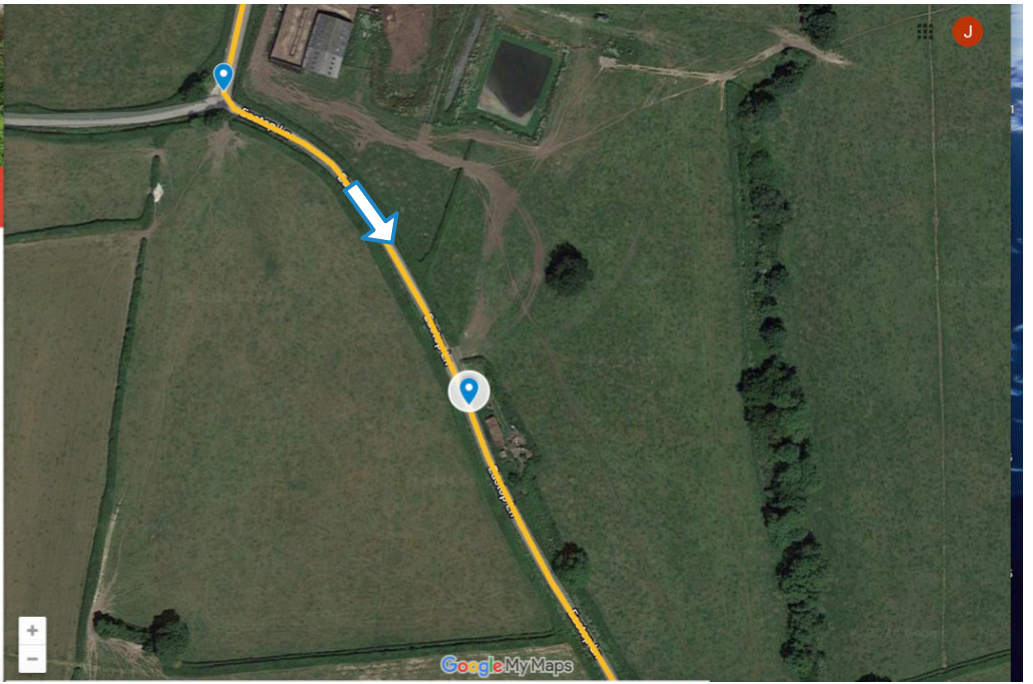
description
At the junction, turn left and walk down Eastop Lane.



← First gate and building

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First gate and building

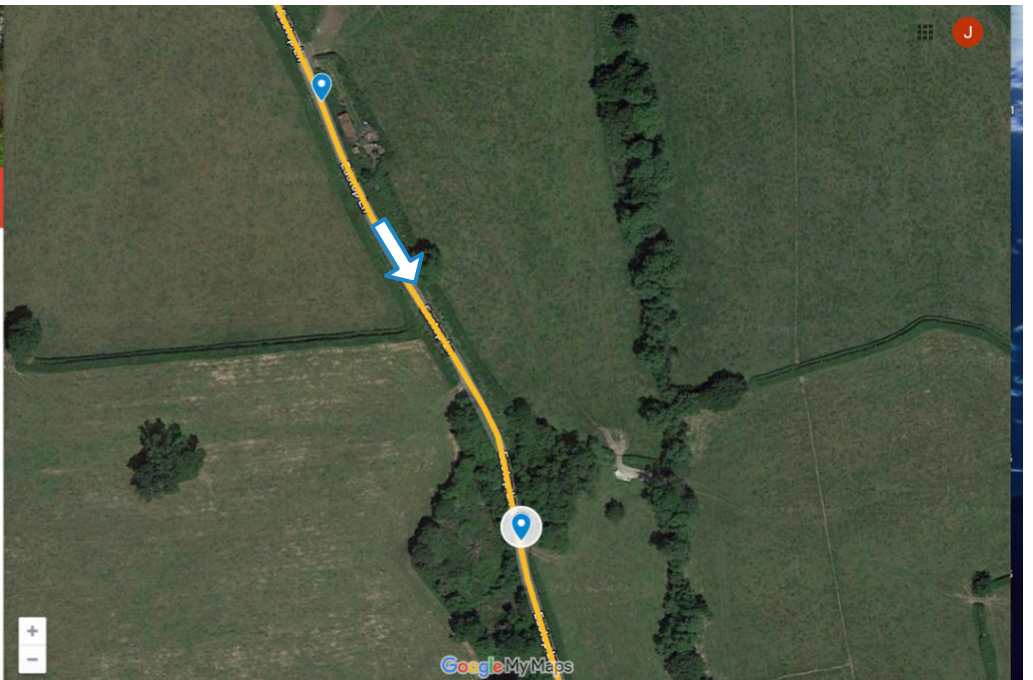
description
As you walk down the lane you will pass a metal field gate with a building on your left. Carry on walking here.



← Gate and derelict building

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Gate and derelict building

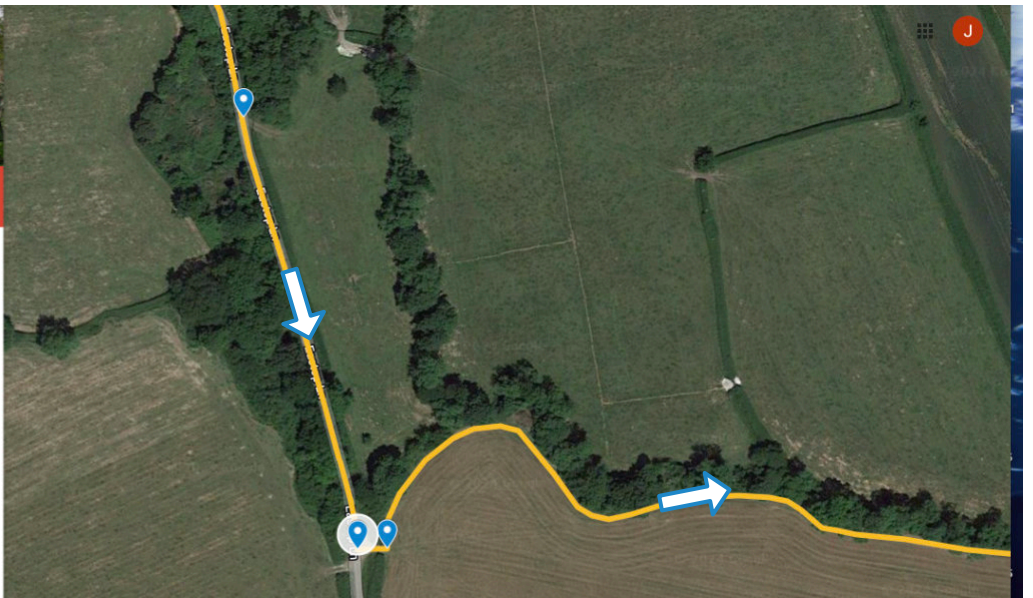
description
You will pass another metal field gate on your left and just past it on your right is an old derelict cottage or barn. Keep walking past this and carry on.



← The two gates

name
The two gates

description
When you reach this point there are gates to fields on either side of the road. You need to take the left gate, where you enter...Chive Field!

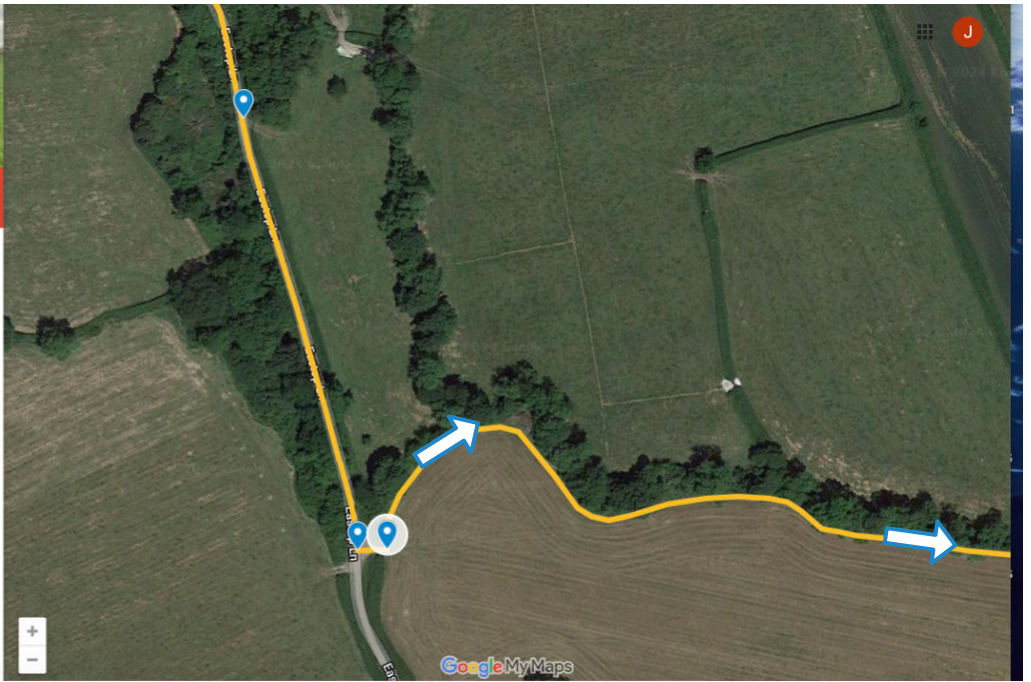




← Chive Bank and the brook

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Chive Bank and the brook

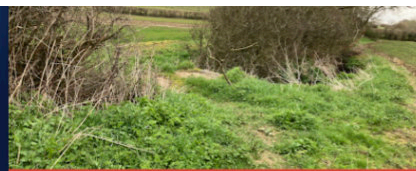
description
Once you are in Chive Field you need to keep to the official path which runs alongside the line of trees on the left that border the banks of the brook. It is here you will find hundreds of wild garlic chive plants growing (and smelling wonderful). Hence the name of this walk...



← Metal Gate

name
Metal Gate

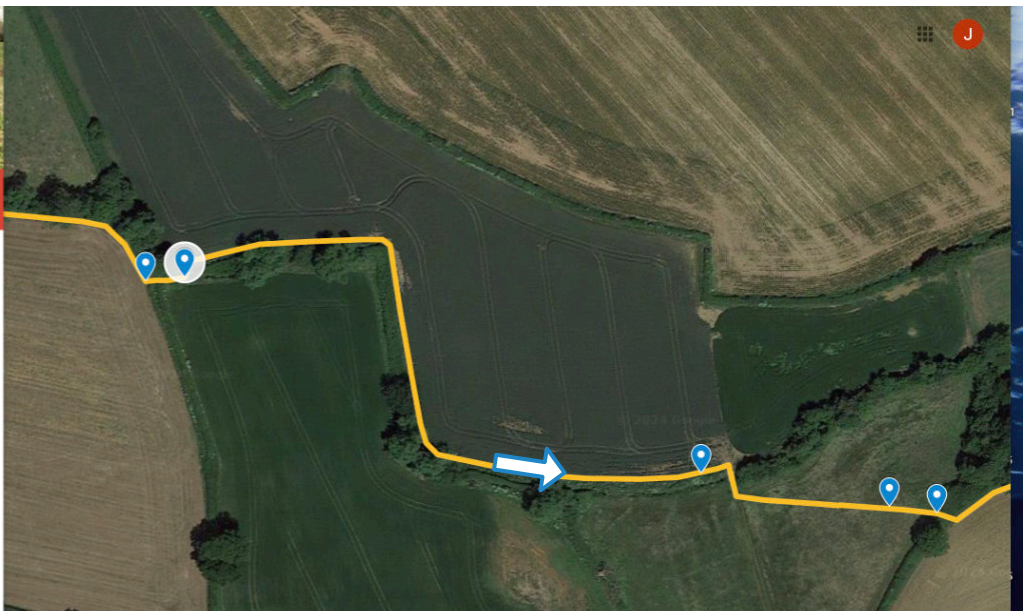
description
At the end of the field pass through this metal gate.



← Concrete bridge

name
Concrete bridge

description
Almost immediately after the gate there is a concrete bridge on your left, which crosses the brook. Walk over this and turn right, following the hedge line with the brook on your right. After a sharp right and sharp left keep following the brook.

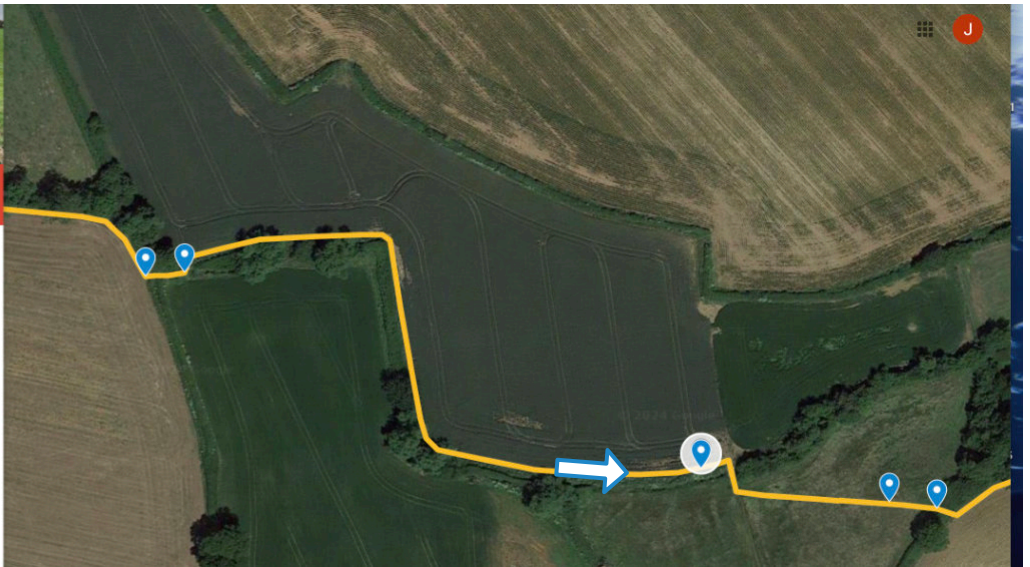




← Back over the brook

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Back over the brook

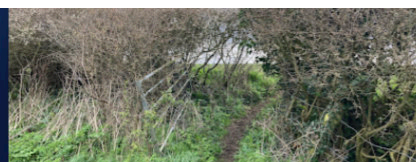
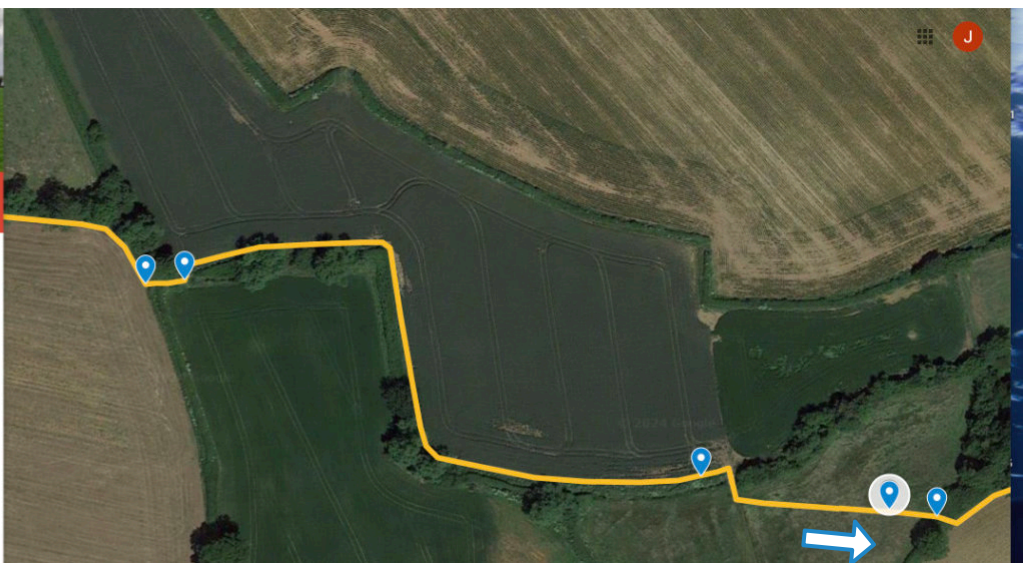
description
You will reach another concrete bridge that you cross, going back over the brook. Bear left after crossing and head up the slope towards the single large tree on the hedgeline at the top.



← well trodden path

name
well trodden path

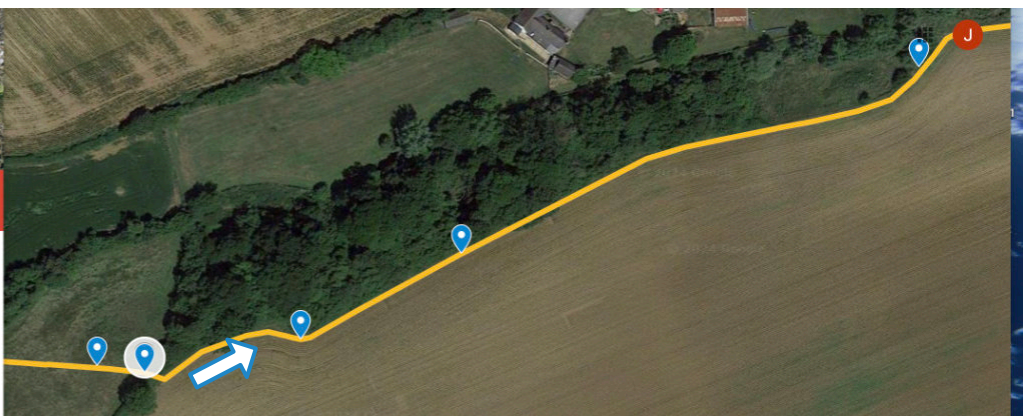
description
The path leading up to the tree is well trodden, but made of grass.



← Metal gate in the hedge

name
Metal gate in the hedge

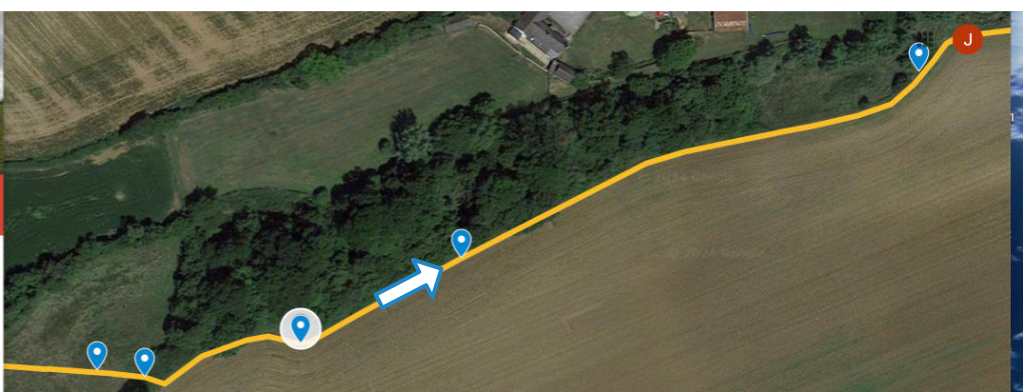
description
As you near the top the path bears to the left of the tree to an opening in the hedge with a metal gate. Walk up through here and turn immediately left.




← Follow the hedge and tree line

name
Follow the hedge and tree line

description
Follow the left edge of the field up to the high point and down the other side.

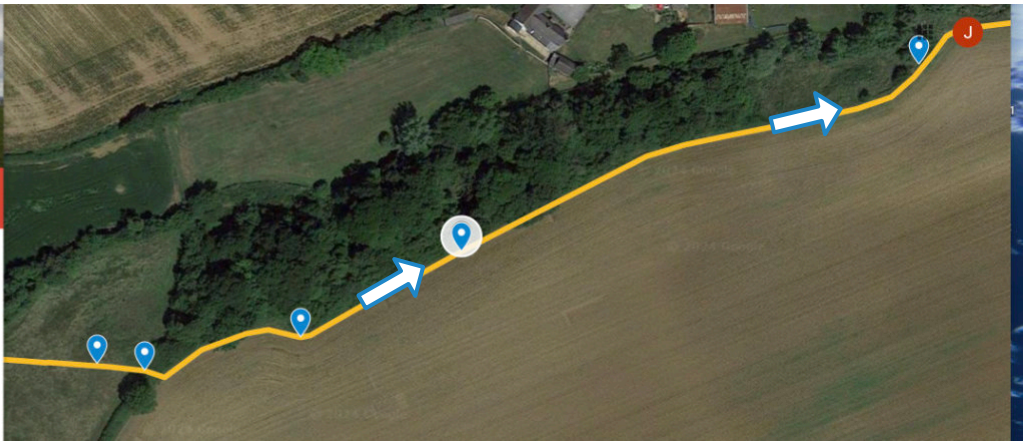





← **Spirehill Spire** ↗

name
Spirehill Spire


description
If you look to your right at this point you can see the spire at Thornhill on top of the hill in the distance.

← **Along the brook** ↗

name
Along the brook

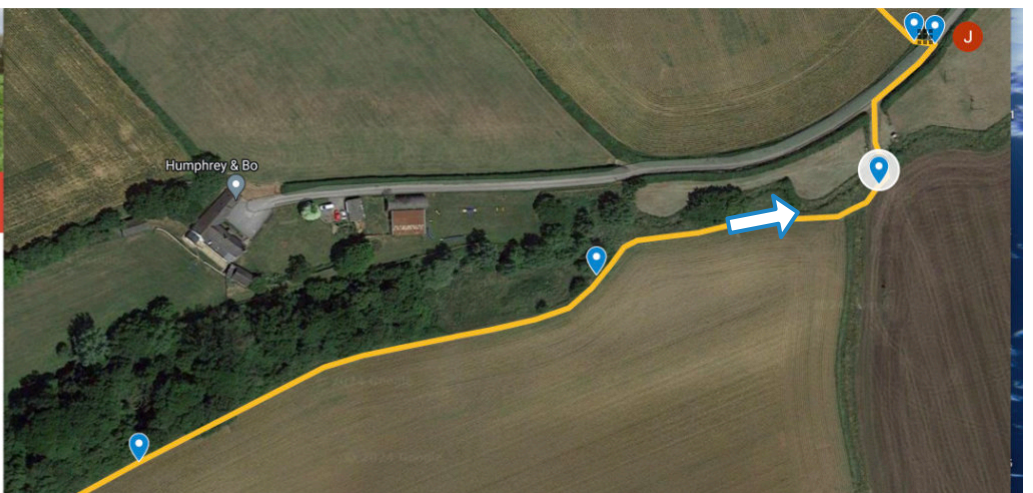

description
As you drop down into the last part of the field follow the path with the brook on your left. You can see the beautiful red brick houses at Poolstown in the distance.

← **Bridge across the brook** ↗

name
Bridge across the brook

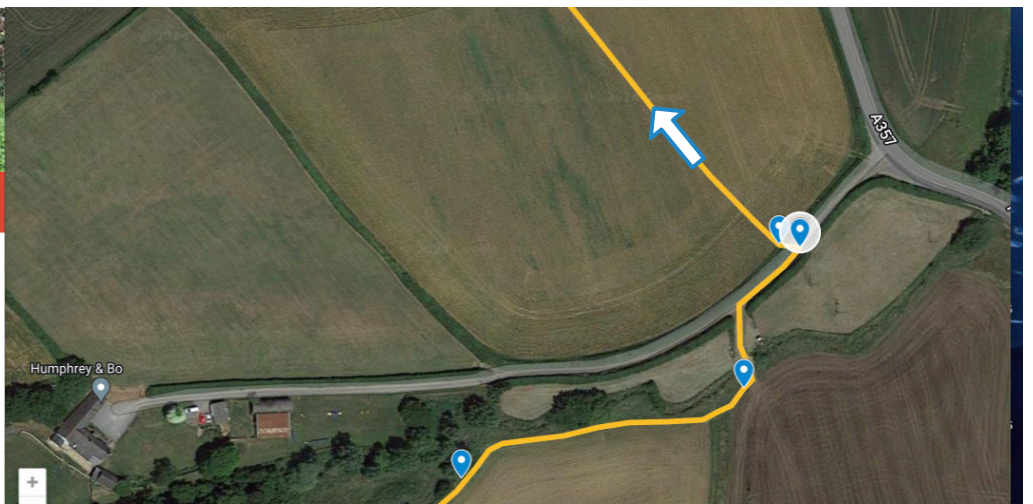
description
On your left, cross the concrete bridge over the brook and then turn right into the lane that leads to the main road.

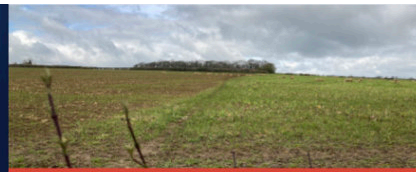



← **Up the bank** ↗

name
Up the bank

description
Not long after entering the lane you will find a gap in the hedge on your left, usually marked by a rusty old gate. Walk up through here.

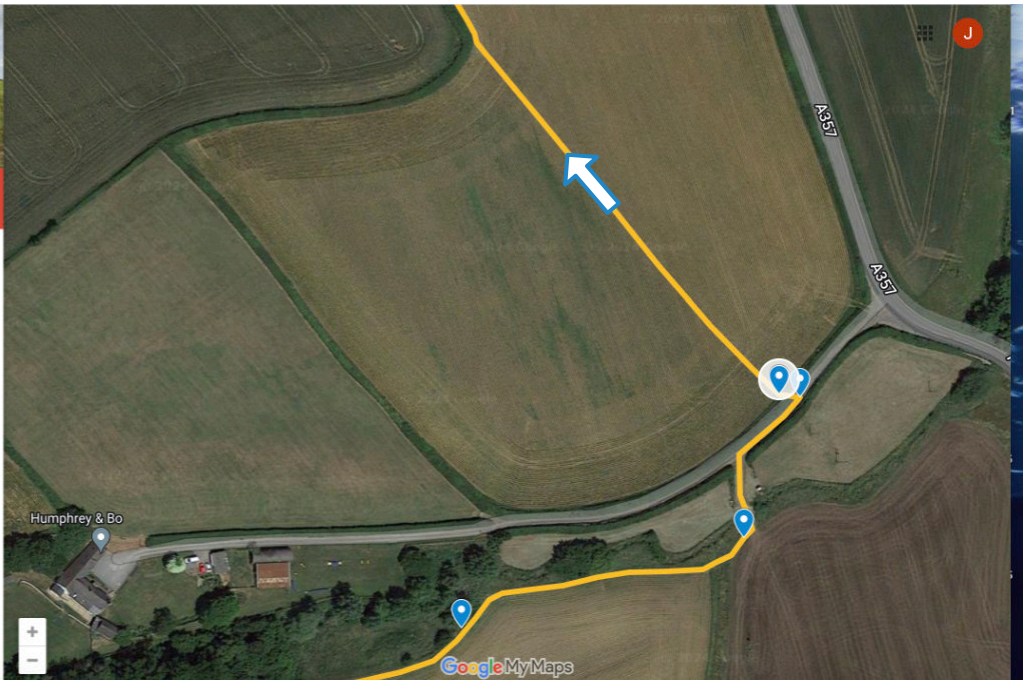




← Ten acre woods in the distance

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Ten acre woods in the distance

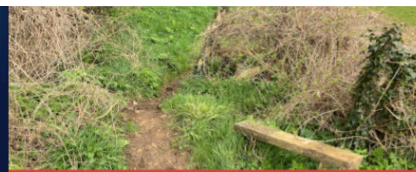
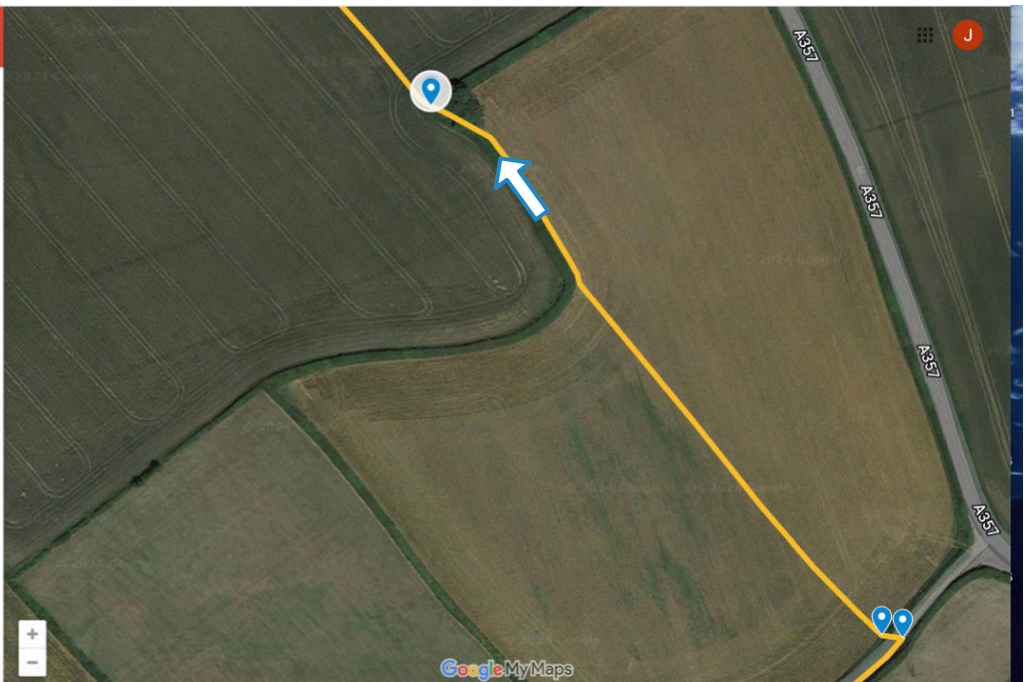
description
There is a clearly defined trodden path running straight across the field. You are heading for the jutting out corner of the hedgeline, which you then follow until you get to a clump of a few trees in the top corner of the field. Walk through this bit to the next stile.



← Wooden stile

name
Wooden stile

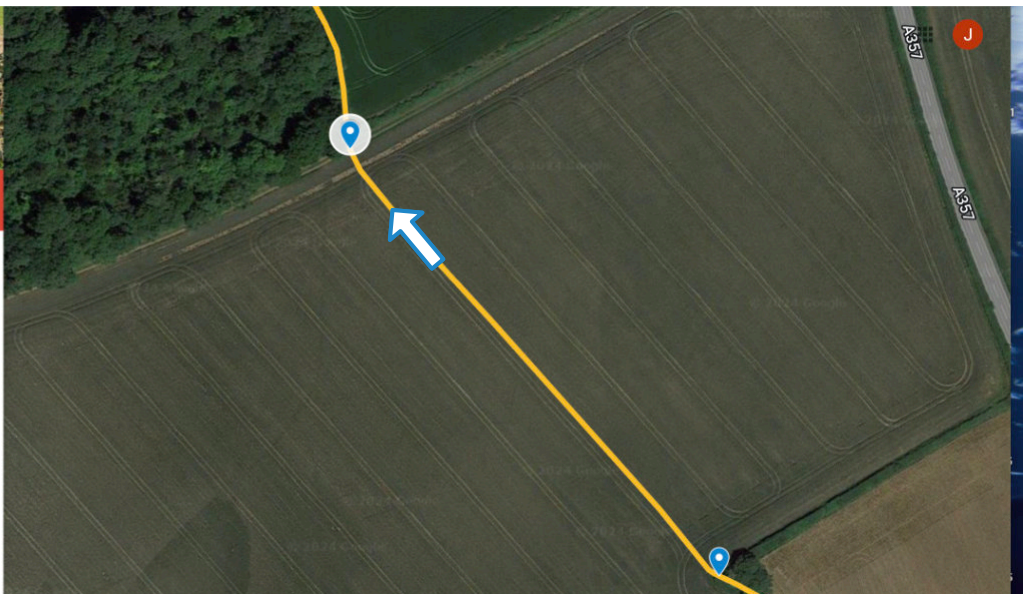
description
This stile is quite high, but reasonably easy to get over. Once over this, head straight across the field again to the right hand edge of the woods in front of you.



← Old stile?

name
Old stile?

description
There used to be a rickety, wobbly old stile here, but it appears to have wobbled once too much as currently you can walk straight through here.



← Gate and stile

name
Gate and stile

description
After passing the woods on your left you will see a gate and stile at the corner of the field

← Kissing Gate


name
Kissing Gate

description
After passing some house on your left, look for the break in the stone wall where you will find a metal 'kissing gate', walk through this and proceed down the field on the stone path.

← More kissing?

name
More kissing?


description
At the bottom of the field is another kissing gate, although currently you can just walk through the gap on the right. You are now on Grosvenor Road.



← Pound Close

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Pound Close

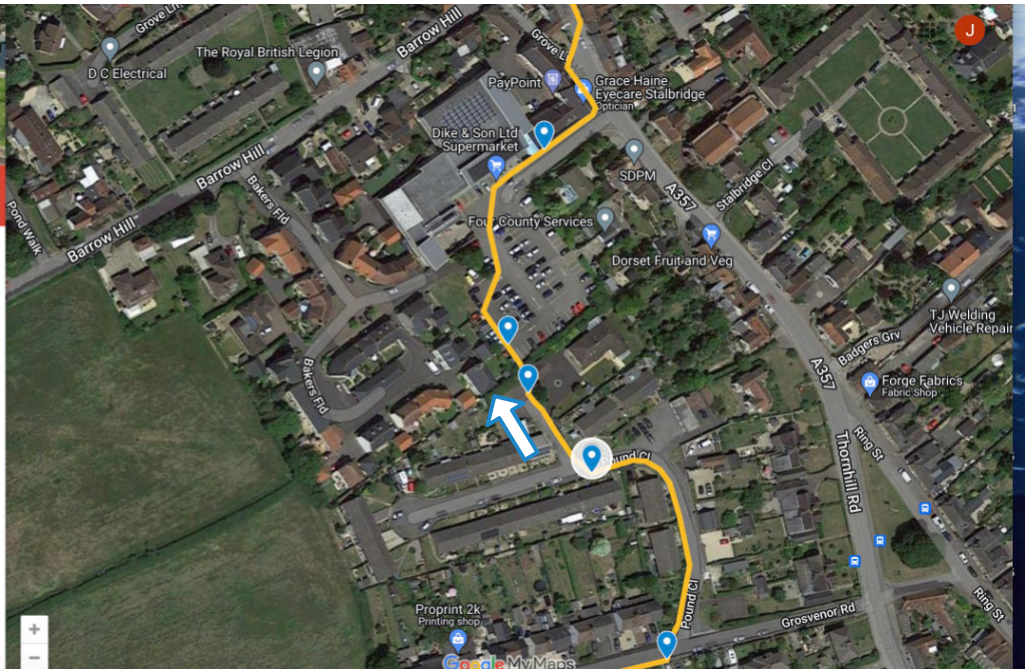

description
Before you get to the main road junction turn left into Pound Close and follow the path round to the left.

← Head for the garages

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Head for the garages

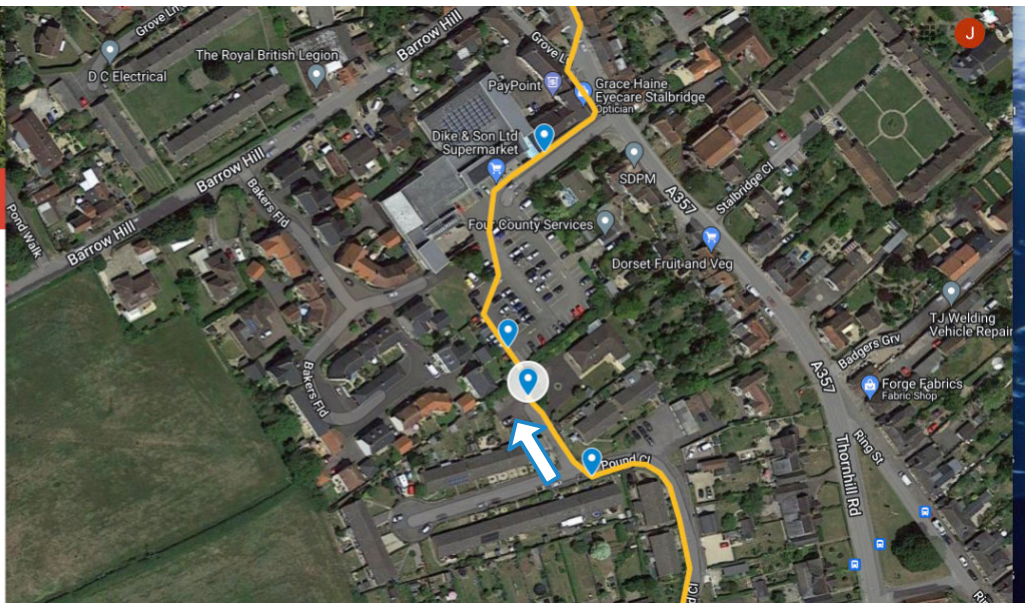
description
As you turn the corner left, cross over and turn right. Walk between the houses, heading for the block of garages.

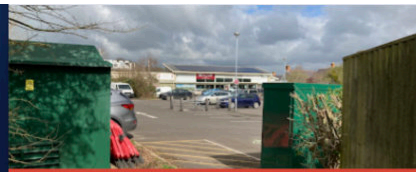



← Path to Dikes

name
Path to Dikes

description
To the right of the garages is a small path that will take you into the car park of Dike & Son supermarket.

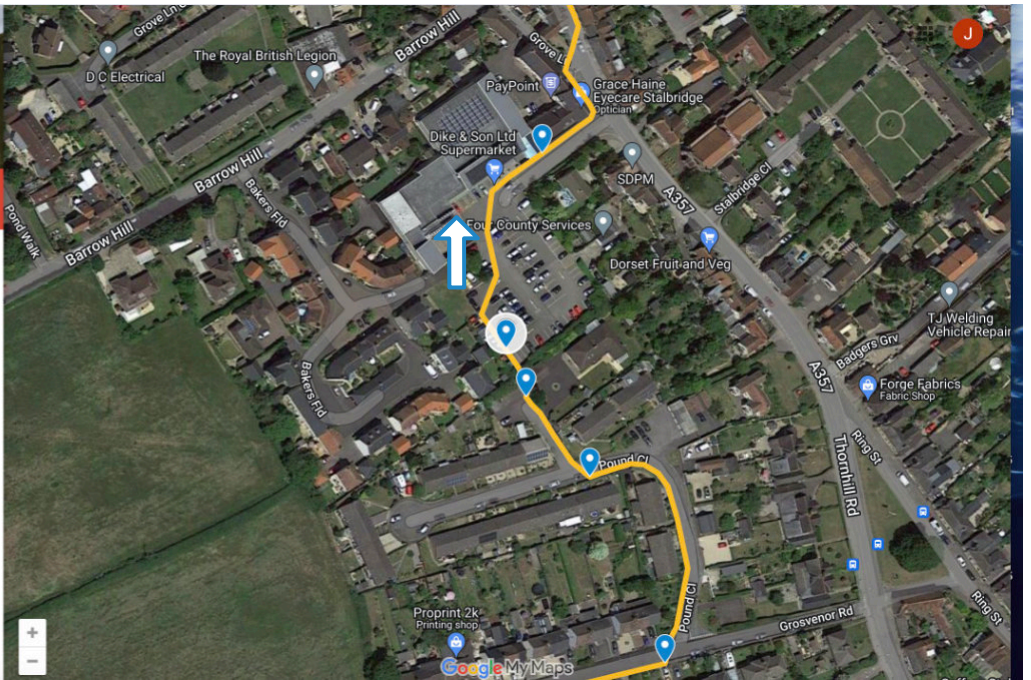




Dikes

name
Dikes

description
Head across the car park to the main building.



Dikes ramp

name
Dikes ramp

description
Head down the path next to the ramp and then turn left, walking past Grace Haines and Dikes Kitchen, then keep left and proceed through 'The Cut'



Outside Grace Haines eyecare

name
Outside Grace Haines eyecare

description
Cross the road at a convenient point, then turn right at the Post Office, down Station Road and back to The Hub to finish your walk.

