Walk 6 - Talbot Walk Description

Approximately 3 miles, 2 hours (if visiting church)

Leave the Talbot Inn on your left (Landlord is happy for you to park) and follow the muddy track north. Cross a stream and continue up the hill with a hedge on your left. Go through two hunting-type gates and continue uphill with a pit on your right. Almost at the brow of the hill turn left through two more hunting gates and then right keeping the hedge on your right until you reach the top of the ridge, with fine views all round.

Go through a gate and follow a grassy track to where it reaches the tiny road to West Chelborough (A). A visit to the old church is worthwhile, so join the road and walk north. Chelborough is but a scatter of houses and the road leads to the church and a farm only.

Return to the point (A) where you joined the road and follow a concrete track to the top of the ridge. Carry on until you reach a gate and some farm buildings just over the crest of the ridge (B). Do not go through it but walk right-handed through two gates along what is a bridleway until you have a small wood running downwards on your right (C). At this point go through a gate on your left (southwards) and across a field. Pass through another gate (or gap) making for a holly in the far hedge to the left of five pines. Hit the field-edge where there is a stile (D).

Cross a small stream (the same one as the one at the start) and cross the big field beyond, walking diagonally leftwards to pass on the left corner of Benville Plantation (E).Proceed through a gate and beside the wood until you reach a line of trees (relic of an ancient hedge). Follow the trees until they go right handed. At this point make across the field to reach a hunting fence (F).

Climb over it and over two more small streams to a meadow beyond. Carry straight on along the hedge on your left until you reach a gate and the Evershot-Benville road (G). Turn left and walk the 200 or so yards to the Talbot. The Landlord will welcome you.

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