

Walk 1 - Bracketts Coppice Walk Description

Approximately 2 ½ miles, 1 ½ hours

Start this meadow and woodland, clay-ground walk at (A) on the lane/ track junction near Ryewater Farm and wear wellies or stout boots unless the weather has been dry for some time! Follow the track north-westwards for 300 yards. Where the copse on the right ends, go through a gate on your left (B) and carry on along the hedge until you reach Bracketts Coppice (C). This is a nature reserve particularly concerned with butterflies, although you may see Roe deer and a range of orchids in season.

Go through a clearing, through a gap in a bank and keeping the wood on your left straight on through another clearing to a gate (O). Continue straight on over two fields and head towards post and rails which you can climb over (E), after which bear left downhill in the direction of a tall pylon. Cross a stile to reach the Halstock road at Higher Halstock Leigh (pronounced "lie"). Turn right along the lane. After about a third of a mile you will see Leigh Farm on your left and opposite is a gate (G). Go through it, following the line of the hedge until you reach (H), Bracketts Coppice once again, but at a different point. Keep along the edge of the trees beside a wire netting fence.

This takes you straight to a drove way and, in due course, to the track along which you started (J). Follow it right-handed and you will soon pass the gate (B). You went through it about 90 minutes earlier.

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