

Walk 11 - Hooke and the Two Tollers Walk Description

Approximately 6 miles, 2 ½ hours

Park 200 yards South West of the cross roads at Toller Down (about 800 ft. above sea level) and follow the bridleway to (B). Because of crops it may be easier to take the track to (A) and then southwards along field edges to (B).

The path through the delightful oak wood, Westwood Coppice, is a treat, especially at bluebell time. Leaving the trees (C) you pass down a green valley, in due course turning eastwards, still on grass, with trees on your right and upland arable on your left. Here you may see fallow deer or a hare.

Watch for an opening on your right (D) to take you towards farm buildings. Before you reach them, turn right alongside a hedge to an iron gate. Go through it and right-handed downhill to a small gate. Then follow a wet, overgrown track for about 70 yards to the Hooke road (E), just west of the trout farm. Turn right along it to (F) and a clear sign to the footpath which takes you over a meadow to Horse Moor Coppice. Follow its edge until you see a gap.

Follow the hedge until you meet the Hooke lane again, but further east (G). Follow it until the fork (H). Go right, ignoring NO THROUGH ROAD, towards Toller Whelme. You will pass an attractive lake on which you are likely to see Canada geese. Beyond the rise watch for a gate (I) on your right. This will take you uphill to your starting point. Again it may be easier to finish via (A).

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