

Walk 4 - Halstock Walk to East Chelborough

Approximately 4 miles, 2 ½ hours.

Start as described in Walk 3. Proceed past the Dutch barn (G) on your right and through the concrete farmyard past the farmhouse on the left. Turn left and you will see the bridleyway clearly waymarked. Take this up the hill following the hedgerow for about three-quarters of a mile to Manor Farm, East Chelborough (H). Go through the two gates of the farmyard to the road. Turn right along this road for a few yards then turn right between two stone farm buildings (I).

Go through the opening with Scots pines on the right. Cross this field, keeping pheasant pens on you left, through gate straight ahead and follow the line of telegraph poles down over a second field to the far side. Go through the wicket gate leading over a wooden bridge, and another wicket gate. Go up the hill, looking back over your left shoulder for a fine view of the Motte and Bailey. A gate into a lane (J) on the left leads to West Chelborough and St. Andrews Church, which is well worth a visit.

To continue the walk turn right down a muddy lane to a small plantation. Keep to the right edge of this plantation, then through a gate set over a stream, cross an open field heading downhill to a gateway at the edge of a wood (K). Cross the wooden bridge, taking care to avoid several broken planks. Take the pathway on higher ground slightly to the right of, and running parallel to, the gully until it leads into a wide ancient track known as "Curry Hole Lane". Do NOT follow the footpath waymark (L) on the left, but go along the track until reaching a tarmac road. Bear left along this road to the main road, then turn right passing Dogwell Farm and thence back to the start. (A) (Watch out for fast-moving traffic on this stretch).

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