

Walk 8-Winyard's Gap Walk Description

Approximately 3 1/2 miles, 2 hours.

Going west out of the village, pass Knapp Farm (A) and take the no-through road to "Weston only" on your left. The road winds past a couple of houses and brings you up facing the farm barns (B). Turn right here along the bridgeway, around the sides of the barns and out into the field beyond (C). Head towards the lower left-hand corner of this field and follow a cart track which crosses a small stream into the next field straight ahead.

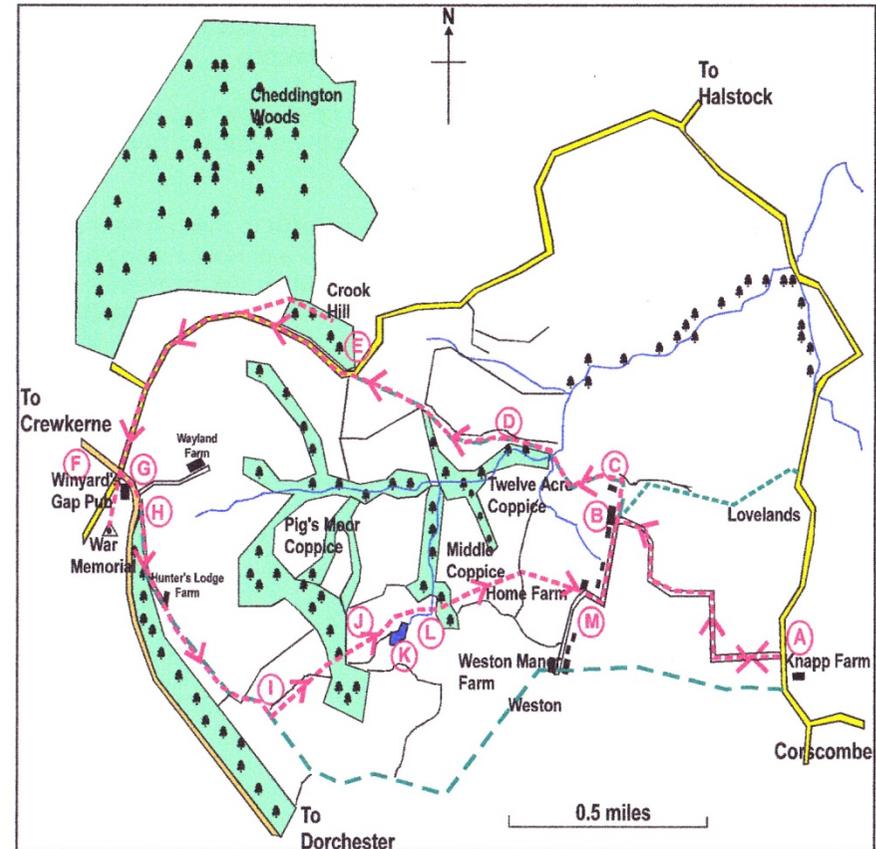
Keep to the right-hand edge of this field (D), leaving Twelve Acre Coppice on your left. Go through two gates close to one another and continue up the hill until you reach the road (E). Don't forget to stop and look back to enjoy the view!

Walk left past the National Trust's Crook Hill. If you are feeling energetic, you will come upon a path to the top of the hill, from where you can enjoy some more beautiful views. Follow this road around another hill on your left. Ignore a small right-hand turning and continue until you reach the Winyard's Gap pub (F), which makes a good half-way break for some refreshment. While you are here you might also like to visit the War Memorial on top of the hill, just behind the pub. It is dedicated to the 43rd Wessex Division, and is one of four identical memorials, the other three being at Rough Tor in Cornwall, Mere in Wiltshire and Hill 112 in Caen, France.

On leaving the pub, turn right (G) and go carefully up the road, beware traffic, past Wayland Farm and take the next turning off to the left along a bridgeway entitled "The Monarch's Way" (H). Walk past the farmhouse, then alongside a long row of garages and through a corrugated iron gate out into the field beyond.

Keep to the left-hand side of this field, beside a line of ash trees. At the next gate leave the bridgeway and take the footpath left (I), down past the remains of an old piggery and through a gate at the southern end of Pig's Moor Coppice (J). Continue downhill, and just past a pond (K), on your right, locate a gate in the bottom hedge. Follow a track across the stream (L), immediately steer left towards the far line of trees and cross the stile into Middle Coppice. The path heads straight downhill and over a stream. Steer left as you rise up the far side and look for the stile which takes you out of the coppice.

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Walk up the hill and through the gate with the farm buildings beyond.

Follow the track and regain the road by Home Farm (M). Walk left down to the barns and retrace your route back to the village.