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About this booklet:

This walks booklet has been written to support the Mendip Ramblers Group annual Walking Festival; this is the seventh. Mendip Ramblers is a local group off the Ramblers' Association, Charity Number 1093577 Company limited by guarantee 4458492.

The Group holds a walking festival each year centred on one or two parishes within the Mendip District Council area. The festival is a culmination of the work done by Mendip Ramblers' Working Party. It publicises the work that has been done and encourages walkers to use reopened and restored pathways.

The Working Party works closely with Mendip District Council (MDC) Rights of Way Department to maintain footpaths throughout the MDC area. The work consists of path clearance, stile erection and repairs, bridge building, erection of kissing gates, erection of marker posts and ensuring that footpaths are adequately way-marked. The group also carries out footpath surveys to determine the "ease of use" of footpaths and identifies what work needs to be done to bring the footpath up to that standard. The Working Party goes out every Tuesday, come rain or shine, working on average from 0930 to 1600.

The total work done this year is: Finger posts	63
Stiles	92
Stiles repaired	16
Bridges	6
Kit Bridges	1
Kissing Gates	6
Marker Posts	14

We would like to thank all the farmers, landowners, villagers and Parish Councils for their help and co-operation throughout the past year. Not forgetting the Rights of Way team at Mendip District Council for their help and continuing support.

THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE

(This is an abbreviated extract. See www.countysideaccess.gov.uk for the detailed code).

BE SAFE - PLAN AHEAD AND FOLLOW ANY SIGNS

LEAVE GATES AND PROPERTY AS YOU FIND THEM

Please respect the working life of the countryside, as our actions can affect people's livelihoods, our heritage and the safety and welfare of animals and ourselves.

PROTECT PLANTS AND ANIMALS AND TAKE YOUR LITTER HOME

We have a responsibility to protect our countryside now and for future generations, so make sure you do not harm animals, birds, plants or trees.

KEEP DOGS UNDER CLOSE CONTROL

The countryside is a great place to exercise dogs but it is every owner's duty to make sure their dog is not a danger or nuisance to farm animals, wildlife or other people.

CONSIDER OTHER PEOPLE

Showing consideration and respect for other people makes the countryside a pleasant environment for everyone - at home, at work and at leisure.

PARKING: Parking at Wookey Village Hall is not advised as it is very limited and may be required by users of the Hall. We would, therefore, suggest you park with consideration in the roads nearby.

PLEASE NOTE: Some of the footpaths included in the walks have only been opened/made accessible during the previous year and need to be walked in order to keep them open. Please report any problems (tel: 01749 648999) tocustomerservices@mendip.gov.uk

GENERAL WALKING ADVICE:

- 1 Wear sensible boots or shoes and socks suitable for walking in the countryside. These walks are not suitable for ordinary town shoes.
- 2 Wear or carry in your rucksack a good quality waterproof (not just showerproof) and wind proof jacket; something with at least a hood or provision for a hood to be attached and with spacious pockets for maps, snacks, etc.
- 3 Wear suitable trousers. Everyday casual trousers are fine but may not be comfortable for longer walks. Modern synthetic walking trousers are lightweight, loose-fitting, quick-drying and have handy pockets. Shorts if the weather is fine but beware of nettles, brambles and ticks which are becoming more widespread. Denim jeans are not recommended because they take a long time to dry out if wet and can chafe.
- 4 Take suitable provisions (water/drink, food).
- 5 Use or carry gloves for cold weather.
- 6 Head covering is useful to keep the sun off and also keep you warm in cold weather. Also cream to avoid sun burn.
- 7 A rucksack or backpack is the best means of carrying what you need (including extra clothing); they leave the hands free and are far more comfortable than a shoulder bag over a long distance.

THE WALKS:

The maps in this booklet are sketches. Each map is to scale but the scales vary and no scale is indicated.

The walk descriptions are written by many different people and vary in style and details.

The walk lengths are accurate to within 1/2 mile. The walks can be very muddy in places.

It is recommended that you use the map sketches and descriptions in conjunction with the relevant OS maps and a compass (OS Explorer Map 141 - Cheddar Gorge and Mendip Hills West).

Mendip Ramblers cannot be held responsible for any accidents or incidents that may occur whilst on these walks.

Hay Hill & Worth 3.4 miles

1. Grid ref. 518457

Standing on the pavement with your back to the kissing gate leading to the Church Hall turn right and follow the pavement to the end of the road.

At the junction turn right. Follow the road round, walk past Glebe House on your right. Cross over the road before the bend and go through the kissing gate at the side of a metal barred gate. Walk ahead aiming for a stile in the far right corner of the field.

Over the stile follow the path round to the right, you will see a stream on your right, cross a second stile. Continue along the path, cross a wooden bridge and walk up the concrete steps to the road.

Take the pavement to the left until you come to a stone wall with a road opposite. Cross over and walk up the road passing the entrance gates to Burcott Manor on your right, a house and buildings on the right and Burcott Manor Cottages on the left, continue until you arrive at a 'T' junction.

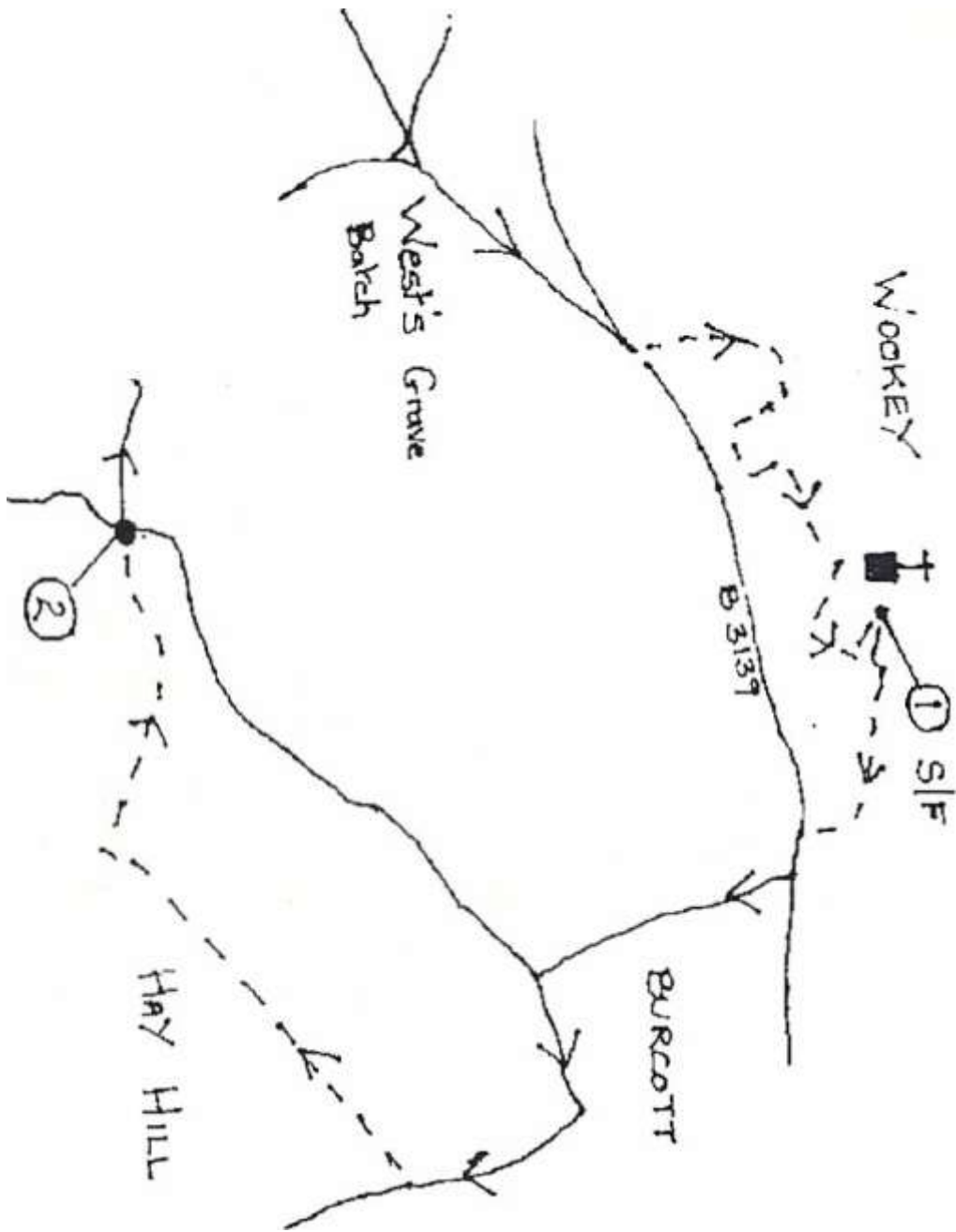
Turn left follow the road until you arrive at a junction with a tree in the middle of a triangular island. Follow the road to the right and continue, passing Little Burcott Farm and Lower Burcott Farmhouse on your right. Just after Lower Burcott Riding School take the footpath on the right which is opposite a metal gate.

Cross over the stile into a track. Cross next stile and continue, keeping the riding school paddocks on your right. Go through the metal gate and over the stile, walk across the field keeping the 'fault line' and hedge to your left.

Take a short stop to take in the views of the Mendips behind you. Cross a stile and continue in the same direction until you come to a stile in the left hand corner of the field. Cross the stile, keep the fallen tree on the brow of the hill to your left, continue across the field to a stile in a wire fence.

Cross the stile, walk across the field down to a stile situated under a tree. Continue a few steps and cross the wooden bridge and over another stile. Walk straight ahead to the stile between the metal gate and a stream. Continue straight ahead to a narrow stile beside a gate. Continue, keeping the stream on your right, to a stile beside a gate that leads into a lane.

HAY Hill and Worth 3.4 miles



2 Grid Ref 517444

Turn right (a few steps) to junction then left. Continue along the road to the Z bend and take the footpath on the right, Castle Lane is written on the finger post.

Cross the stream via a bridge, cross over the stile into a field. Aim for the right-hand bungalow ahead and the stile in the hedge on the far side of the field. Cross over the stile onto a grass track. Turn left and at the end of the track turn right into a lane and continue until the road forks.

Keep to the right and continue down the lane, passing houses on your right and a school on your left, to the main road. Cross over the road and follow the Public Footpath sign up a track to a metal kissing gate.

Go through the gate and continue to a wooden kissing gate at the corner of a metal building. Follow the path, keeping the wooden fence on your left, until you arrive at a metal kissing gate and a stile on your left - do NOT cross. Walk on a few steps to a footpath and turn left. Follow the path until you join the road at the end of a cui de sac.

You can see the church ahead, continue in this direction to the cross-roads, passing garages on your left. Turn right and follow the road until you find the wooden kissing gate in the hedge on the left. Keeping the stream on your right continue across the field to the kissing gate on the far side. Through the gate turn left and follow path to the next kissing gate on the left, once through the gate follow the path, with the stream on your right, round to the church and back to your starting point

Knowle Hill & Henton 3.9 miles

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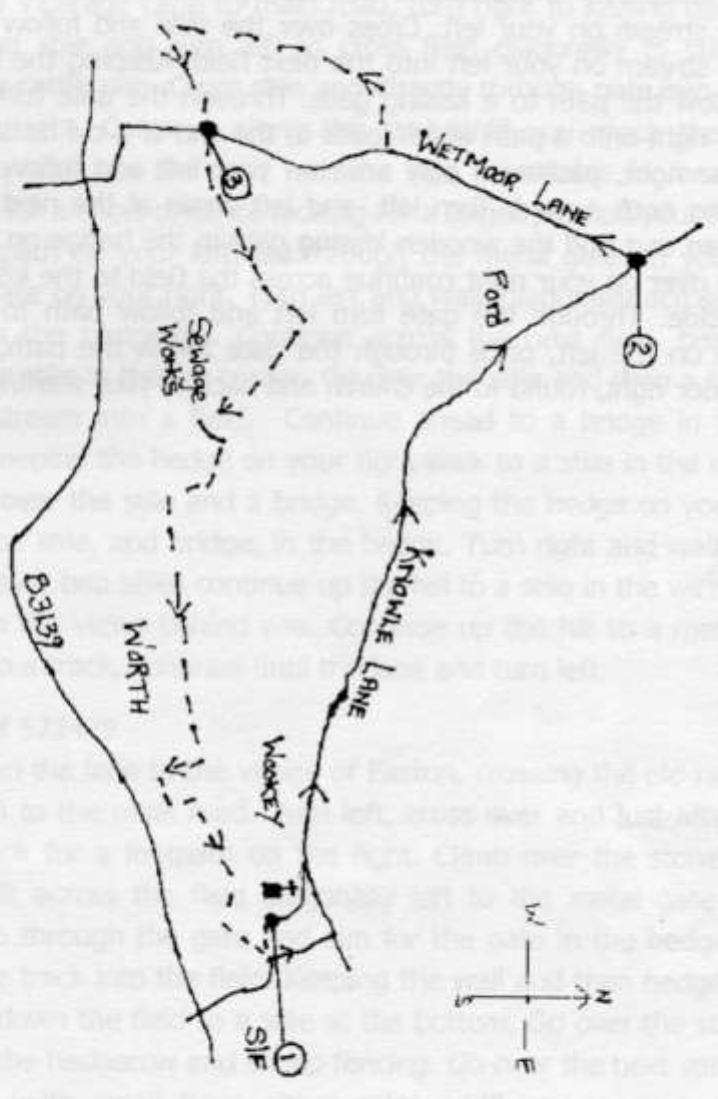
Standing on the pavement with your back to the kissing gate leading to the Church Hall turn left and walk along the road with the church on your left, At the junction cross the road and continue left past houses and the Ring O' Bells pub. Just after the pub turn into Knowle Lane, walk past the houses and continue for just over half a mile until you arrive at a ford. Keep to the path alongside the ford, then continue along the lane with the river on your left.

2. Grid ref 503465

At the next junction and bridge turn left and follow the lane until you come to a wooden bridge and stile, leading into a field on your right and cross into the field. Cross the field diagonally to the far left corner where you will find two stiles in the hedge. Climb over the stiles and head towards the metal hay barn keeping it to your right, just after the barn you will see a gateway in the hedge ahead. Keep straight on aiming for a bridge over a stream. Do not cross the bridge but turn to your left (45°) and head for the stile in the far corner of the field (in the same hedge as the previous gateway). Climb over the stile, and a small bridge into a lane, cross over the road to the stile into a field on the other side.

3. Grid ref 500455

Walk the length of the field to two stiles in the far right corner. Once over the stiles keep straight ahead, keeping the hedge on your right, to a stile, wooden bridge and stile in the corner. Cross the field to two stiles in the hedge and walk straight ahead with the hedge on your right to a gate. Continue with the hedge on your right to a gap in the hedge. Walk ahead towards a stream (bordered by trees) and keeping the stream to your left and the tree on your right, aim for the stile ahead. Cross over the stile, turn left, walk over the concrete bridge and follow the path to the metal gate on the opposite side of the lane.



KNOWLE HILL and HENTON 3.9 miles

Go through the gate, keeping the hedge on your right walk along and go through the gateway on your right. Continue ahead to a bridge over a stream. Cross this bridge, turn left and keeping the hedge on your left walk to the next stile. Cross over the stile and walk straight ahead to the next stile, keeping the stream on your left. Cross over the stile and follow the path keeping the stream on your left into the next field. Keeping the hedge on your, left follow the path to a kissing gate. Through the gate turn left and immediately right onto a path which leads to the end of a cui de sac. At the junction bear right, passing a play area on your left and follow the path ahead leading onto a road. Turn left, and left again at the next junction, cross the road and find the wooden kissing gate in the hedge on the right. Keeping the river on your right continue across the field to the kissing gate on the far side. Through the gate turn left and follow path to the next kissing gate on the left, once through the gate follow the path, with the stream on your right, round to the church and back to your starting point.

Hurst Batch, Wattles Hill & Easton 4.3 miles

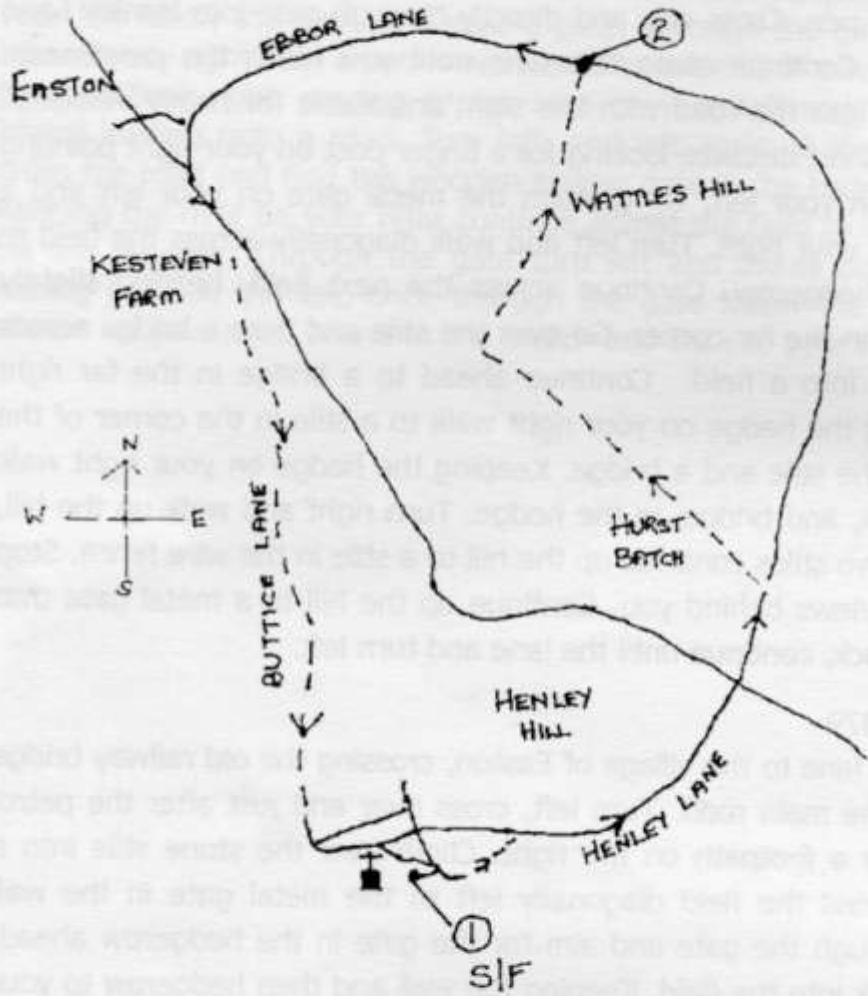
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Leave village hall with church behind you, east along Mary Brown Davis Lane and Vicarage Lane to main road, turn right to kissing gate 50yds on left. Cross stile and turn left to cross field diagonally to stile in far left corner by cattle pen. Cross stile and directly through gate into Henley Lane and turn right. Continue along this lane until you reach the crossroads. Cross the road into the road with the sign 'unsuitable for heavy vehicles'. Continue for a short distance looking for a finger post on your right pointing to a footpath on your left. Go through the metal gate on your left and a second gate on your right. Turn left and walk diagonally across the field to a gate in the hedgerow. Continue across the next field, bearing slightly right, to a stile in the far corner. Go over the stile and then a bridge across a small stream into a field. Continue ahead to a bridge in the far right corner. Keeping the hedge on your right walk to a stile in the corner of the field. Go over the stile and a bridge. Keeping the hedge on your right walk to the next stile, and bridge, in the hedge. Turn right and walk up the hill, crossing over two stiles continue up the hill to a stile in the wire fence. Stop to take in the views behind you. Continue up the hill to a metal gate that leads onto a track, continue until the lane and turn left.

2. Grid ref 523479

Walk down the lane to the village of Easton, crossing the old railway bridge and down to the main road. Turn left, cross over and just after the petrol station look for a footpath on the right. Climb over the stone stile into a field. Walk across the field diagonally left to the metal gate in the wall ahead, go through the gate and aim for the gate in the hedgerow ahead. Follow the track into the field. Keeping the wall and then hedgerow to your left walk down the field to a stile at the bottom. Go over the stile and walk between the hedgerow and sheep fencing. Go over the next stile and follow the path (with small trees either side), until you reach a grassy track(Buttice Lane). Continue until you reach the road. Turn left, walk past the Ring O' Bells pub and continue to the first road on the right which leads you back to the church.

HURST BATCH, WATTLES HILL and EASTON
4.3 miles



Burcott Mill & Coxley Wick, 4.9 miles

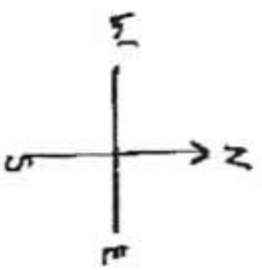
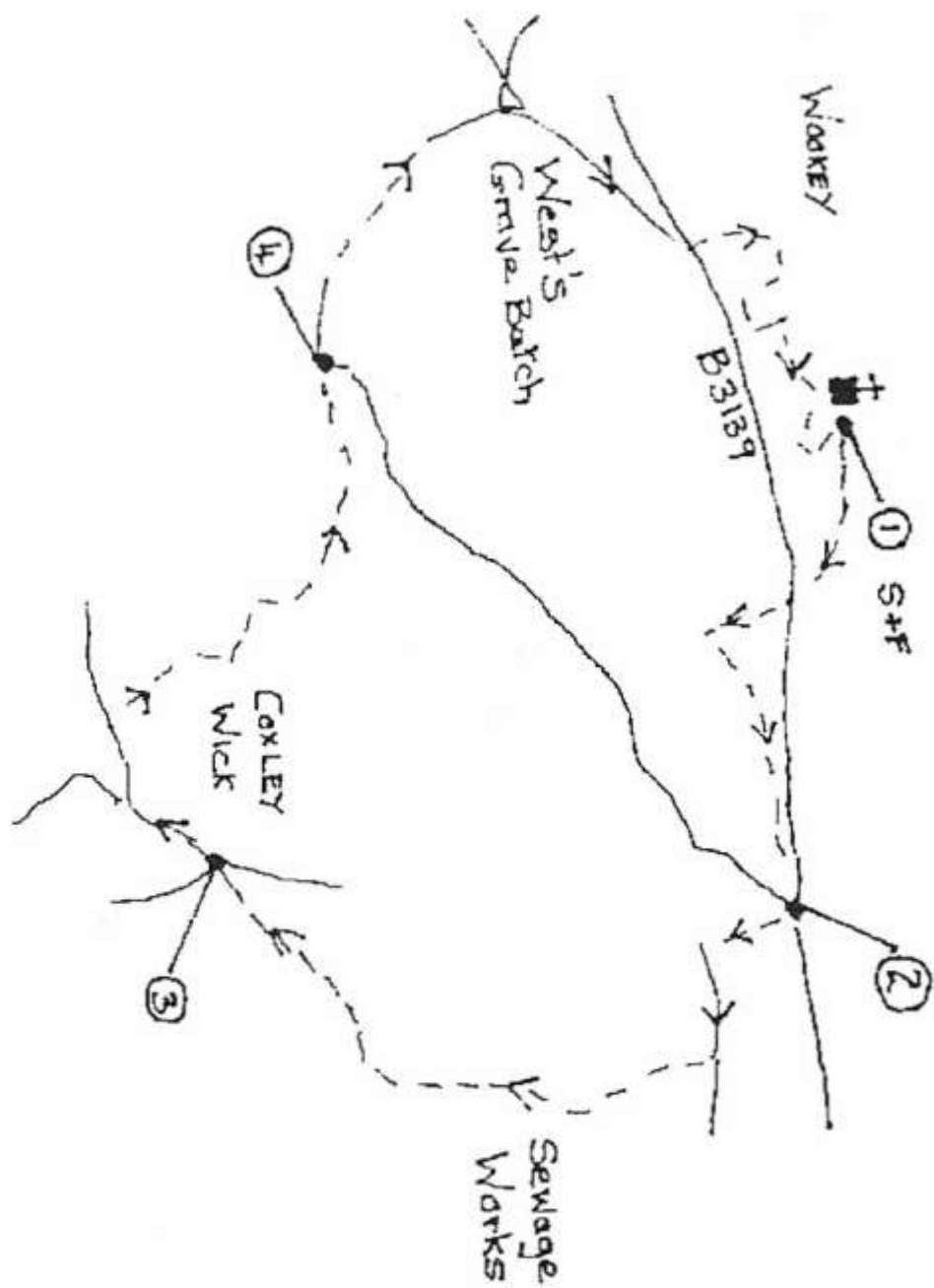
1. Grid ref 518457

Standing on the pavement with your back to the kissing gate leading to the Church Hall turn right and walk to the end of the road keeping the stone wall and graveyard on your right. At the end of the road turn right and follow the road past Glebe House. Cross over the road before the bend and go through the kissing gate at the side of a metal barred gate. Walk ahead aiming for a stile in the far right corner of the field. Over the stile follow the path round to the right, you will see a stream on your right, cross a second stile. Continue along the path, cross a wooden bridge and walk up the concrete steps to the road. Turn left and walk along the pavement until you come to a stone wall with a road opposite. Cross over and walk up the road until you find the stile in the hedge on your left. Cross over the stile and walk across the field to the stile on the far side. Over this stile and continue straight across the field to two stiles in the far hedge. Stop to take in the views behind before crossing these stiles. Across next field until you find stile in the hedge on left, leading out onto the road

2. Grid ref. 529456

Keep right and follow the pavement past several houses until you meet a lane joining the road. Cross the lane and cross the stile into a field. Follow the hedge on the right down to a stile in the corner, which takes you into a lane. Turn left and follow the lane until you meet a tarmac track with a cattle grid on your right. Walk along this lane to a footpath on your left just before large metal entrance gates. Follow the footpath round the 'works' keeping the metal fence on your right. Eventually you come to a stile that takes you into a field. Walk diagonally across the field to a stile next to a gate in the hedge. Cross this stile and continue in the same direction to a stile in the corner of the field. Go over the stile and aim for the "gap" in the far hedge keeping the electric cables to your right. Go through "gap" aiming for the stile just to the left of the large tree in the far hedge. Walk across the sleeper over the ditch and climb over the stile. Aim for the metal handrail and bridge over a stream in the line of trees ahead. Then aim for the metal gate on the far side of the field, just after the electricity post. You will find yourself at a "T" junction. Follow the main lane, which has street lights, into Coxley Wick.

Burcott Milland Coxley Wick



3. Grid ref 528441

Continue walking until you reach Haymoor Lane on your right. Follow this lane to the finger post and stile on your right. Cross into field and walk straight ahead to a gap in the hedge, on your right. Go through and walk up the field keeping the hedge on your left. You will find a stile leading into the next field. Cross the field, keeping slightly right, to the far corner. Cross over two stiles and walk down the field in the same direction, keeping the stone water trough, which you will see over the rise, to your left, towards a stile under a tree. Continue a few steps and cross the wooden bridge and over another stile. Walk straight ahead to the stile between the metal gate and a stream. Continue straight ahead to a narrow stile beside a gate. Continue, keeping the stream on your right, to a stile beside a gate that leads into a lane.

4. Grid ref. 517444

Take a few steps to the right to junction and then left. Continue along the road to the Z bend and take the footpath on the right, Castle Lane is written on the finger post. Cross the stream via a bridge and cross over the stile into a field. Aim for right-hand bungalow ahead and the stile in the hedge on far side of the field. Cross over the stile onto a grass track. Bear left and at the end of the track turn right into a lane and continue until the lane forks. Keep to the right and continue down the lane, passing houses on your right and a school on your left, to main road. Cross over the road and follow Public Footpath sign up a track to a metal kissing gate. Go through the gate and continue to a wooden kissing gate at the corner of a metal building. Follow the path, keeping the wooden fence on your left, until you arrive at a metal kissing gate and a stile on your left - do NOT cross. Walk on a few steps to a footpath and bear left. Follow the path between houses until you join the road at the end of a cui de sac. You can see the church ahead of you, continue in this direction, passing a row of garages on the left, until the junction. Turn right and follow the road until you find the wooden kissing gate in the hedge on the left. Keeping river on your right continue up the field to the kissing gate on the far side. Through gate turn left and follow path to the next kissing gate on left, once through the gate follow the path, with the stream on your right, round to the church and back to your starting point.

Fenny Castle & Yarley Hill 6.0 miles

1. Grid ref 518457

From Wookey Church, leave from the gate on the south side of the churchyard. Turn right across footbridge & down path to Vicarage Lane. Turn right into Vicarage Lane.

After 50 metres, turn right into field. Across field to road (Holmlea) left & right into housing estate (also Holmlea).

Take alley on right where road widens, then 2nd left (still called Holmlea), go down path between nos. 48 & 49 to emerge into field through kissing gate.

Go across 3 fields, keeping river on your right. When you see footbridge on your right, turn left across one field & diagonally across footbridge & further field to road. (B3139 Wells Road). Caution needed, narrow pavement.

Turn left down Wells Road for 50 metres, then right into field at junction with Hilliers Lane.

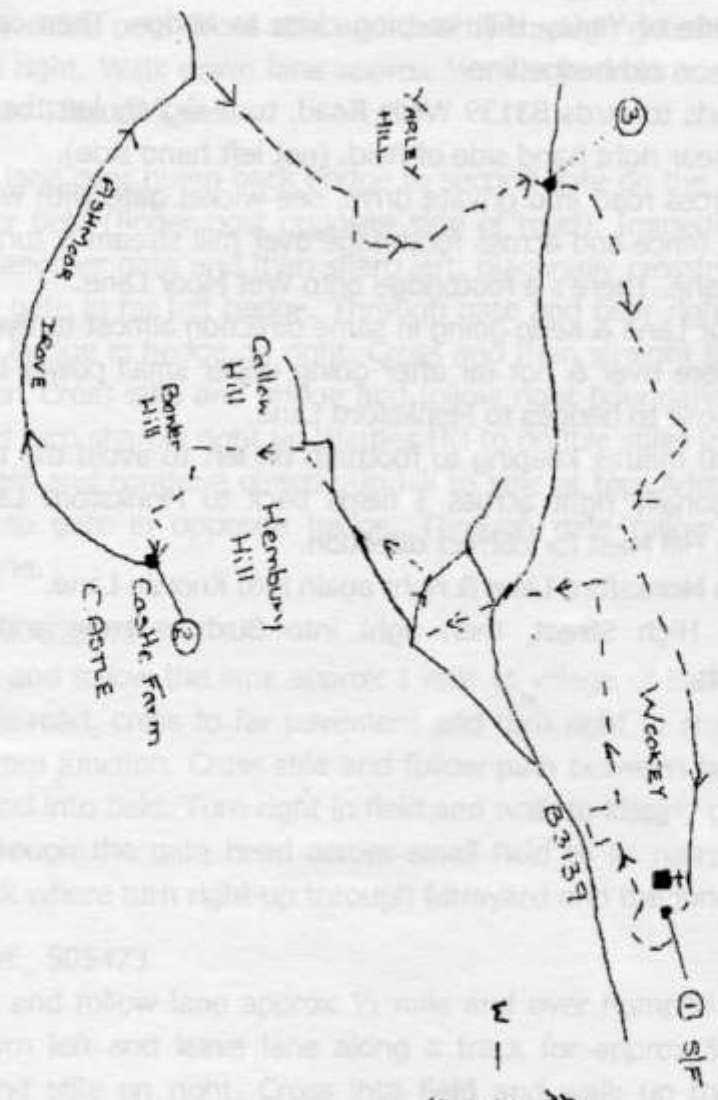
Across field to Hembury Lane/Hilliers Lane.

Turn right & right again up Hilliers Lane for 200 metres, then left into field. Do not go up track.

Go diagonally across field (not by hedge) to emerge onto Hembury Lane. Turn right down Hembury Lane for 100 metres and at slight bend go left into field. Go diagonally across this field & through gate to emerge onto track

Go straight over track and continue south across the side of Hembury Hill, as the downward slope steepens, turn left towards Castle Farm and look keenly for stile at corner of 2 fields and rough ground.

FENNY CASTLE AND YARLEY HILL ... 6.0 miles



2 Grid ref. 504439

Go right down Ashmoor Drove for about a mile and a half past Shotts Farm. At bend in road, turn right into fields. Cross Perry Lake Lane and start to ascend Yarley Hill to Yarley Field Lane (track).

Turn right onto Yarley Field Lane for 150 metres, then left into field.

Go over the side of Yarley Hill, keeping close to hedge. Then continue in the same direction on old hedge line

As one descends towards B3139 Wells Road, turn slightly left then right to go onto road near right hand side of field. (not left hand side).

Go straight across road into private drive, see wicket gate with waymark & go through by fence and across footbridge over mill stream & turn 45 right to Wet Moor Lane. There's a footbridge onto Wet Moor Lane.

Cross Wet Moor Lane & keep going in same direction almost to river Axe. 50 metres before river & not far after going under small power lines, turn right & keep close to hedges to Monksford Lane.

Turn left for 30 metres keeping to footpath on left to avoid the tricky ford and then diagonally right across 3 fields back to Monksford Lane. Keep aiming for Pen Hill Mast for correct direction.

Turn right into Monksford Lane & right again into Knowle Lane.

Continue into High Street, then right into Buxtons Lane and back to Wookey Church.

Wattles Hill & Knowle Hill 6.6 miles

1. Grid ref. 518458

Leave village hall with church behind you, east along Mary Brown Davis Lane and Vicarage Lane to main road, turn right to kissing gate 50yds on left. Cross stile and turn left to cross field diagonally to stile in far left corner by cattle pen. Cross stile and directly through gate into Henley Lane and turn right. Walk down lane approx 1/4 mile to cross roads and straight across into Titlands Lane.

Walk up lane over hump back bridge to second gate on the left after bridge and enter field (finger post opposite side of road). Immediately turn right through another gate and then sharp left, diagonally crossing field to stone wall and gate in far left hedge. Through gate and bear right skirting hill to stile and bridge in hedge on right. Cross and then straight to stile/bridge in far corner. Cross stile and bridge and follow right boundary hedge to stile; cross and turn sharply right up Wattles Hill to double stiles in right corner of field. Cross and continue directly up hill to stile at top. Admire view before heading to gate in opposite hedge. Through gate follow short track to Ebbor Lane.

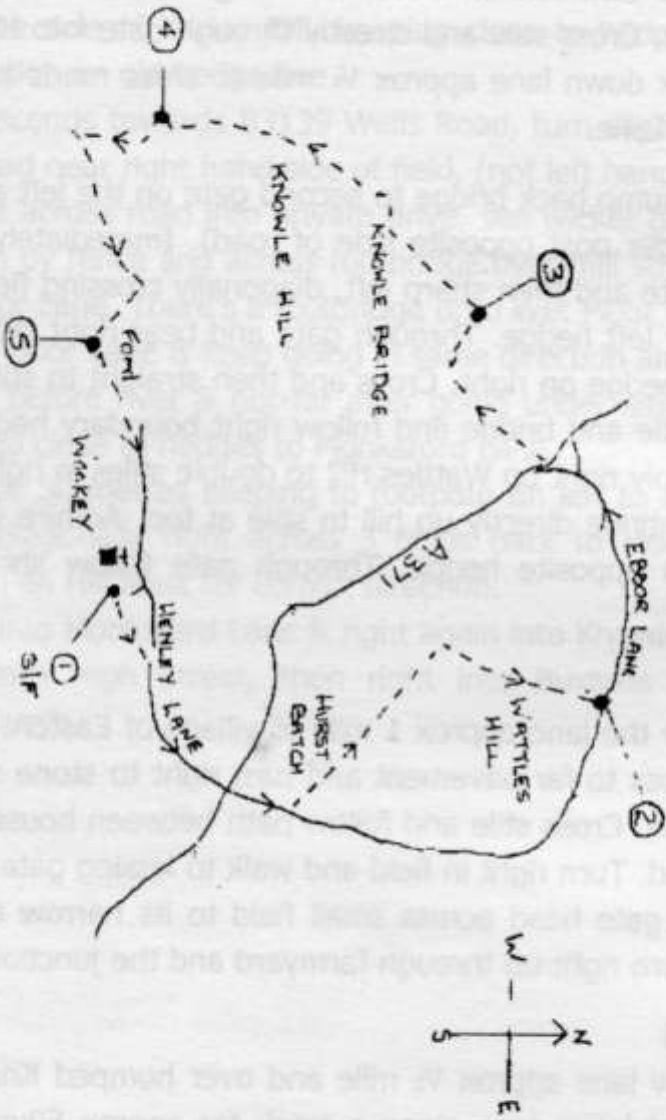
2. Grid ref. 523479

Turn left and follow the lane approx 1 mile to village of Easton. At junction with main road, cross to far pavement and turn right to stone stile approx 15yds from junction. Cross stile and follow path between house to stile by stream and into field. Turn right in field and walk to kissing gate beside iron gate. Through the gate head across small field to its narrow end, exiting onto track where turn right up through farmyard and the junction with lane.

3. Grid ref. 505473

Turn left and follow lane approx 1/2 mile and over humped Knowle Bridge where turn left and leave lane along a track for approx 50yds to plank bridge and stile on right. Cross into field and walk up the slope to the middle of the saddle between the two hills. Head further across this large field veering left of the pond in the middle of the field (in the general direction of the tin shed in the adjoining field) and find the gate/stile in the left facing hedge. Cross this into the sunken lane and follow lane and then track until it reaches junction with Ford Lane (note the sunken lane can be extremely muddy).

WATTLES Hill and Knowle Hill 6.6 miles



4. Grid ref. 497459

At junction turn left, over stile, and as directed by finger post cross diagonally up over field passing to right of tin barn in middle of the field. To open gateway in far hedge. Through the gateway turn immediately left and follow left boundary hedge to far corner of field and exit by stile into Westmoor Lane, Cross lane to stile virtually opposite and into field. Through small field to stile directly ahead. Straight across next field to stile tucked in far right hand corner of the field. Leave by this double stile and straight across the next small field to stile. Again straight across the next field to gate, Turn hard right through gateway and follow right boundary hedge through field leaving through open gateway to continue straight ahead keeping river close on your left side to stile by ford/bridge in the left corner of the field.

5, Grid ref. 506456

Turn left over footbridge (or wade through ford) to gate immediately on right. Cross gate and take left leading path to stile midway in opposite hedge. Cross and straight through next field to stile and cross in to next field where you head diagonally left to stile in far left corner of field. At stile exit field into Monksford Lane.

Turn right in lane and continue into Wookey Village. Head directly through village past Ring of Bells Public House and Mellifont Abbey. The church is obvious on right, enter churchyard by lichgate or path and walk to far side of church to return to village hall.

Haybridge, Lower Milton, Ebbor Gorge - 8.2 miles

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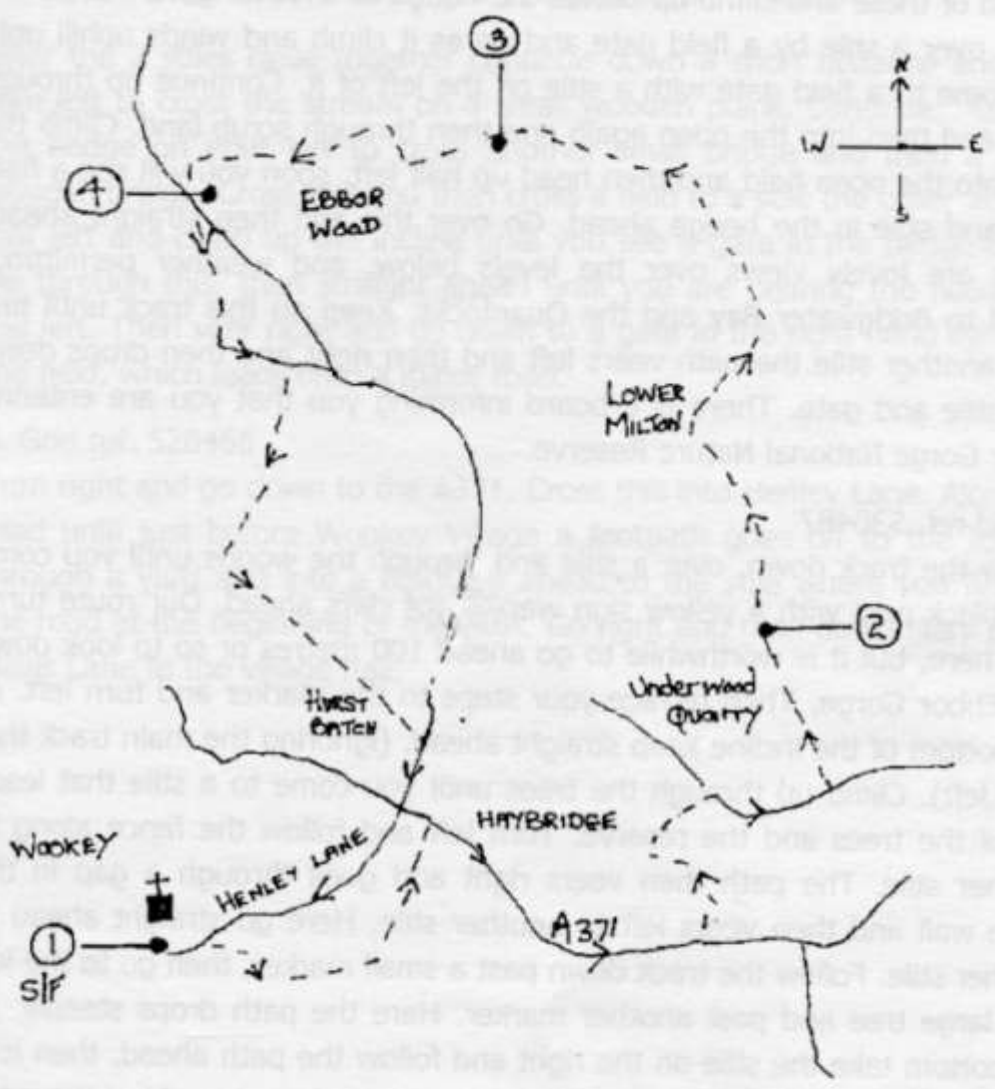
From village hall take the path beside the church to the road. Turn right and walk up to the crossroads and turn right again. Soon the road turns left, when the houses on the left-hand side finish take a footpath on the left into a field. Go across this heading for a stile slightly to the right. Across this and then across another stile to the right and follow the stream to the road. Turn left for a short distance until just the other side of a small bridge, take the stile on the left into a field. Go across this with the stream on your left. Soon you cross a stile, the footpath veers left and then right following the stream. Soon you come to a gate on the left into a small field. Through this and ahead to a kissing gate. Just past a large gate into a garden take an enclosed path to the right. Cross the next stile and ahead to another. Ahead again until you reach the road - A371. Cross to the pavement and turn right. Past a row of red brick houses, up the hill to the outskirts of Wells. Take next road on left - Charter Way. Down the hill until road turns right at bottom, go straight ahead onto a footpath that leads into a field by the Leisure Centre. Straight ahead and pick up a tarmac path on the left of Leisure Centre. When you come to a gap in the fence take the right hand path up to a cycle barrier. Up the path beyond this until it reaches the road. Cross the road and take path to the right of St Cuthbert Way up beside the stream. When this path meets Wookey Hole Rd. turn right and soon left into next road on left - Ash Lane. Continue up until you reach No. 46 on the left. Take the footpath that goes up between Nos. 46 and 48. Cross a minor road and continue up the footpath. At the top this joins a minor road, veer left here and continue till you reach the Ella Gould Memorial

2. Grid ref. 541469

Straight-ahead along a small unmetalled path to a kissing gate that leads into a large field. Go diagonally half right across this to a small gate to the left of Model Farmhouse. In the next field drop down to a mini ford and a gate at the left-hand end of the stone wall. Keep close to the hedge on the left as you climb the incline. At the top turn half right to the gate into another field. Go diagonally across to a stile in the hedge about 10 metres from the far right corner of the field (There are sometimes caravans in this field which obscure the stile). Cross the stile onto a minor road. Turn left and as the road turns right there are 2 field gates on the right. Take the second of these and climb up beside the hedge to another gate. Follow the track, over a stile by a field gate and on as it climb and winds uphill until you come to a field gate with a stile on the left of it. Continue up through trees and then into the open again and then through scrub land. Climb the stile into the open field and then head up half left, soon you will see a field gate and stile in the hedge ahead. Go over this and then straight ahead. There are lovely views over the levels below, and weather permitting, ahead to Bridgwater Bay and the Quantocks. Keep on this track until just after another stile the path veers left and then right and then drops down to a stile and gate. There is a board informing you that you are entering Ebbor Gorge National Nature Reserve.

HAYBRIDGE, LOWER MILTON and EBBOR GORGE

3.2 miles



3. Grid ref. 530487

Follow the track down, over a stile and through the woods until you come to a black post with a yellow sign warning of cliffs ahead. Our route turns right here, but it is worthwhile to go ahead 100 metres or so to look down into Ebbor Gorge, Then retrace your steps to the marker and turn left. At the bottom of the incline keep straight ahead. (ignoring the main track that goes left). Climb up through the trees until you come to a stile that leads out of the trees and the reserve. Turn left and follow the fence along to another stile. The path then veers right and goes through a gap in the stone wall and then veers left to another stile. Here go straight ahead to another stile. Follow the track down past a small marker, then go to the left of a large tree and past another marker. Here the path drops steeply. At the bottom take the stile on the right and follow the path ahead, then left. As it flattens out take a track on the right, past a board marking the edge of the reserve, and onto the road.

4. Grid ref. 519485

Turn left and almost immediately take the stile on the right into the field..Drop half left across this field and then, as the field narrows go down between small trees by the right hand hedge.

Cross the stile at the bottom onto a rough track. Go down this until you reach a minor road. Turn left and stay on the road for 200 metres until you come to a footpath on the right. Cross the stile and follow the track down. Continue straight-ahead crossing a gate and then 3 stiles.

After the 2 stiles close together continue down a short distance and then turn left to cross the stream on a small wooden plank. Continue, keeping the hedge on your left to cross another small bridge and then a larger wooden bridge. Cross this and then cross a field to a stile the other side. Go half left and climb up the incline until you see a gate in the hedge below.Go through this, then straight ahead until you are nearing the houses on the left. Then veer right and go down to a gate in the right hand corner of the field, which leads onto a minor road.

5. Grid ref. 528465

Turn right and go down to the A371. Cross this into Henley Lane. Along the road until just before Woo key Village a footpath goes off to the left. Go through a yard and into a field. Go ahead to the stile where you first left the road at the beginning of the walk. Go right and then down Mary Brown Davis Lane to the village hall.

Coxley Wick, Fenny Castle & Yarley Hill 8.2 miles

1. Grid ref. 518458

Commence walk from Vicarage Lane. At the junction turn right and shortly take a left turn through a kissing gate. Follow the path across the field to a stile on the right hand side at the far end. Cross this stile and another on the right. Follow the raised path beside the river to meet the B3139 turn left and after a few yards right to enter a small lane, travel up this lane and look for a stile on the left hand Side, opposite a large house. Cross this stile and go straight across the field until you come to a stile on the brow of the hill, cross this stile. There is a nice view from this field, straight ahead cross the double stile and bear slightly to the left passing the gate to a stile which takes you back on to the B3139. Turn right to walk along the pavement, at the junction of Gypsy Lane turn right into Gypsy Lane but take the left hand stile as you enter. Cross this field with the hedge on your right, cross another stile onto a lane and turn left. Follow the lane until you come to a turning on your right, enter this lane crossing the cattle grid, at the entrance to the sewerage works, cross a Stile on the left. Follow the path around the sewerage works, cross the steps over the large black pipe. After the delightful! Sewerage works, follow the diagonal path to reach the gate by the electric pole. Follow diagonal path to next stile by double electric poles. Continue to follow the hedge and disused railway line on your left until you reach the gate in the middle, turn half right across the field to reach the gateway in the hedge in front of you. Go across next field to a stile, cross this and head towards a footbridge, which crosses a stream. Cross the field to pass through a gate and turn left down Mill Lane

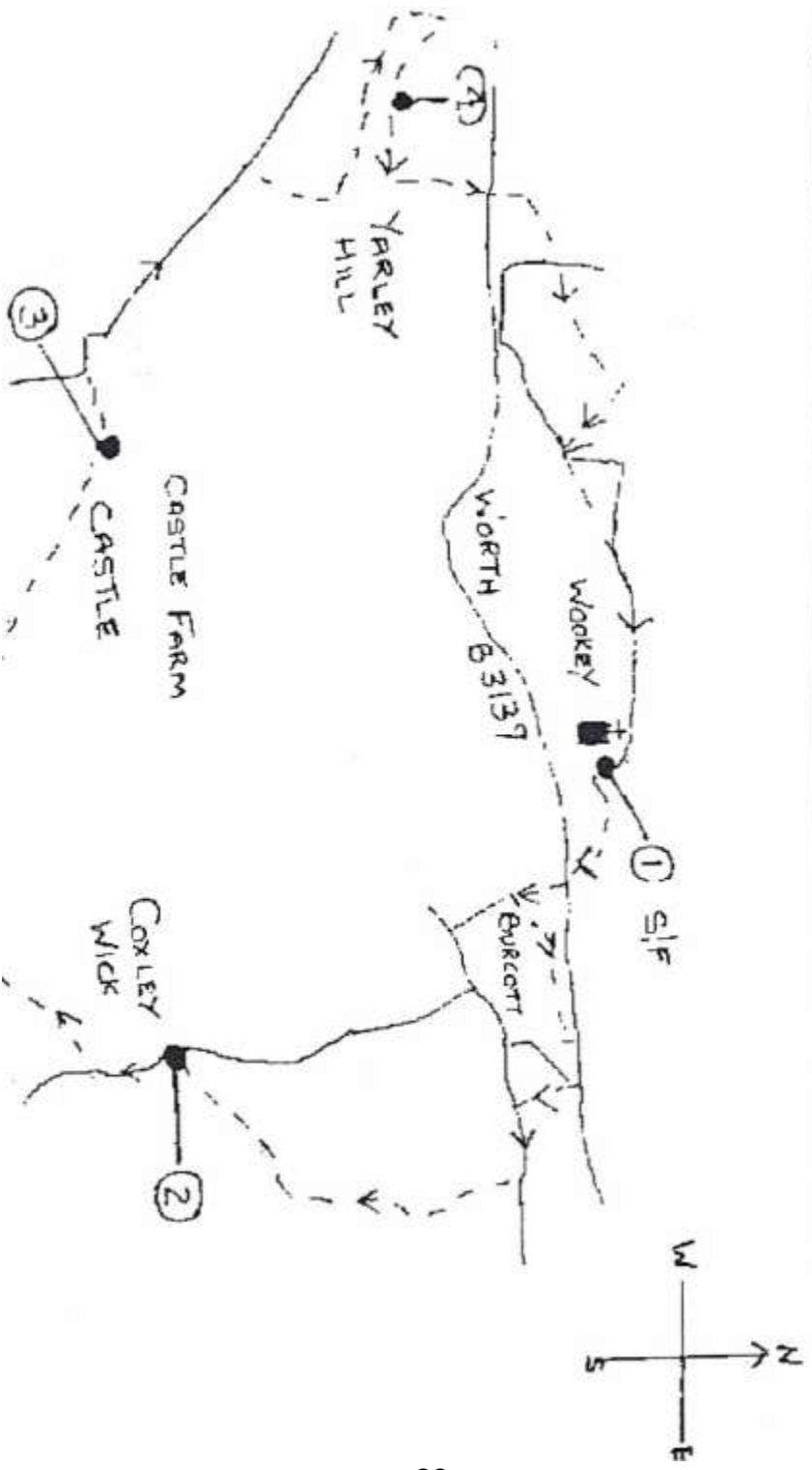
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Pass between two houses and on the right look for a gate then a stile by a double garage. Follow the path along the river. on your left hand side. At the end of the path go up the steps which take you onto a road. Turn left then immediately right, proceed down the steps. Continue keeping the river on your right hand side. Eventually having crossed several stiles you will reach a double stile [one stone and one wooden] having crossed this, cross the footbridge over the river bear left to cross the stile onto a farm track. Turn left over a bridge, and turn right to follow a permissive path hence avoiding the farmyard. Keeping the river on your right, hand side until reaching the road, turn right. Fenny Castle hill is on your left. Continue to a T, junction turn right and then left over a stile.

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YARLEY H

8.2 miles



3. Grid ref. 508439

Follow the hedge on your right when the hedge turns sharp right carry straight on, across the field to a stile cross this and continue straight ahead to pass through a gate. Join a minor road continue ahead. Just after the road bends sharply to the right, take the road to the left. Proceed along the road past Long String Farm, continue until you reach two stiles one on the left and one on the right, take the stile on the right, and go straight up across the field to cross a stile into a green lane/bridleway. Turn left and follow to the right keep to the green lane past the nature reserve do not turn off. Enjoy the views across the moors. Follow the bridleway until it becomes a farm track, at the junction of footpath and bridleway signs just after the dead end track on your right cross the stile on your right. Follow the footpath signs, further up the field you come to a double stile and a bridge cross this and turn left. Keep the hedge on your left hand side cross a stile.

4. Grid ref. 494450

Proceed across the next field at the top of the hill there is a tree in the middle of the field from here there are superb views all around you. Proceed across to the stile [do not cross this stile] but turn left follow the hedge on the right down the hill to a stile, cross this down to a small gate which takes you onto a road. Follow the footpath signs across the road through Wood stock House's drive the gate is on the right hand side. Cross the bridge over the river bear to the right, in the far right hand corner there is a stile onto a small road. Cross over the road to pass over a small footbridge and stile into a field. Cross this field to a double stile carry on across the next field to the right hand corner cross the stile and another footbridge and another double stile. Proceed across the field to a gap with the hedge on your right, turn right and keep the hedge on your right. Pass through another open gateway. When the hedge turns sharp right carry straight on bearing slightly left cross the stile. Turn left to cross the bridge, which takes you past the Ford. Turn left and take the footpath on your right through a gate. Go straight across this field and go over two double stiles, cross the last field diagonally to the left hand corner. Cross the stile into a lane turn right and continue ahead back to Wookey village.

Easton, Knap Wood & Westbury 8.7 miles

1. Grid ref 518457

With your back to the village hall take the path with the church on your left hand side. At the end of the path. take a left turn and walk to the junction. Cross the road and turn left. Just after the pub, cross North Road and take the path on the right. Walk along this often very muddy green lane for about 10 minutes. Cross the stile and continue straight ahead between fence and hedge. Cross next stile and continue straight ahead keeping hedge boundary on your right. Go through gate in the right hand corner of the field. Take the gate on the right, not the one directly ahead and head for right hand corner of field by large red brick house. Cross the road, turn left, and walk into Easton past the garage.

2. Grid ref 513476

Turn right at the church walk past the village hall and over the bridge. Turn down Priddy Vale Lane and continue up the hill ahead. Climb over stile and continue to climb until you emerge into a field. Walk diagonally right to a gate by a hedge. Cross over the stile and take the path on your left keeping the hedge on your left. Keep straight on into a track between two stone walls. When you emerge into a field, follow the wall around to the top right hand corner. Cross over the stile and walk up through the wood. Do not take the bridle path on your left. Keep straight up into car park. Stop and admire the views.

3. Grid ref 520493

Take the path in the top left hand corner to open access land and take a routing heading in the direction of Brent Knoll. Walk to the stone building. Walk towards the ladder stile in the wall ahead. Well before you get to this stile turn left down the coomb. Pass through the gate and continue downhill to tarmac track with stables on your left. Continue towards Westbury Sub Mendip. Cross over Back Lane and continue ahead. Take path by the side of a pink gate name Ploughman's Corner. Cross over the road and turn right.

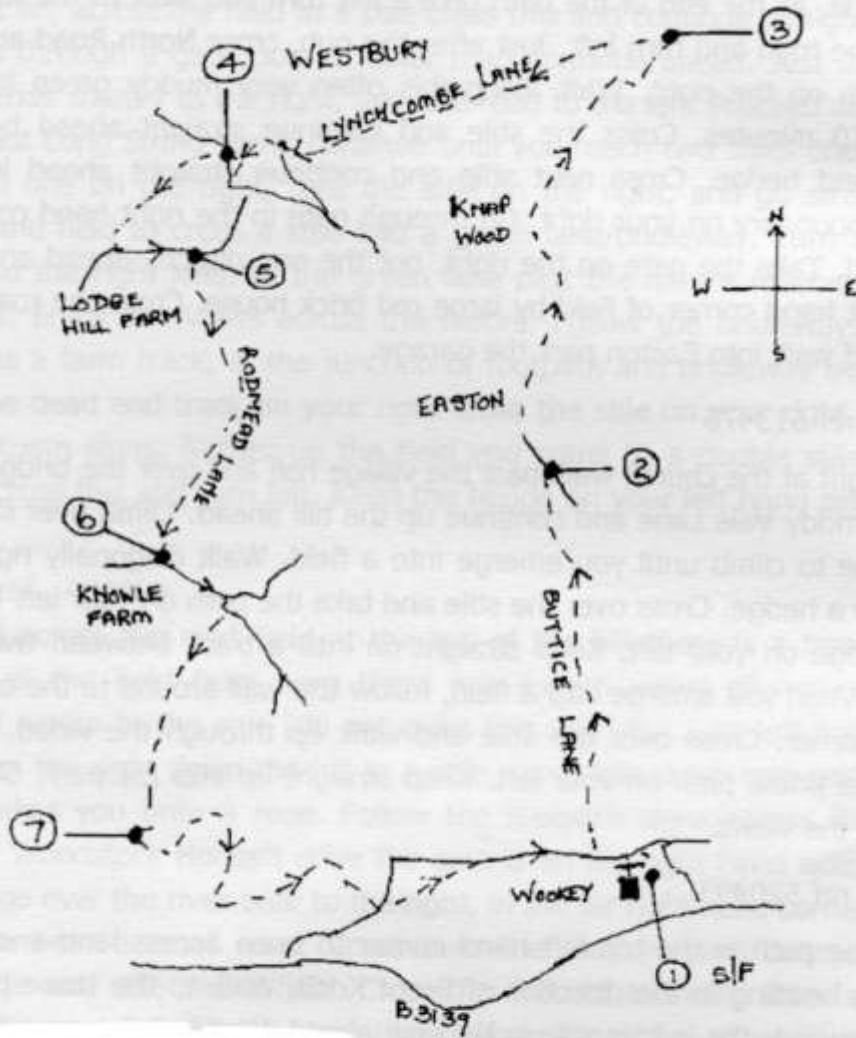
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Opposite Green Lantern village store climb over the stone stile and pass in front of a white house. Go through gate ahead and walk around the right hand side of the barn ahead. Eventually you emerge into a field. Head for the electricity pole in the field and head toward the wind sock to a kissing gate. Cross disused railway line and field and turn left onto road. Walk to Lodge Hill farm and turn right to pass the farm house.

5. Grid ref 499483

Bear left at the first fork and continue down this track cross stile by the side of a gate across the track. Follow the track around to the right keeping the hedge on the right. Go through the gate keeping the hedge on the right head for the bridge in the top right hand corner of the field. Turn right through gap and immediately left, keeping the hedge on your left. Walk down the side of the ditch to a stile over a ditch. Go through gate and turn right. Head across field to the bridge and onto the road.

EASTON, KNAP WOOD and WESTBURY
8.7 miles



6. Grid ref 498470

Turn left and walk down the road. Take the right fork just before the Bridge. After a short distance take the path on the right and head over the saddle between the two hills. Pass a small pool on your right and head towards a stile by a gate in the hedge ahead. Walk down path until you come to footpath sign on your left just before a road.

7. Grid ref 496459

Cross the stile and walk to right hand electricity pole ahead and the barn. Walk to the stile in the hedge on your left. Turn right over stile and walk down the road. Head for stile in hedge on right. Cross over stile onto road and turn right. Cross over stile on your left opposite gate. Head for double stiles across field ahead and bear slightly to the left to next stile. Follow hedge to stile in top right hand corner and then turn left over footbridge into field. Cross field to next set of double stiles. Keep ahead keeping the electricity pole to your left and head for stile in right hand corner. Go through gate and turn right to gap in hedge. Follow hedge on right Continue straight head walking to left of tree. Cross over stile and turn left over bridge. Walk by side of ford and cross over road to path on the right by the gate. Cross over the stile and head for the Mendip TV mast. You will see a stile in the hedge. Cross over these double stiles and straight ahead to next set of double stiles. Head for top left hand corner. Cross over stile into lane and turn right into lane back to Wookey.

Bowers Hill, Godney & Knowle Moor 10.2 miles

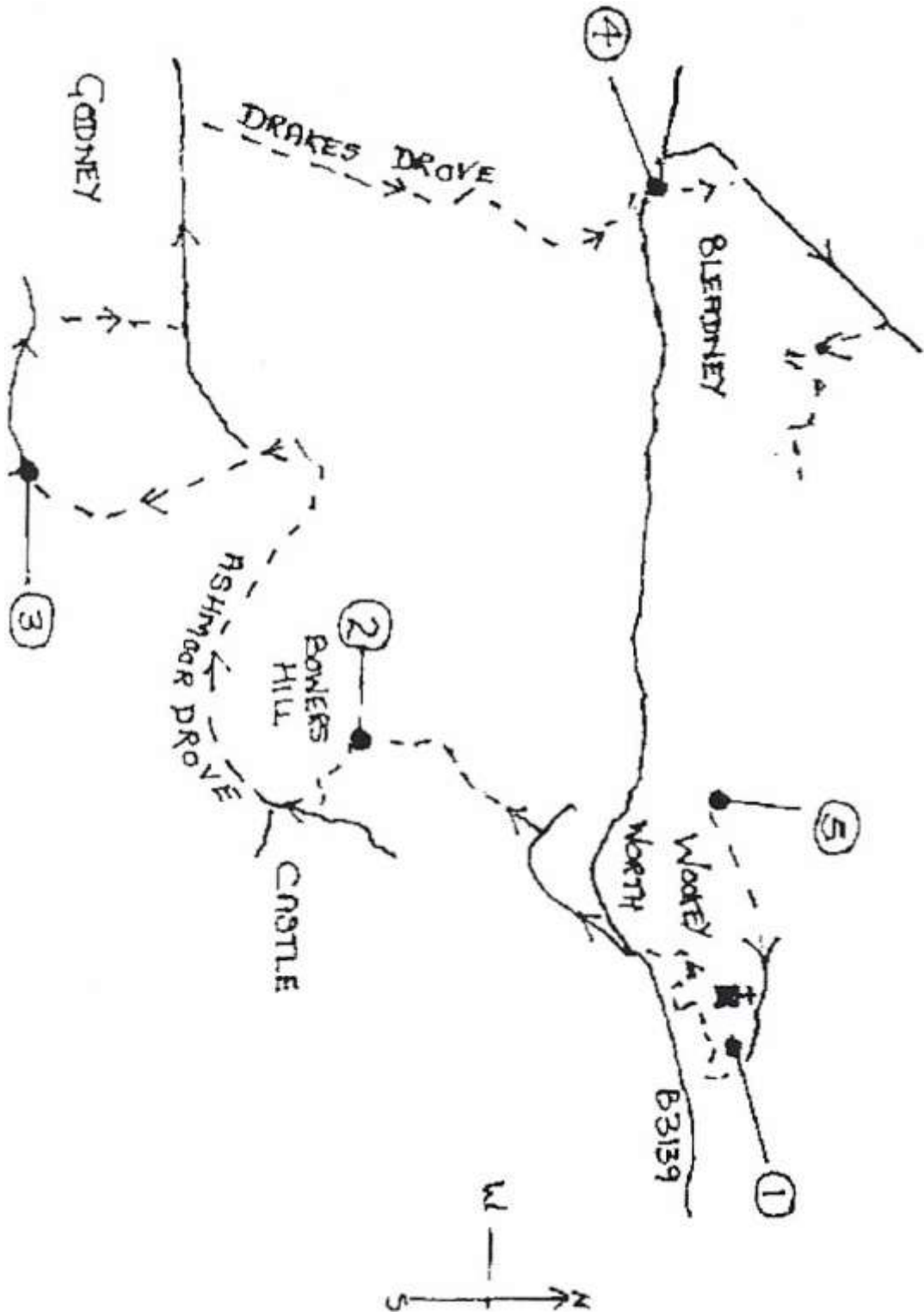
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Take the path between the Village Hall on your left and the Church on your right that leads immediately to a footbridge over a stream. Continue between the stream and a wall to a kissing gate and turn right along the rough lane once through it. After a short distance turn right through another kissing gate and walk alongside a stream on the left until you reach yet another kissing gate leading out onto a road. Turn left along the road and then first right (broken nameplate Holm----). Opposite house numbers 7 and 8 turn right to go along a short alleyway onto a road with a play area on the right. Take the first road on the left (Chapman's Close) and when you meet the footpath that crosses the end of it, just beyond a fenced mound, turn left. Next enter a farm yard through a kissing gate and across it exit onto the main road through a metal kissing gate. Turn right and immediately bear left along Castle Lane. When you reach the red brick house, Orchard Cottage, bear right and almost immediately branch right again up another lane (ignore the footpath on your right). After 150m turn left through a gate and take the right-hand footpath up hill towards the telegraph pole. Continue ascending towards the hedge on your left where you'll find a stile onto a lane near the top of the hill. Turn right to continue to the top of the hill, and then opposite a small barn go through a metal gate into a field. Follow the path diagonally half right across the field to a metal gate onto a small drove. Ignore the road to your right, cross the drove and go into the field opposite through a metal gate. Continue up hill to a stile in a hedge ahead and beyond cross a field to reach a double stile.

2. Grid ref. 505442

Continue ahead in the same direction admiring the views as you go over the top of Bowers Hill. Keep parallel to a line of telegraph poles (on your right) until soon after starting to descend. Then turn half left (away from the telegraph poles) and traverse steeply downhill to the left of an old oak tree in the general direction of the farm buildings on the road below. Next cross over a double stile into the corner of a field. Turn right and follow the hedge line on your right for about 100m before veering off left across' the field to a gate opposite a long red-roofed converted stone barn. Turn right along the road and follow it towards Godney for about a mile, with the river on your left. Turn left just beyond Shotts Farm and go over the stone bridge at Hurn Farm. Skirt left and circle around the back of the buildings, following the way mark signs. After going through a metal gate, as you leave the farm complex behind you, turn half left and walk across a field to the stream and road ahead. On reaching a bridge (do not cross it!) turn left and follow the stream all the way to the power lines half a mile ahead. Just beyond the power lines cross the stream over a narrow concrete bridge (take care) and on the other side head towards the prominent farm on a rise ahead.

Bowers Hill Godney and Knowle Moor 10.2 miles



3. Grid ref. 494429

The path comes out through a metal gate on to a road. Turn right along the road towards Upper Godney, so that the large stream (River Sheppey) remains on your left. Keep to the main road through a staggered crossroad and notice the sign indicating that you are now in Godney. With the stream still on your left continue until you get to a 90 left turn just beyond a brick house (and just before a long row of dwellings). Here take the footpath on your right, straight towards the power lines. Just before reaching them go over a rhyne on a wooden footbridge. Continue beyond the power lines to reach a gate onto a lane. Turn left and walk for about 1km until you come to wide drove (Drakes Drove) where you turn right and go towards the Mendip Hills ahead for another 1km. On reaching a tarmac lane (Yeap Drove) turn left and soon afterwards take a concrete farm track on the right through Barn Farm and out onto a lane. Turn left along the lane and almost immediately turn left over a stile into a field. Bear half right across the field to the double stile in the hedge. Once over turn left and ascend towards Rookery Farm. On reaching the wooden fence, turn right along it (ignore the kissing gate) and soon meet a stile, beyond which steps descend onto a tarmac track. Turn left and then very shortly go right down another track to the main road.

4. Grid ref. 482454

Cross the road with extreme care and take the footpath opposite through an old metal gate. Across the field this footpath leads to a wooden bridge over a wide rhyne and then comes out onto a road across another substantial wooden bridge. Turn right and continue along this road for 500m before turning right opposite the second drove. Ahead there is an old open barn and you go over a stile to the left of it. Continue along the hedge line in the same direction until you see a stile in the hedge. Turn left over the stile and use the steps to cross a dry ditch. Now follow the rhyne on your right for a while, as it curves right. Cross another rhyne on wooden bridge and keeping the original rhyne on your right make your way across to another wooden bridge. Turn right across this bridge and follow the hedge line on your left. Just before a kink in the hedge, turn left across a stile. Cross the next field and go through the gateway. Now head for another gate across another field (Knowle Hill is ahead, slightly on your left) and beyond continue across yet another field so that you eventually reach the stile out on to a lane. Turn right and follow the lane until it turns 90 degrees right. Take the footpath (not the drove) over a stile and go diagonally uphill, heading between two telegraph poles. There is a barn ahead where you turn left and continue to the double stile below Knowle Hill. Once over them turn right and exit the field over a stile and plank bridge on to the lane. Turn right and after 300m turn left over a plank bridge and stile. Continue ahead and go over a double stile plank bridge. Next cross a narrow strip of field and continue ahead to meet a hedge line on your right. Follow this hedge line to a stile leading out onto the end of a drove. Ahead you cross an old railway sleeper bridge and stile and continue to a double stile in the next hedge. Beyond the line of the path moves

towards the hedge on the right and meets it at an old gate. Once through turn right and follow the hedge line on your right, soon passing under overhead wires. Next reach the River Axe coming in from the left as you pass a tree on your right. Continue alongside the Axe to a stile out on to a lane beside a ford.

5. Grid ref.507456

Turn left over the concrete footbridge which avoids the ford and on the other side turn right across the road into a field through a metal gate. Take the left hand footpath across the field and go over two double stiles. Now, aiming between the distant mast and church, go across the next field towards its far left hand corner. Here a stile in the hedge leads into a lane where you turn right. Follow this lane, bearing right at the first junction, into Wookey. Continue ahead across a junction and pass the Ring 0 Bells pub on the left. Then take the next lane to the right, which leads towards the Church. Follow this lane around the Church and you will see the sign indicating the path through the churchyard returning to the Village Hall.

Tor Hill, Biddle Combe and Pen Hill (11.6 miles)

(SO = Straight On, TR = Turn Right, TL = Turn Left, HL = Half Left, HR = Half Right)

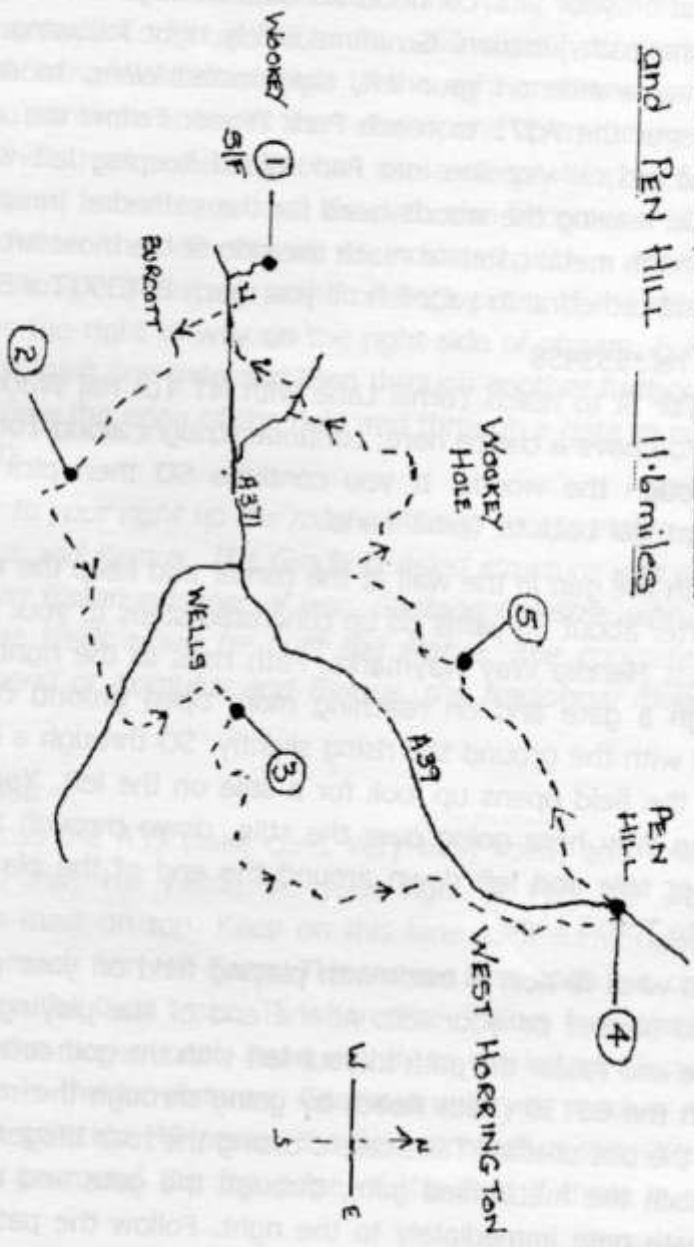
1. Grid ref. 518457

Standing on the pavement with your back to the kissing gate leading to the Church Hall turn right and follow the pavement to the end of the road. At the junction TR, the road bears left and then right. Just after the left bend go through the gate on your left into a field then HR to cross the field to a stile in the far corner. Cross the stile and go to the right to reach another by the side of the stream. Over this and continue by the side of the stream to reach the B3139. TL on the B3139 (Wells Rd) and then shortly right onto Penny Batch Lane. Continue past the entrance to Burcott Manor with Hay Hill ahead of you. At T-junction TL and then first right onto Burcott Lane. Past Little Burcott Farm and over the stile on your left opposite the entrance to Lower Burcott Farmhouse. The line of the footpath is straight across this large field. It's easier but longer to follow the line of the hedge on the left, go past the first stile and then HL across the field where the hedge turns left. TR on reaching the hedge again and follow this to reach the stile, then SO with fence on your left; you can see Glastonbury Tor over your right shoulder. Cross the stream and head for the small hill you see in the distance, through gates to cross the old railway line then the Keyward Brook to reach the A39 (Glastonbury Rd) by Sugar Loaf Farm.

2. Grid ref 536444

Cross the A39 to reach Woodford Lane just to left, past Brownes Garden Centre and just after the lane bends right go left onto the gravel drive just before the house .. Drive becomes a farm track, follow this to a gateway where you continue on the track as it turns left then shortly after turns right. Ignore other footpath signs to the left, continue on the farm track for V2 mile then TR at the T-junction with another farm track. Just a few yards further on TL through gates onto another farm track. Continue along this track (to your left you see Wells Cathedral) and as you pass under power lines turn HR to head for the right hand edge of the wood you see 100 yds ahead. Over the stile to the left of the gate and follow the boundary line with the wood on your left. Continue SO then through a kissing gate on your left at the path junction. Go immediately right following the Monarch's Way, over a stile on your left, sign-posted Wells, to access the foot bridge over the A371 to reach Park Wood. Follow the well used path over the old railway line into Park Wood keeping left where the path forks. On leaving the woods head for the cathedral passing over a stile and through metal gates to reach the side of the moat around it. TR with moat and cathedral to your left till you reach B3139 (Tor St).

BURCOTT, BIDDLECOMBE
and PEN HILL 11.6 miles



3. Grid ref. 553458

Cross Tor St to reach Torhill Lane with NT Tor Hill Woods rising to the right. You have a choice here; continue straight along Tor Hill Lane or go up through the woods. If you continue SO then pick up description below at 'get back to Torhill Lane'.

Through the gap in the wall at the corner and keep the wall just to your left. After about 30 yards go up concreted steps to your right and follow the East Mendip Way waymarks. Path rises to the right side of the hill through a gate and on reaching more open ground continue straight ahead with the ground still rising slightly. SO through a kissing gate and when the field opens up look for a stile on the left. You leave the East Mendip Way here going over the stile, down through the woods, over another stile and left down around the end of the playing field to get back to Torhill Lane.

TR on what is now a track with playing field on your right and stream behind houses on your left. At the end of the playing fields cross the bridge and follow the path to your left with the golf course on your right. Reach the B3139 (Bath Road) by going through the metal kissing gate near the bus shelter. Take care crossing the road diagonally to your right to reach the metal filed gate, through the gate and then through the footpath gate immediately to the right. Follow the path as it skirts the undergrowth going left then right. You are at the bottom end of Biddle Combe, which can be very muddy in places in wet weather. Follow the well used path as it wends between the brambles and sparse trees. The path then continues upwards on a rocky route close to the edge of the stream. Continue SO to Pen Hill when you come to the marker post showing West Horrington to the right and Hawkers Lane to the left. As you continue upwards the valley opens up to the right on the other side of the stream where you can see a steeply sloping field. You reach a junction of two streams and the path also becomes a bridleway. You need to follow the left stream as indicated with a marker post showing Pen Hill SO. There are paths on both sides of the stream but the map shows the right of way on the right side of stream. Follow this up a stony path, past one gate and then through another further on into a field, then follow the edge of the field and through a gate to reach the A39 (Bristol Rd).

A slight detour to your right up the road will bring you to a statue on the wall of Romulus and Remus. The Grade II listed structure was designed and made by an Italian prisoner of war, Gaetano Celestra, who worked on a farm near Wells when he built the statue. The concrete statue depicts the legend of Romulus and Remus, the traditional founders of Rome.

4. Grid ref. 568488

Go straight across the A39 (take care, very busy road) and follow the tarmac lane to Pen Hill Farm; on your right is Pen Hill with the communications mast on top. Keep on this lane as it turns right, then past Gollege to reach Pen Hill Farm. The tarmac lane ends but continue straight ahead on the farm track. TL where the distinct farm track ends as indicated by the marker post; head slightly to the left of Glastonbury Tor you can see in the far distance. Continue until you reach a marker post and at that point go HR across the field to reach a stile (You may find it easier to go round the top edge of the field if there is a crop planted).

5. Grid ref. 550475

Over the stile at the edge of the field to reach the New Cut bridleway. TL and follow this uneven stony path downhill then TR on reaching the Old Bristol Road. Uphill on the road and as it turns sharply right go through the metal pedestrian gate into the field on your left. Go half right across the field to reach a stile to the left of a metal field gate then downhill on the track to reach and continue down Reservoir Lane. At the T-junction with Milton lane TR uphill. (Where the road bends right you will see a marker post and memorial on the left to Ella Gould, one of the founder members of the Mendip Ramblers). Take the Wookey Hole direction shown on the post onto another tarmac lane. Follow this lane (sit a while on the bench and enjoy views over Wells and to Glastonbury Tor) that becomes Lime Kiln Lane, ignoring all footpath signs then TL at the T-junction with Wells Rd. At the next junction go over the stile opposite into a field and continue HR towards the chimney. Over the stile and down steps to TL onto the lane. Past the paper mill and over the old railway bridge to reach the junction with the A371. TR and for about 200 yds stay on the path on the right side of the road, then cross to go over a stile by the side of a gate. With the gate behind you head for the right edge of the house you can see in the near distance. Over a stile and another narrow stile to the right side of the house. Around the side of the house onto a drive and then through two gates immediately to your left. Past buildings on left to reach a gateway, go over the River Axe then TR to follow the left bank of the river. Cross stile and where the river bends to the right go straight across to the far corner of the field to a stile by the gate. TR at the road (B3139, Wells Rd) and then retrace your steps to Wookey.

MILTON, PRIDDY, & EASTON. 12 MILES.

This walk starts outside Court Farm opposite the houses in Preywater Road, Wookey. This is a moderate walk. There are good views all around the route and two good pubs in Priddy if you like a break in your walk and also a picnic area at Deerleap. We climb to the top of the Mendips at Rookham via the old Underwood Quarry then cross farmland to Priddy and Deerleap before dropping back down to reach Easton, then back across more farmland to reach Wookey and our start point.

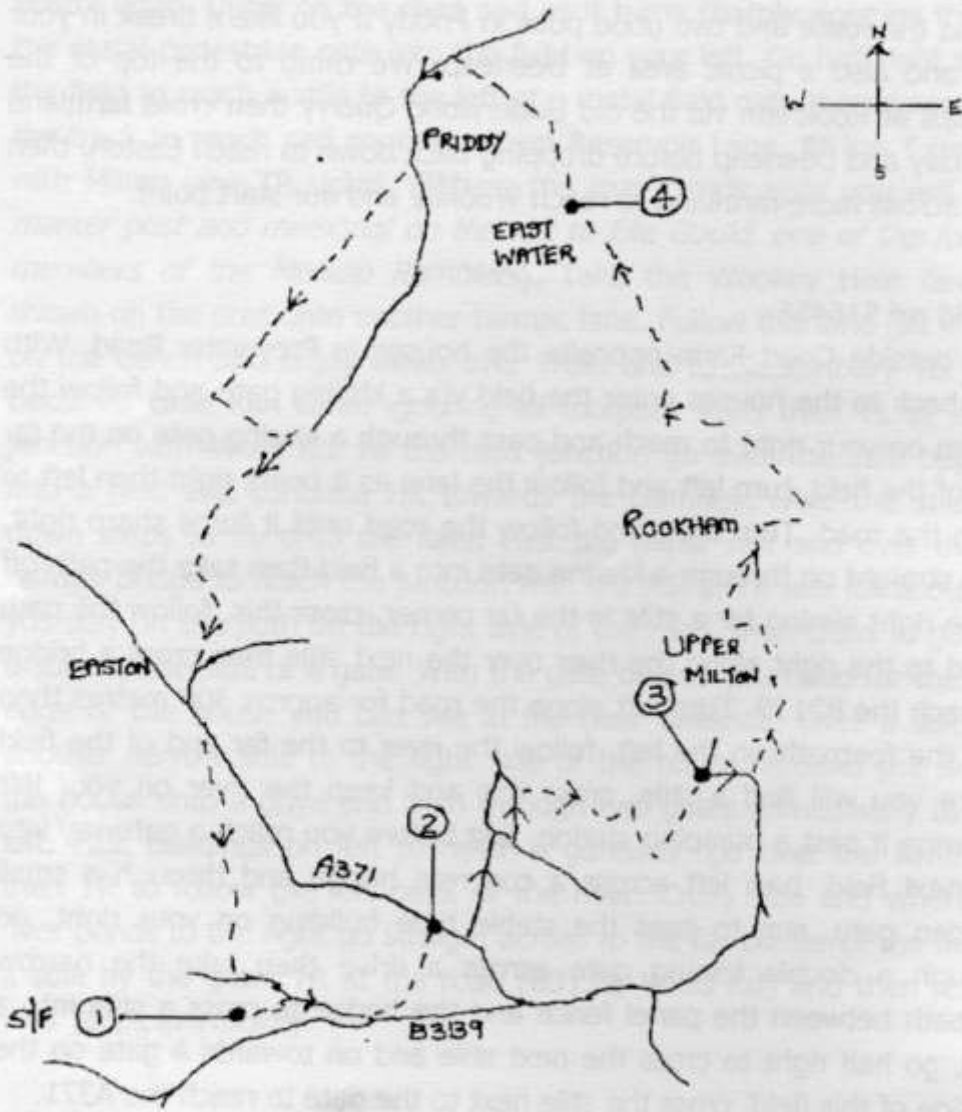
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Start outside Court Farm opposite the houses in Preywater Road. With your back to the houses enter the field via a kissing gate and follow the stream on your right to reach and pass through a kissing gate on the far side of the field, turn left and follow the lane as it bears right then left to reach the road. Turn right and follow the road until it turns sharp right, keep straight on through a kissing gate into a field then take the path off to the right aiming for a stile in the far corner, cross this, follow the path round to the right along the river over the next stile then cross a bridge to reach the B3139. Turn left along the road for approx 300 metres then take the footpath on the left, follow the river to the far end of the field where you will find a stile, cross this and keep the river on your left following it past a pumping station, just before you reach a gateway into the next field, turn left across a concrete bridge and through a small wooden gate, aim to pass the stable type building on your right, go through a double kissing gate across a drive then take the narrow footpath between the panel fence and the hedge to cross a stile into a field, go half right to cross the next stile and on towards a gate on the far side of this field, cross the stile next to the gate to reach the A371.

2. Grid ref 528462

With care cross the road, turn right and follow the road past the Haybridge sign then take the road on your left signed Wookey Hole and the Caves. Cross over the old railway bridge and on pass the paper mill, just after you pass a stile on your left, start to look for one up some steps on your right, cross this and then go half left to cross a stile next to a gate at the top of the field onto the road. Cross the road and follow the signs to Wookey Hole, and on reaching the last house on your right (Broadleys) turn right up the unsigned lane, continue through the vehicle barrier ignoring the paths on your left. Keep to the lane and where it rises to the left and enters the trees, turn left up a stoney track through another vehicle barrier into the old Underwood quarry, continue right on through to enter a field via a Bristol gate on the far side. Turn right following the fence on your right to go through a gate onto a lane, continue on towards Wells passing the Ella Gould monument on your right. Go through another gate and follow the lane round and then as it bends to the right turn left into Reservoir Lane. Follow this lane onto a byway keeping straight ahead towards the gate at the top. Just before this go up the bank on your right to cross the stile at the top. Bear slightly left towards a gate on the far side of this field and go through to the road.

UPPER MILTON, ROOKHAM and PRIDDY 12 miles



3. Grid ref. 545471

Turn right. **Beware this road is narrow and at times busy.** Follow the road for approx 300 metres past the entrance to Milton Lodge continue downhill then as the road bends right turn left into the bridleway. Follow this for approx 1/2 mile, as you reach the top the path bends to the left to join up with a path on your right, keep straight ahead to pass Ivy Cottage on your right and out to the road, again this can be busy so take care. Turn right and follow the road round a right hand bend then just before you reach the next bend to the right look for and cross a stone stile on your left, this is the last climb of note and the view from the top is well worth the effort. Cross the stile at the top onto a stoney track, turn right and follow the track to reach Dursdon Drove coming in from the left, continue ahead pass the farm to reach the road, turn left, then go over the stile on your left next to the gate, go half right to cross a drive and onto cross a stile in the boundary ahead, once over this keep on in the same direction to reach and cross a stone stile in the Follow the wall on your right through two fields, cross the stile on your right at the end of the second field, now follow the wall on your left to reach a stile next to the tree ahead, go over this and turn half right aiming for the cattle pen you can see across the field. Pass this on your right and aim for the far end of the trees ahead where you cross a stile on to a road, turn left then cross the stile on your right next to a gate, go half left aiming for the houses, cross a stile in the wall ahead still heading towards the houses to pass through a farm gate to reach Eastwater Lane.

4. Grid ref. 537507

Turn right follow the lane which soon becomes a stoney byway, as the track levels out look for and cross a stile on your left then through a gateway on your right. Now aim to the right of the brick building in the small copse you can see ahead. As you reach the far side of this field look for and cross a stile, still aiming to the right of the building cross the field and the rough causeway over a very boggy area, then turn towards the building to cross a stone stile onto a track. Pass the building on your left and follow a track round the edge of the field to exit onto a road via a gate. Turn left and follow the road past Priddy Pool on your right, up a small rise and just pass Rock Cottage turn left up a short track through a farm gate and across a field to enter Priddy Churchyard via a gate. Exit the Churchyard via the small gates to the right of the School to reach the road, turn right follow the hedge/wall on your left down to reach the road and Priddy Green. Cross the Green aiming for the No Through Road sign to the right of the Pub. Follow this lane uphill to cross a stile at the top and then head straight across seven fields. On reaching a stile at the end of the seventh one cross the stone stile on your left into Deerleap Conservation Area. Follow the well trodden grassy path around the top, where this splits keep to the left to reach the car park and picnic area.

5. Grid ref. 519493

Turn right, pass between the picnic tables to follow a narrow path downhill soon to reach a bridleway on your right, take the narrow path straight ahead through a small wood to cross a stile into a field, follow the wall on your right through a small copse into a field, continue downhill with the hedge on your right and at the end of the second field having crossed the stile aim slightly left towards the ivy covered trees at the bottom where you will find the entrance to a track. Follow this track downhill over a stile, soon to turn sharp right onto a metal road, follow this until you come to a T junction at the bottom, turn right over old railway bridge and onto the A371 at Easton. Cross the road with care, turn left then just past the garage you reach the drive to Kesteven Farm cross the stone stile to the left of the drive then go half left up the hill to pass through a farm gate, keep straight on through the next gate then follow the hedge on your left as it goes downhill to cross a stile in the bottom corner of the field, follow this fenced path round the edge of the field to cross a stile in a post and rail fence. This takes you into Buttice Lane only two things spoil this path through the wood, the smell from the chicken farm to the left then a succession of springs which keep the far end very wet. Once through these you follow the hard track to reach the road at Wookey next to the Ring of Bells Pub. Follow the main road straight ahead into Preywater Road and back to your start point.