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#### THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE:

(This is an abbreviated extract. See [www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk](http://www.countrysideaccess.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.

PLEASE NOTE: Some of the footpaths need to be walked in order to keep them open. Please report any problems to the Rights of Way team at Somerset County Council; [www.somerset.gov.uk](http://www.somerset.gov.uk) then search on 'Rights of Way'.

## 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 windproof 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).

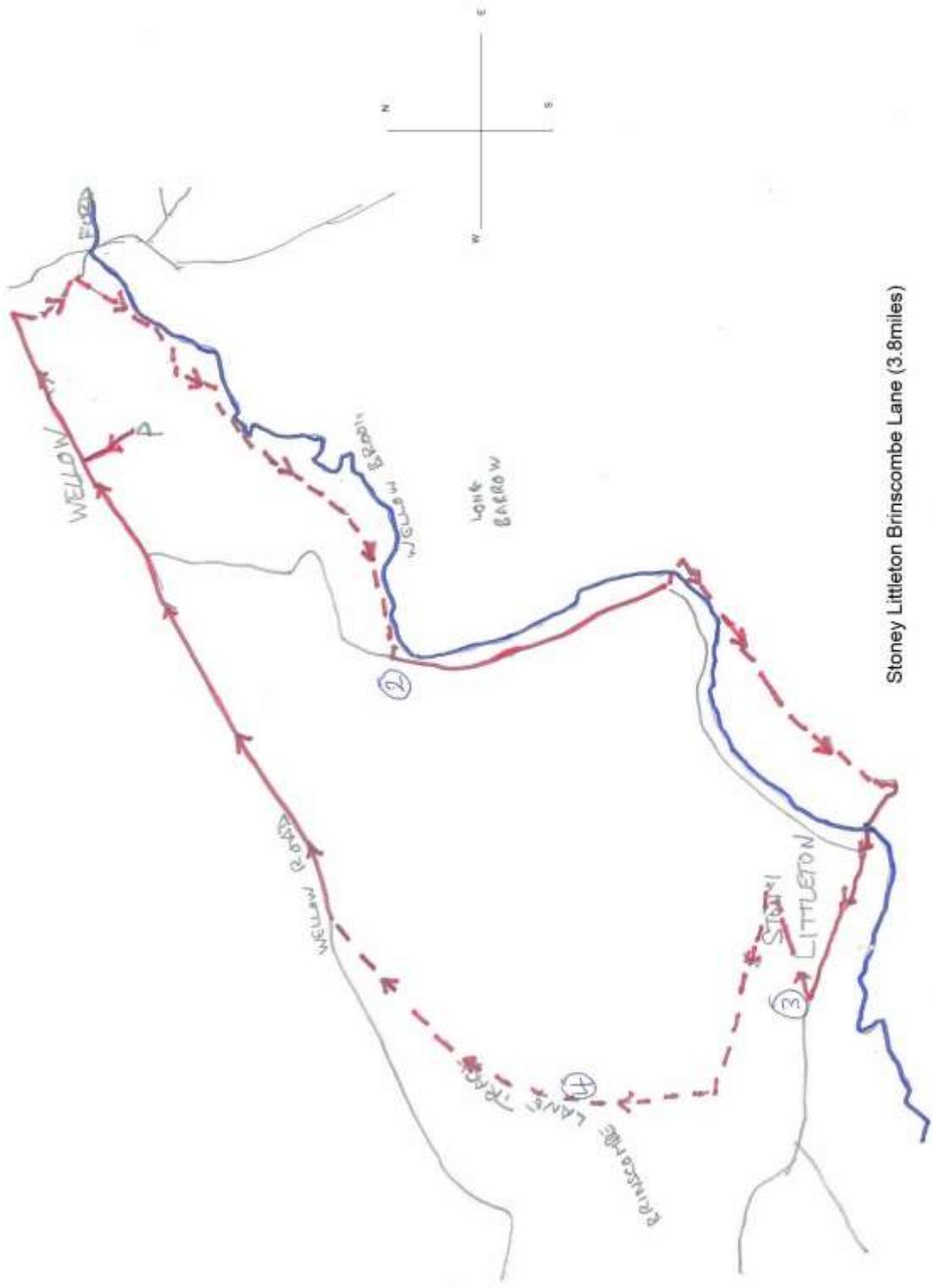
5 Use or carry gloves for cold weather.

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: (Start – Wellow Car Park Wellow – Ordnance Survey (OS) Grid Reference ST 738 581)

- 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 detail.
- The walks have been graded (1 to 4), principally by length and height gain; 4 being the most difficult.
- The walk lengths are accurate to within ½ mile.
- The walks can be very muddy and steep in places.
- It is recommended that you use the map sketches and descriptions in conjunction with the relevant OS maps and a compass. Mendip Ramblers cannot be held responsible for any accidents or incidents that may occur whilst on these walks

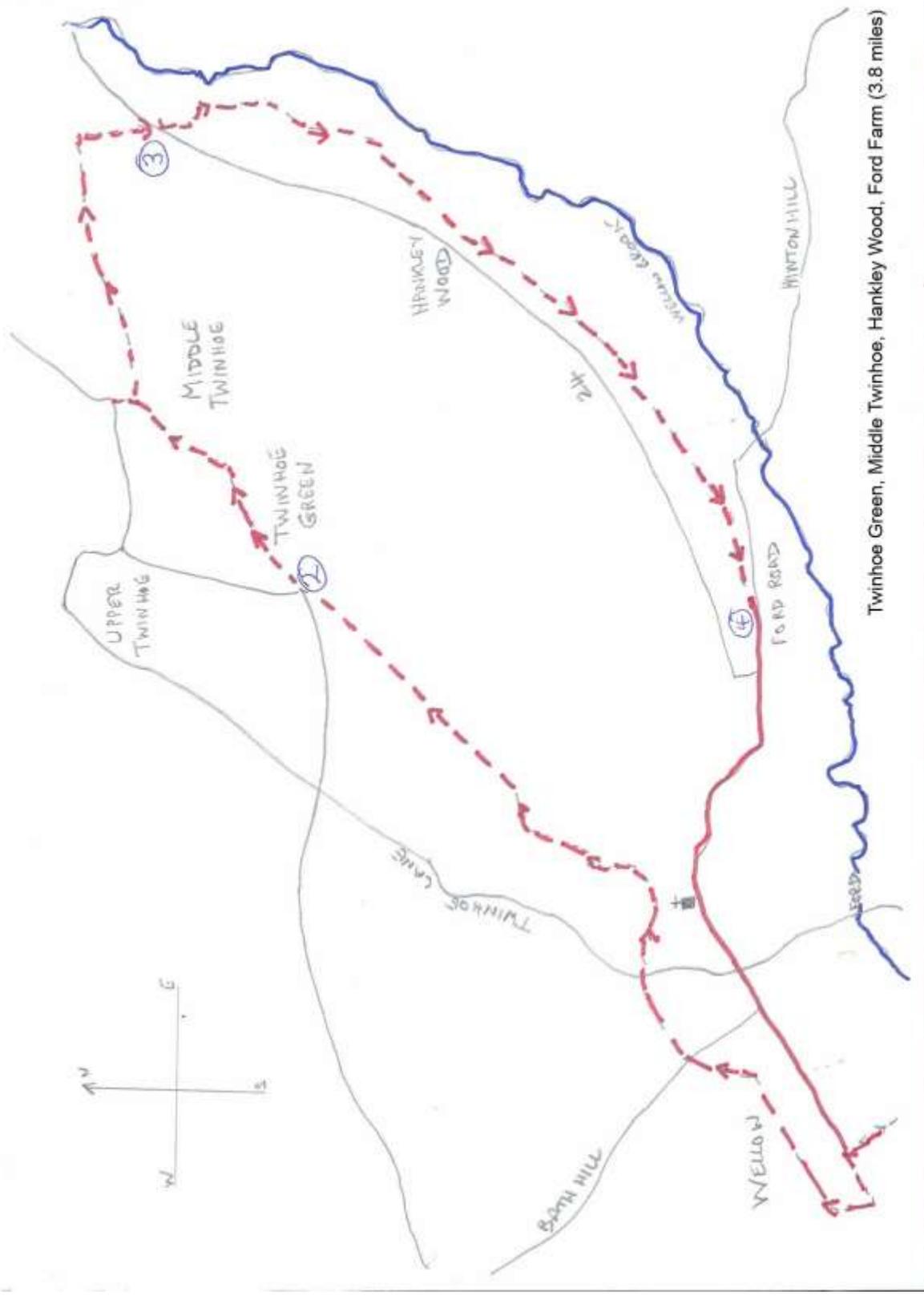


## **STONEY LITTLETON BRINSCOMBE LANE 3.8 MILES**

### **GRADE 1, HEIGHT GAIN 400FT**

Abbreviations are H = half, R = right, L = left, FP= footpath T=Turn G=Gate  
KG=Kissing gate

1. From the car park ST 738 581 pass the old station and return to Wellow Road. TR and walk to the pub, The Fox and Badger. At the pub TR and follow the path between houses to cross the disused railway line/ The signal box is worth closer inspection. Go through white gate and continue on the downhill to a KG set into the hedge on your right, just as you reach some houses. Go through the KG followed by 4 more KG s and follow the clear path along the side of the brook (may be muddy here) to emerge through a metal KG onto a lane.
2. ST 733 574 TL and walk down the road for about ½ mile to the RH bend, where the path up to Stony Littleton Long barrow is marked. Take the path ahead to cross the bridge and TR , following the path gently uphill and away from the brook to your R, to reach a track continuing through Manor Farm (marked on map as Stony Littleton Farm).  
Continue on farm track to emerge onto a lane. TR and go up the lane, crossing the brook, then the disused railway. (Sustrans ROUTE 24). Continue on the lane for 200 yards.
3. TR here through an open gateway onto a track ST 725 566.  
Just before the wooden gates TL and walk along the bottom of the field with the fence/hedge to your left (may be muddy). After about 200 yards go through a metal KG on your left.  
TR to walk along the marked footpath, emerging over a stile onto a grassy track. TR through a Bristol gate and climb uphill to the far L corner of the field and onto Brinscombe Lane Track.
4. ST 723 570 Continue to climb along the track to emerge on Wellow Road. Continue down Wellow Road back into the village and to the car park.



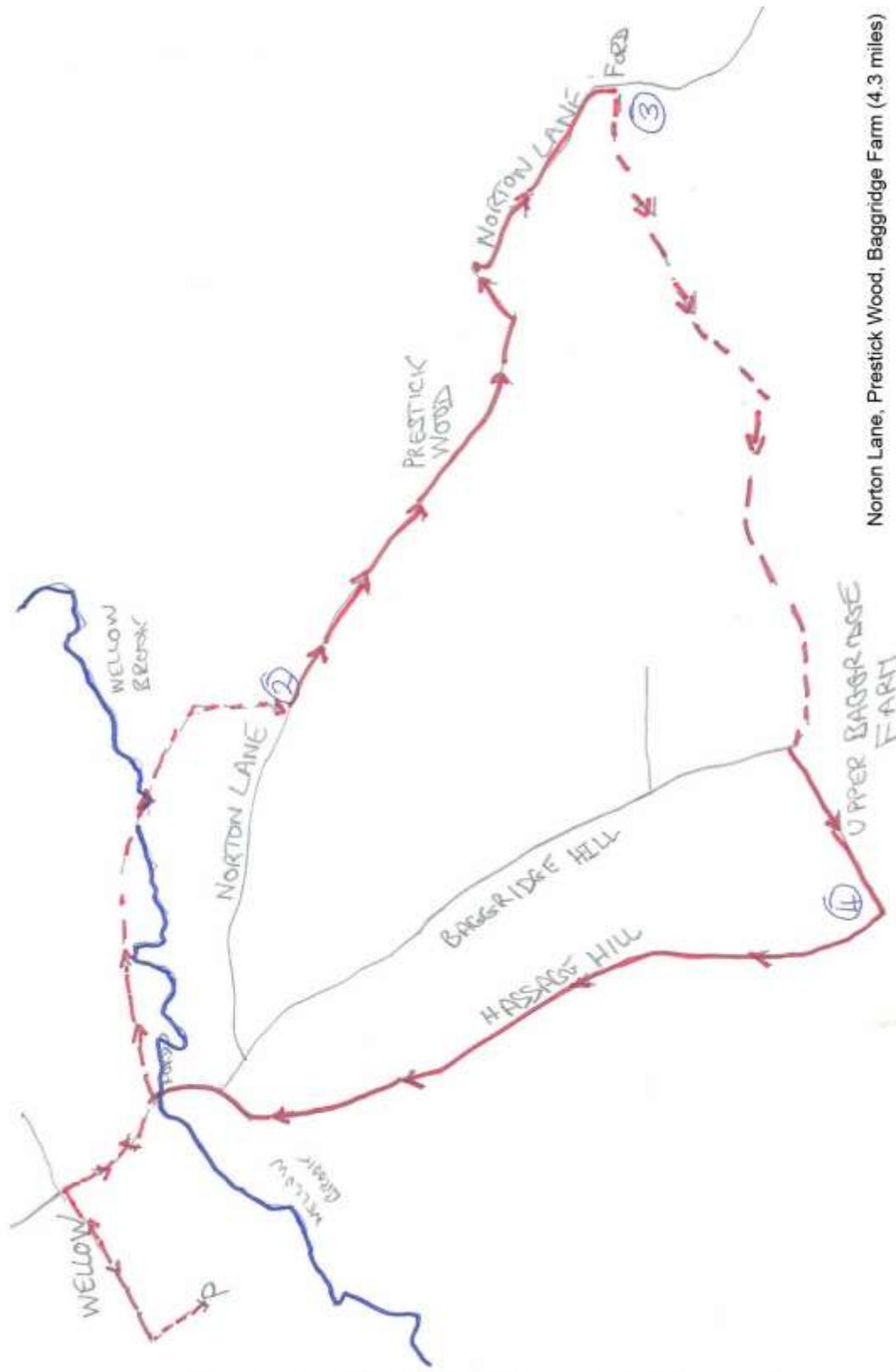
Twinhoe Green, Middle Twinhoe, Hankley Wood, Ford Farm (3.8 miles)

**TWINHOE GREEN, MIDDLE TWINHOE, HANKLEY WOOD, FORD FARM  
(3.8 MILES)**

**(GRADE 1, HEIGHT GAIN 512 FT)**

Abbreviations are H = half, R = right, L = left, FP = footpath T = Turn G = Gate  
KG = Kissing gate

1. From the car park ST 738 581 pass the old station and return to Wellow Road and walk to the village hall up the drive opposite. Take the KG on your R at the far side of the hall and follow the path to the next G. Keep the fence to the right and cross the stile with a farm on your R. Take the path ahead and follow around R to gate onto Bath Hill. Take path opposite to Twinhoe Lane. TR about 20m cross the road and take the path through a G. Cross field to a KG and continue to next KG with the church on the R. Go through the next KG past the church and walk L taking R path downhill then uphill through 3 more KGs. Cross the field (300 yds), slightly R, to boundary edge at corner. At this point keep the hedge on your R and walk 200 yds to next KG onto a lane at Twinhoe Green.
2. ST 748 591 TR immediately take the KG on your R through large gap in the hedge. Keep L with boundary on L to a wooden gate on L in far corner (should really cross field diagonally but often overgrown). TL and take stile ahead onto driveway. At Middle Twinhoe TR and take track down hill and cross under bridge of the Sustrans cycle track route 24
3. ST 757 594 Go through metal gate. (At this point it can be exceptionally muddy and it might be sensible to take the cycle track all the way to Ford Road but this will mean missing out on the pretty path through Hankley Wood) Follow the path through 2 gates. Cross the field, keeping midway in the field which leads to the path with the road below on your L. Eventually after 200yds the path emerges on Ford Road
4. ST 746 582 TR and follow the road past the church back to the car park

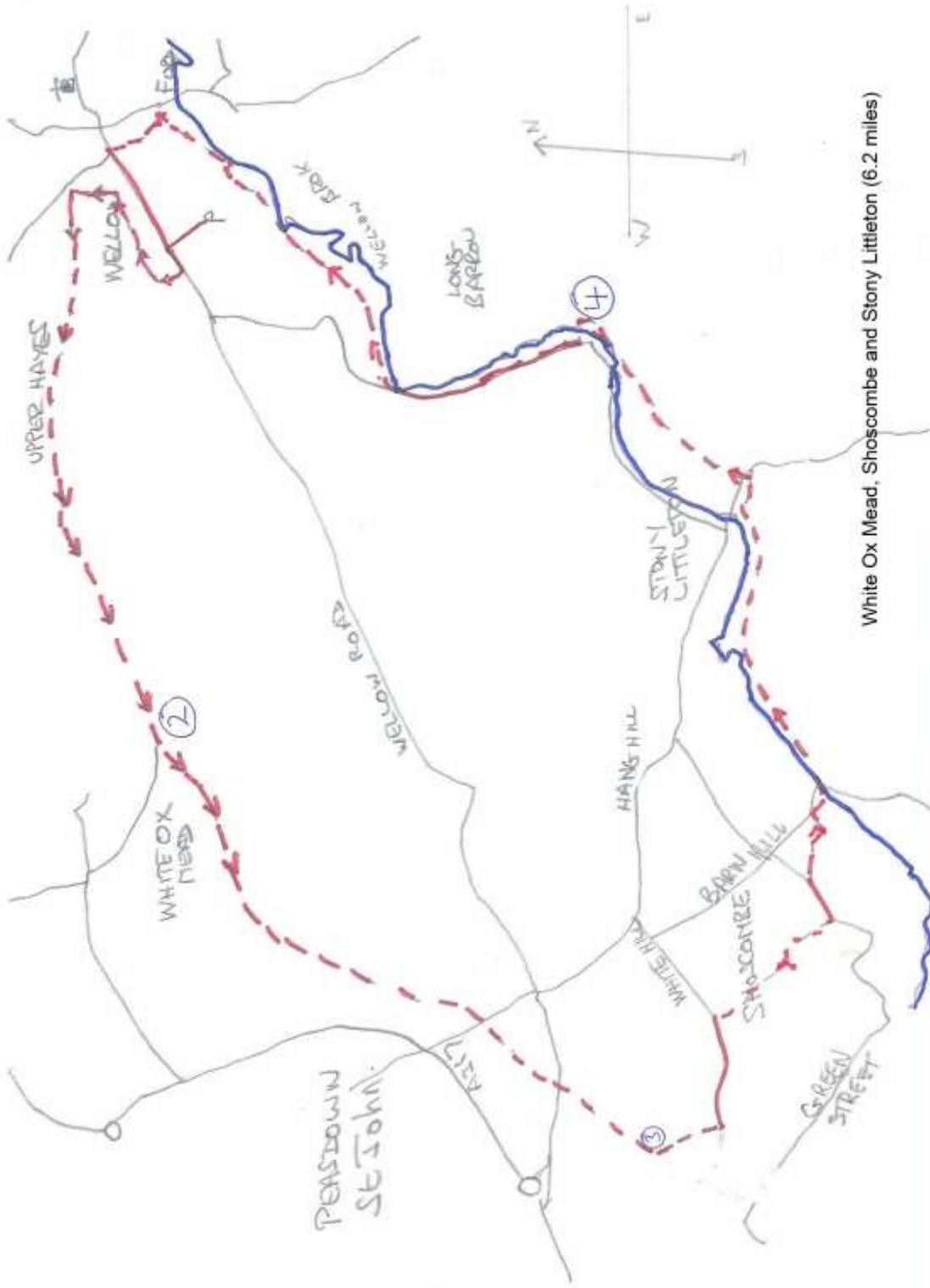


Norton Lane, Prestick Wood, Baggridge Farm (4.3 miles)

**NORTON LANE, PRESTICK WOOD, BAGGRIDGE (4.3 MILES)**  
**(GRADE 1, HEIGHT GAIN 570FT)**

Abbreviations are H = half, R = right, L = left, FP= footpath T=Turn G=Gate  
KG=Kissing gate

1. ST 738 581. From the car park pass the Old Station and return to Wellow Road. TR and walk to the pub, The Fox and Badger. At the pub TR and follow the path between the houses to cross the disused railway line. The old signal box is worth closer inspection. Continue down the path to the ford. Cross the road in front of the ford and go through the KG in the opposite hedge into the field. Cross the field to go through another KG and go straight on keeping to the right of the open barn. Pass through another gate then walk diagonally R to go through a gate and cross the footbridge. Walk uphill to gate in LH hedge follow same direction (there is a crossing place over the electric fence) to reach RH field boundary. Follow hedge to emerge on Norton Lane.
2. ST 750 578 TL and follow the lane past Norton Lane Farm and through Cleve Woods for quite a distance, ignoring the first FP on the right. Take the second footpath on your right. There is a byway sign but it is fairly well hidden by the trees.
3. ST 761 572. Go over the bridge by the ford and follow the path up the hill, passing Lower Baggridge Farm, to reach Upper Baggridge Farm. Go straight through the farm. Ignore the road on the right next to the farm but continue straight on and take the second road on the right.
4. ST 745 567 Walk all the way down Hassage Hill to reach the ford at Wellow. Cross the ford/bridge and go slightly left to go back up the path, pass the Old Signal Box and reach the pub. TL to follow the road back to the car park.

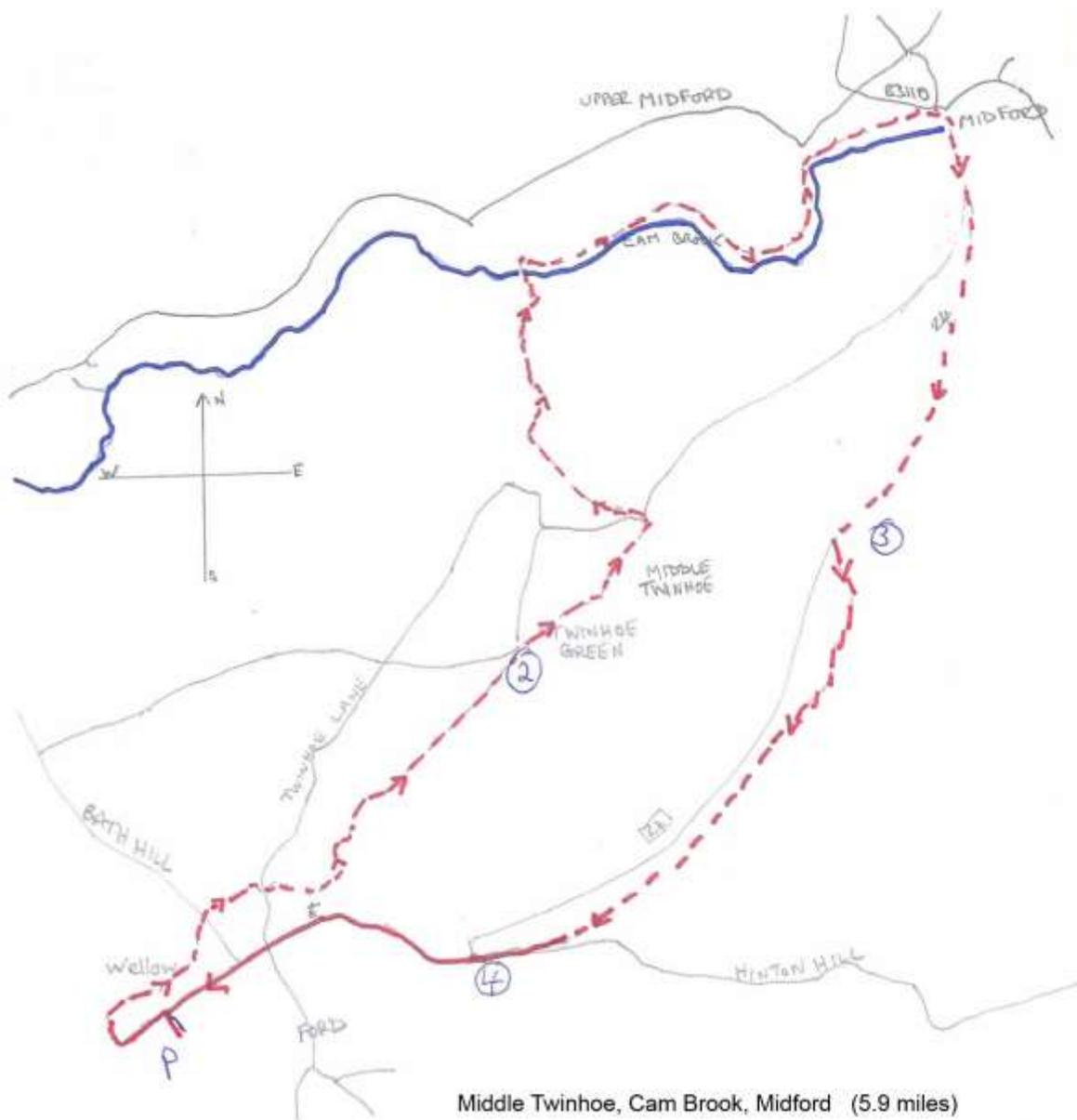


White Ox Mead, Shoscombe and Stony Littleton (6.2 miles)

**WHITE OX MEAD, SHOSCOMBE AND STONY LITTLETON (6.2 MILES)**  
**(GRADE 2, HEIGHT GAIN -575FT)**

Abbreviations are H = half, R = right, L = left, FP= footpath T=Turn G=Gate  
KG=Kissing gate

1. From the car park ST 738 581 pass the old station and return to Wellow Road. TL and walk to the village hall on the opposite side of the road. Turn into the village hall and take the stile on your R by the hall and follow this out towards the building on Bath Hill. Do not exit to the road but, keeping in the same field, turn L, back on yourself, and go through the gate in hedge. Climbing uphill, go through gates and KGs, until you get to the track. TL along the track admiring the fine views across the valley. At the next junction of tracks take the LH track.
2. ST 722 581 Continue over Whit Ox Mead Knoll and go downhill to cross a track. Continue on to cross over a lane and through the industrial estate to eventually emerge onto Wellow Lane. Go straight across and on towards Shoscombe Farm. Take the 1st L to cross down a field to Montegue Road. TR and at Rag Hill TL.
3. ST 710 565. After the pub take the 2<sup>nd</sup> path on your R. At the rectory turn L and sharp R and emerge by the school. TL and take the first path on your R. Go downhill to a track and TL to emerge on Barn Hill. Cross over the brook and as the road bends R take the path in front. There is a path here that follows along to your L by the side of the brook. When you come into the woods TR and follow a path up to a gate. Go through the gate and continue to the drive. TL to the road. TR and then immediately take the footpath on your L to manor Farm (marked as Stony Littleton Farm on the OS Map). Continue down the track and across the field. Ignore the path on your L and continue to the bridge onto Wellow Lane.
4. ST 734 569 Continue ahead and go through the KG on your R just before the hill starts getting steep. Continue through the fields by the side of the brook. At the next lane TL and walk up hill to pass an old signal box and onto the pub, The Fox and Badger. TL and walk back to the car park.



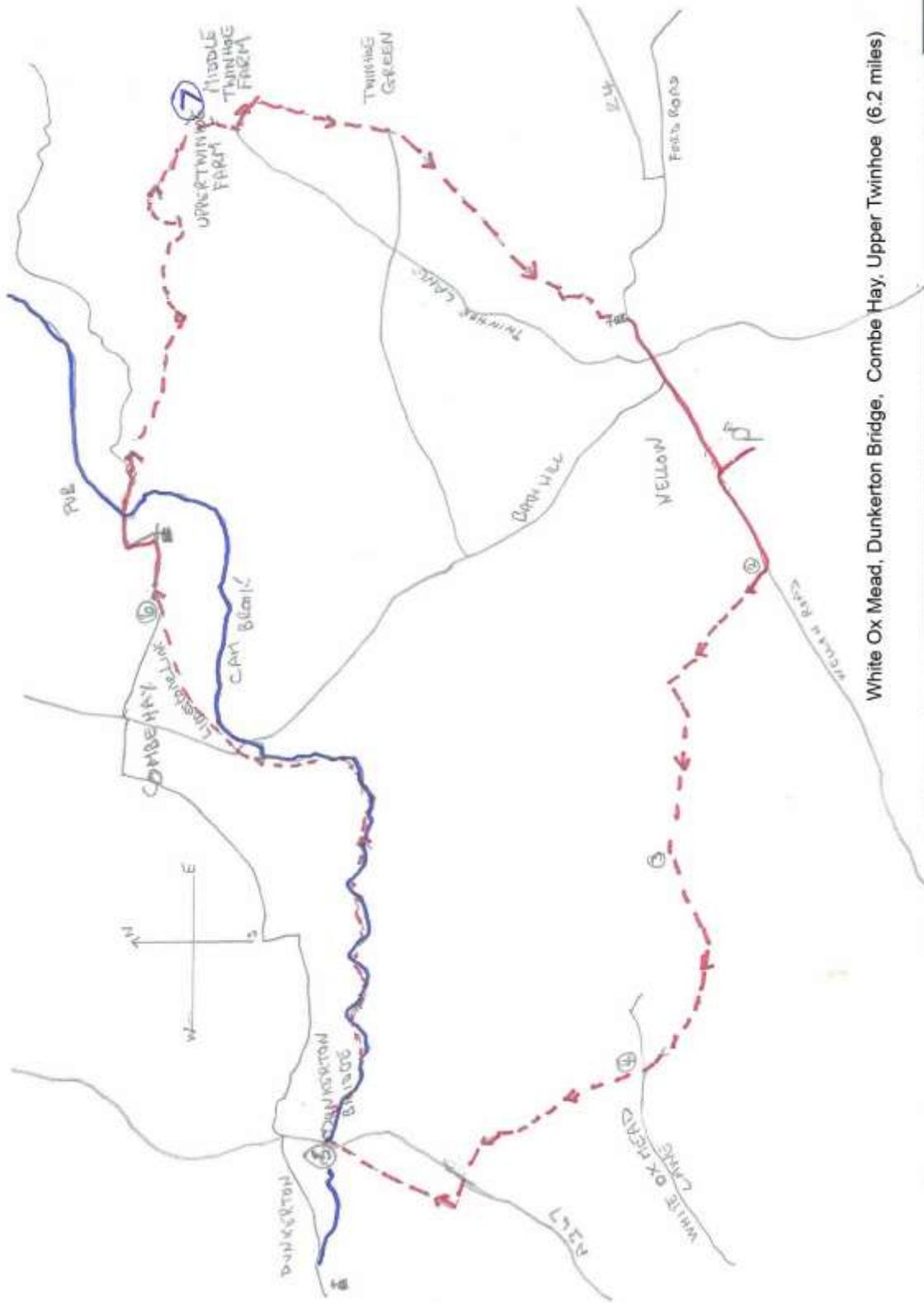
Middle Twinhoe, Cam Brook, Midford (5.9 miles)

**MIDDLE TWINHOE, CAM BROOK, MIDFORD (5.9 MILES)**  
**(GRADE 2, HEIGHT GAIN 650FT)**

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KG=Kissing gate

This work is not suitable for dogs as they are not allowed on the cycle path from Wellow to Midford.

1. From the car park ST 738 581 pass the old station and return to Wellow Road and walk to the village hall up the drive opposite. Take the KG on your R at the far side of the hall and follow the path to the next G. Keep the fence to the right and cross the stile with a farm on your R. Take the path ahead and follow around R to gate onto Bath Hill. Take path opposite to Twinhoe Lane. TR about 20m cross the road and take the path through a G. Cross field to a KG and continue to next KG with the church on the R. Go through the next KG past the church and walk L taking R path downhill then up through 3 more KGs. Cross field, slightly R, to boundary edge at corner. At this point keep the hedge on your R and walk to next KG onto a lane.
2. ST 748 591 TR immediately take the KG on your R through large gap in the hedge. Keep L with boundary on L to a wooden gate on L in far corner (should really cross field diagonally but often overgrown. TL and take stile ahead onto driveway. TL to road at Middle Twinhoe. Then R, at footpath sign L and follow to next gate on R, cross field diagonally L to a stile onto a lane. TR to a metal gate ahead. Just before gate TL down rough track through 2 metal gates and at the end cross a bridge over a stream (Cam Brook) and take KG on R. Follow ahead through 6 more KGs and stiles. The path takes you under a viaduct and a bridge before going up some steps to emerge on B3110 opposite the Hope and Anchor pub at Midford. Cross the road and TL to pub car park. Enter car park and TR onto cycle track. Continue down cycle track through 2 gates. . (At this point it can be exceptionally muddy and it might be sensible to take the cycle track all the way to Ford Road but this will mean missing out on the pretty path through Hankley Wood)
3. ST 757 594 At the far side of the bridge sweep round R and under bridge follow track keeping R through wooden gat. Follow the path through 2 gates. Cross the field, keeping midway in the field which leads to the path with the road below on your L. Eventually after 200yds the path emerges on Ford Road
4. ST 747 583 TR and follow the road past the church back to the car park



White Ox Mead, Dunkerton Bridge, Combe Hay, Upper Twinnhoe (6.2 miles)

**WHITE OX MEAD, DUNKERTON BRIDGE, COMBE HAY, UPPER TWINHOE (6.2 MILES)**  
**(GRADE 2, HEIGHT GAIN 790FT)**

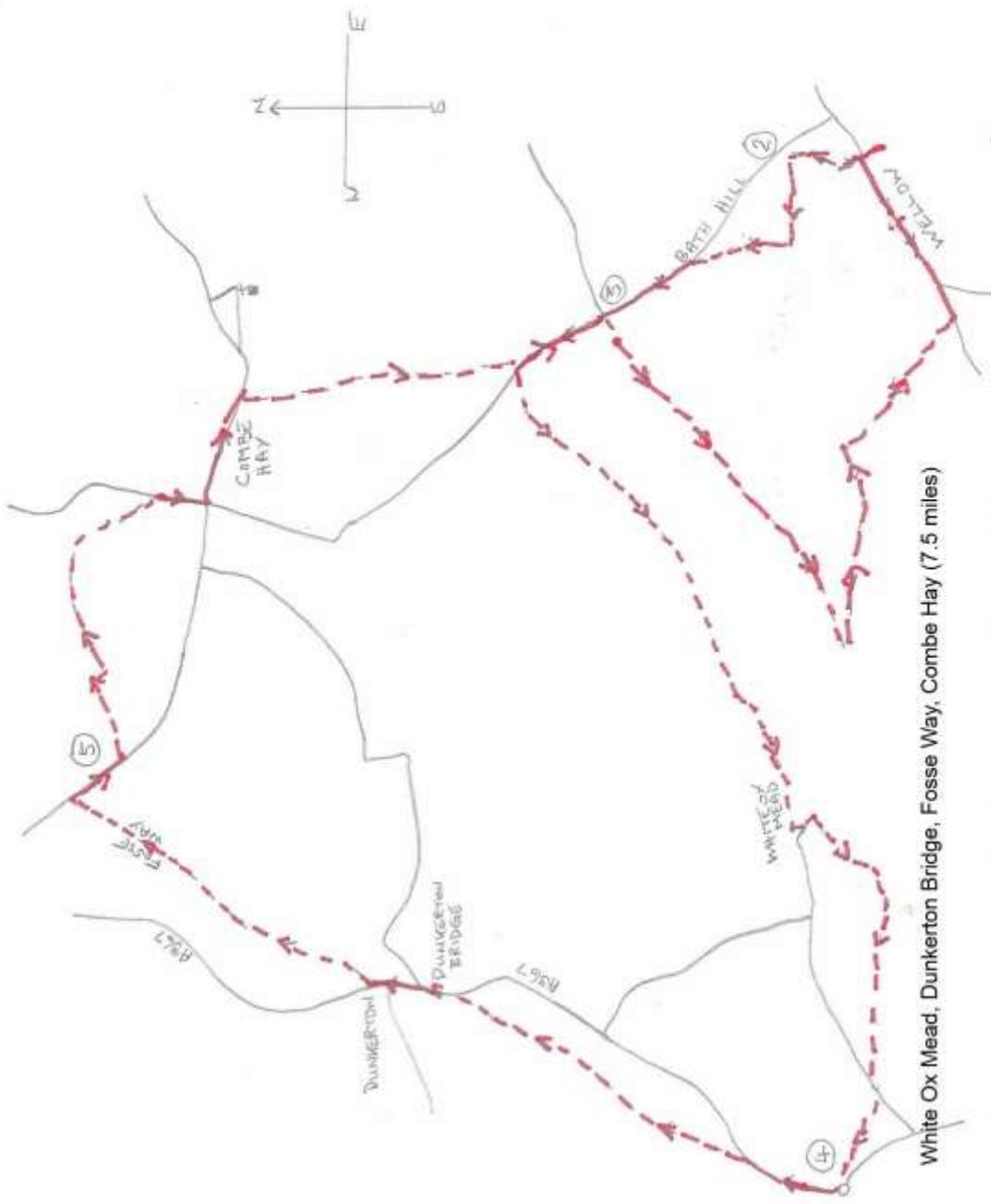
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Wellow falls within the southernmost boundary of the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and is recognised as having buildings of special historic and architectural interest. A little further to the west is a Neolithic burial chamber known as Stoney Littleton Long Barrow. A medieval packhorse bridge also spans Wellow Brook. The walk itself begins from the car park next to the old train station. Wellow Station, part of the Somerset and Dorset Joint Railway, closed in 1966. The main station building was converted into a house by the artist Peter Blake in the 1970s.

1. From the car park ST 738 581, pass the station and return to Wellow Road. Turn left at the junction, walk along the road for several hundred yards. You will observe historic cottages which are characteristic of Wellow. Continue past the village shop on your left and Old Orchard Cottage on your right, ignore the first bridleway on your right. Continue walking past the de restriction signs at the end of the village, then turn right onto the second bridleway.
2. ST 734 579 Walk through a gate, follow the path along the right of the field. Climb out of the valley, passing a barn. After a few minutes the track flattens out and then climbs again. The track bends left and becomes level. Go through a gate in the corner on your right and head left towards a stile. Continue along the track across the field, bearing half right. You will observe the striking views of the Wellow Valley behind you. During June of 1685, the rebel forces of the Duke of Monmouth may have brought their heavy guns through this countryside as they advanced towards Norton St Philip. The Duke, pretender to the throne, would suffer defeat at the Battle of Sedgemoor, followed by execution. Head towards the left hand corner of the field. Cross over the stile and turn left onto the track.
3. ST 725 582 Stay on the track until you come to a fork. Bear right at the fork, go down the track, and past Home Farm and a converted stone barn. After a lane joins from the right, continue on to a fork at Springhill House.

4. ST 718 582 Take the right fork up a small hill alongside Springhill House and then descend to the main Bath Road. Cross over onto the track opposite, continue for a short distance then turn right through a large metal gate into a field. Continue to descend keeping the hedge on your right. Do not enter the field on your right. Go through the gates and an often muddy area, coming back to the main road.
5. ST 716 592 Bear left down the road, then cross, taking care of the traffic. Take the steep steps and cross over a stone stile onto a path in the field, this is the Limestone Link. Keeping the Cam Brook immediately to your right, follow the path through the field, crossing a footbridge. Walk through the next field, still keeping the Cam Brook to your right and cross over a second footbridge. Continue in the same direction then go through a kissing gate into a lane. Cross the lane, go through a second kissing gate and follow the path into a field. As the Cam Brook bears right, bear left up the slope towards another kissing gate. Go through the kissing gate, leaving the conservation area. Continue up, across rough grass to the Combe Hay Road.
6. ST 732 599 Turn right into the village and continue down the road for several hundred yards until you reach the village church with its fifteenth century tower. Combe Hay was known as Cumb in the Domesday Book of the eleventh century, part of the Wellow Hundred. The village is also notable for the Georgian Combe Hay Manor and Georgian rectory. After visiting the church continue along the road and turn right at the junction. The road descends and bears round to the right, take the bridleway on the right by the bungalow known as Hen and Chicken Court. Go down the bridleway and cross the Cam. Note the stone stepped weir on your right. Continue on and up into a field climbing out of the Cam Valley. Go through a gate and up a wide track past a usually boggy patch. Continue to climb, going through trees. Cross an open area, go through a gate and follow woodland on your right. On reaching the barbed wire fence, stay in the field and turn left with the hedge on your right. Follow this along and round. The valley opens out before you to your left, with views towards Midford and Brassknocker Hill. A gate at the end leads onto a track, turn right to the hamlet of Twinhoe.
7. ST 748 596 At the T junction turn left then bend right to reach another junction, with Upper Twinhoe Farm on your right. Turn right and follow the lane uphill for several minutes. On the right hand bend, ignore the kissing gate on your left and go straight through a small metallic gate. Follow the left hedge of the field,

going towards Wellow, down in the valley. Reach the hedge corner. The footpath continues straight across the field to a metallic kissing gate. The church can be seen in front of you below. Continue down to go through the next two kissing gates. Head towards the right of Wellow church. Head towards the twin trunks of an ash tree ahead and come onto a path through a kissing gate. Follow this fenced path down and then bend right. Go along the fence and make a left turn down the side of the church wall and out onto the road in Wellow. Turn right past the village school, the Fox and Badger pub, and continue back to the car park.



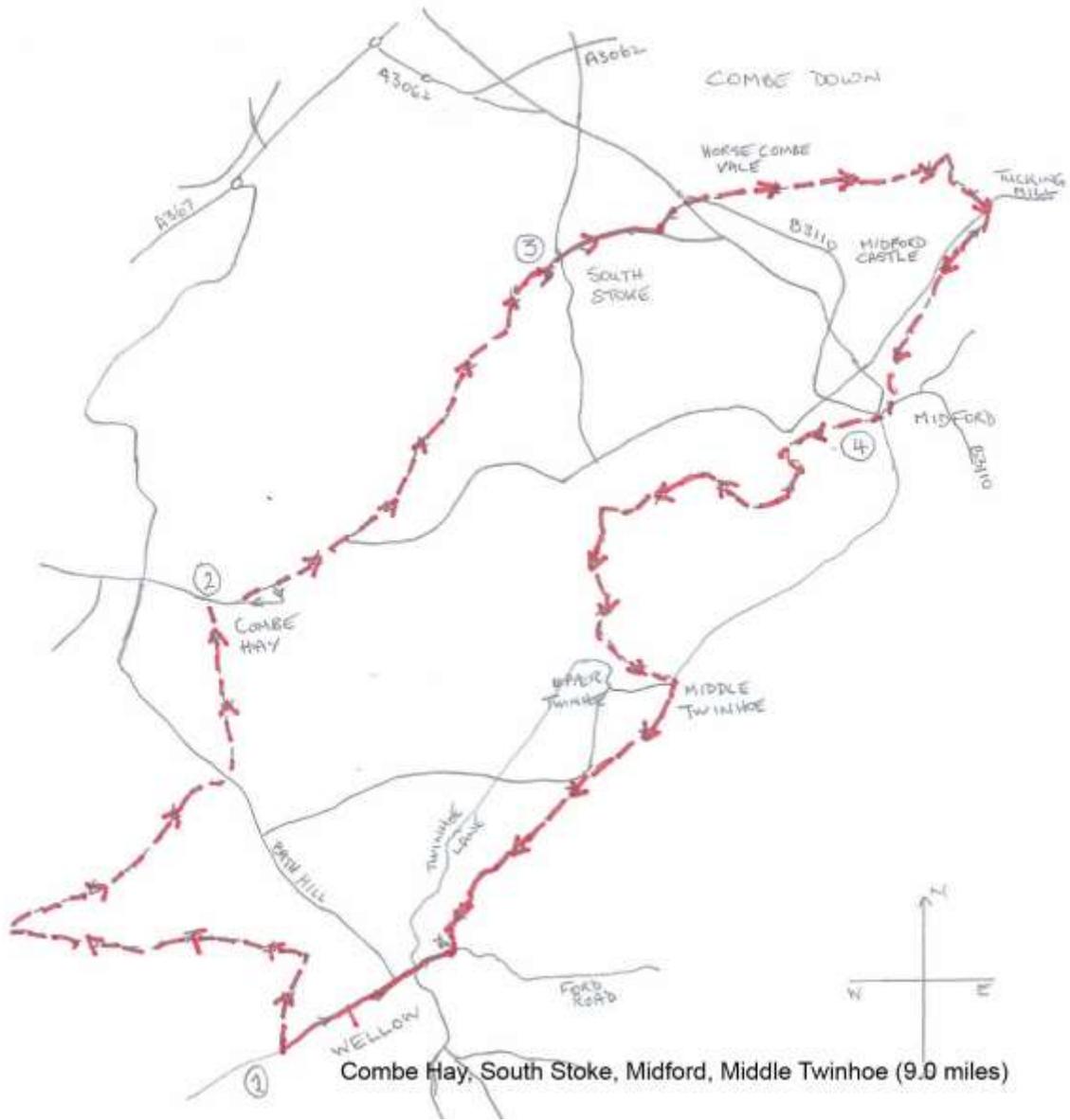
White Ox Mead, Dunkerton Bridge, Fosse Way, Combe Hay (7.5 miles)

**White Ox Mead, Dunkerton Bridge, Fosse Way, Combe Hay (7.5 miles)**

**(GRADE 3, HEIGHT GAIN 1,120FT)**

Abbreviations are H = half, R = right, L = left, FP= footpath T=Turn G=Gate  
KG=Kissing gate

1. From the car park ST 738 581 pass the old station and return to Wellow Road. Cross and walk up to the village hall on the opposite side of the road. Turn into the village hall car park and take the KG at far end and follow this out towards the building on Bath Hill. Do not exit to the road but, keeping in the same field, TL back on yourself, and go through the KG in hedge. TR on to the bridleway ST 736 583 climbing uphill to reach Bath Hill
2. TL up bath hill pass a turning on your R take the next path on your L ST 732 591 through a farm gate along a track to pass through a small farm yard, keep the woods on your L as the woods end, turn down hill to pass R of White Ox Mead Farm . When you reach the lane TL and then take the next path on your R. Cross over the track and take the path around the back of Home Farm. At a KG take the RH path keeping the hedge on your R to come out on White Ox Mead Lane. ST 713 581 TL and take the first path on the R to the roundabout.
3. Cross over and TR. Pass the pub and follow down the track, an old Roman road. As the track turns sharp R ST 713 589 you TL through a farm gate and go R down to Dunkerton Bridge. Follow the main road L past the junction on the R and take the lain/track on your R ST 715 595, opposite a bus stop, steeply uphill at first. After half a mile you get to a lane; cross and go through the farm gate; TR downhill with the fence and lane on your R. Follow the path keeping the fence/hedge on your R. Eventually you reach a steep descent ST 728 602; pass down across a field to a wooden KG on to Combe Hay Lane. TR then TL at the cross roads. Take the next path on your R then take LH KG (not the Limestone Link RH KG) your path crosses Cam Brook and then goes up hill to emerge on Bath Hill.
4. TL and just before the road starts to descend into Wellow, at a junction with a road on your L ST 732 591 take the first of two tracks opposite. Enjoy the fine views here across the valley. Follow this track and take the second path on your L over two stiles and through a bridle way gate ST 729 581 down to Wellow Lane. TL and follow the road back to the car park.



**COMBE HAY, SOUTH STOKE, MIDFORD, MIDDLE TWINHOE (9.0 MILES)**  
**GRADE 3. HEIGHT GAIN 1,230 FT.**

Abbreviations are H = half, R = right, L = left, FP= footpath T=Turn G=Gate  
KG=Kissing gate, SQS = squeeze stile GR – Grid Ref

1. ST738580 Wellow Village car park. Walk out of Wellow Village car park past the old station buildings to the road. TL and walk up road away from village centre. There's a pavement on the right hand side. Pass the village shop on your left. After the last house on the right called Old Orchard, TR up bridle path opposite Littleton Lane. Continue up the bridle path, through 2 gates, then a KG. When the hedge on your right veers off to the right, TL towards a Bristol gate in the top corner of field. (It will come into view over the slope). Continue in the same direction through 2 KG to reach a track. Cross the track, go through another KG, THL and walk in same general direction across field. At far corner of field go through KG into a small wood. TL and descend a slope. When you come into a grassy field, turn very sharp R to join a path/track parallel with hedge on your right. Next is a KG followed by a long field and another KG where you TL through a gap, then TR onto a track, still keeping the hedge on your right. You will then pass a barn on your left and go through a G onto a road. (Bath Hill). Cross road and go down track for a short distance to a G and KG. TL and descend following the way marker posts clearly visible in the field. Descend steeply and follow another set of marker posts to a KG. Combe Hay Manor is clearly visible ahead. Cross Cam Brook and ascend towards a small wood. Go through this wood to reach KG leading onto a road. This is the village of Combe Hay.
2. ST732598 Combe Hay. TR out of KG onto pavement and walk slightly downhill to Combe Hay Manor Church. TL following the road and here the pavement ends. Be aware of traffic approaching round sharp bends ahead of and behind you. TR at the sharp bend and follow the road slightly uphill, past the Wheatsheaf pub on your left. After a short while, there is a road junction with a cast iron signpost indicating Midford downhill and No Through Road uphill. Ignore the wooden kissing gate at the apex of the junction. THL uphill past some dwellings and the remains of the Somerset Coal Canal. Continue up the track past Rowley Farm (look for fingerposts and waymarks). After passing Rowley Farm Stables on your left, continue up track for 400 yards until you

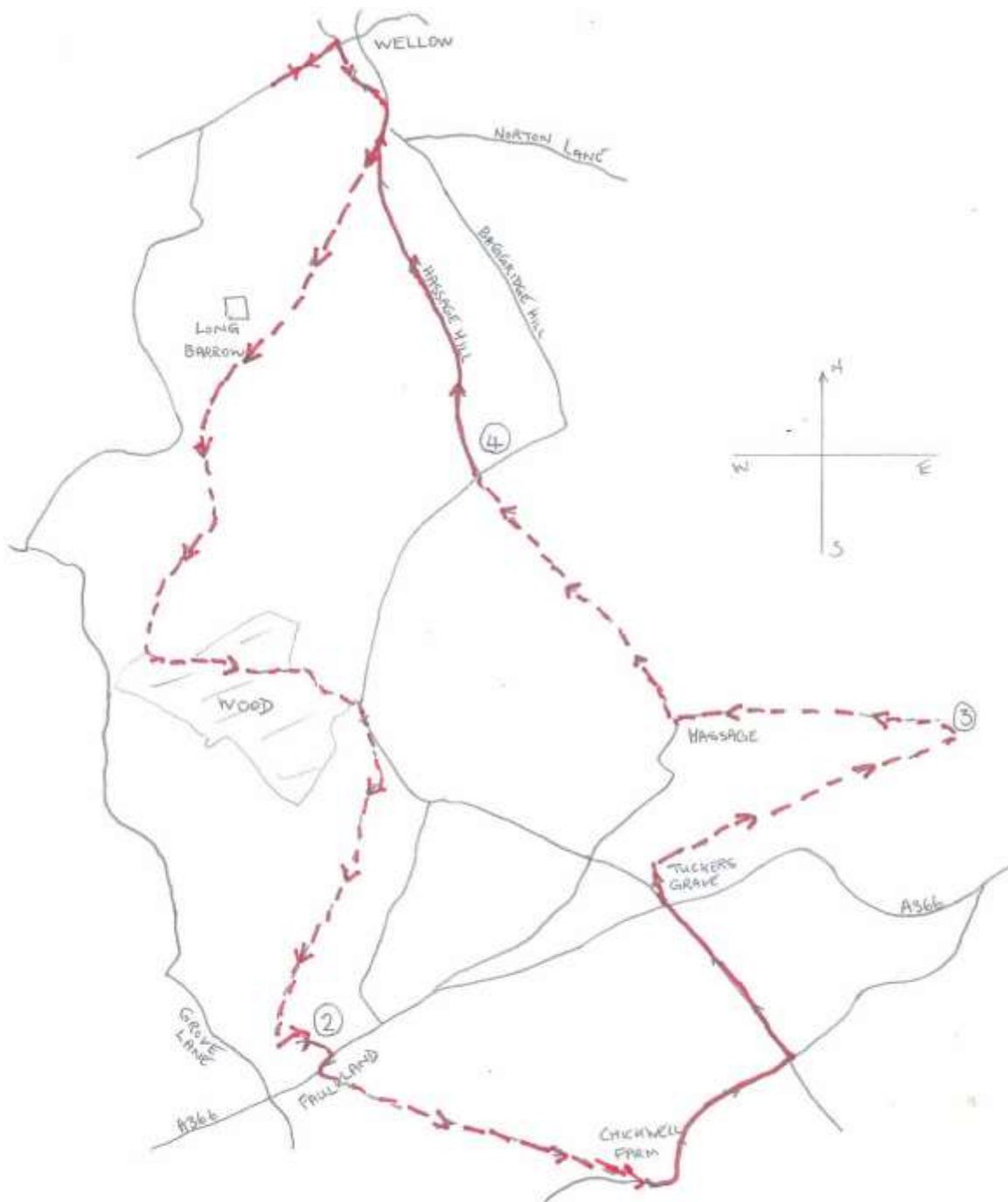
reach a gate which may or may not be open. Do not cross gate, but use KG on the right. Cross KG and TL slightly downhill to KG in far corner. Cross this KG and keep downhill on slippery path to reach a small stream. Cross this stream and TL up track past KG. After KG, keep to track and SQS until track reaches grassy field. THL up slope to a further SQS. TL up track, then THR to reach Pack Horse Lane, Southstoke.

3. ST746612 Southstoke. Walk through Southstoke, keeping slightly uphill on Packhorse Lane, do not turn left at village green, but keep straight on at the same level. After 0.4 miles, look for a metal KG on your left, just after Southstoke House. Go through KG, THR and follow the, well defined, track in a north easterly direction a go through another KG to a road junction. Midford Road & Old Midford Road. Cross Midford Road at the apex of the corner. Care needed, but visibility good in both directions. TR and walk along pavement to metal kissing gate about 20 yards along. Walk downhill keeping hedge close on your left, through metal G and continue downhill in same direction, following waymarks to reach a KG. Keep walking downhill in same direction to reach KG and footbridge over a small stream. Cross stream, TR and follow path downstream while ignoring any paths to the left. At Wessex Water works TR through KG and walk under old railway viaduct to reach a fishing lake for disabled anglers and their assistants. (Tucking Mill).

Walk down the track to the south of the lake ignoring a path leading to the railway. Halfway along the lake THR down footpath to road. TL along road past house for 30 yards, then TR onto path, then TR again to double back on oneself between wooden fence and hedge. Follow this path through woods for three quarters of a mile to reach the village of Midford. Beware of badger setts in path. TR up the pavement of Midford Hill and walk almost as far as the railway viaduct. Look for the footpath on the opposite side of Midford Hill and cross the road. Care needed, but visibility reasonable in both directions.

4. ST760606 Midford. Follow this path under a railway bridge and by the side of the remains of the Somerset Coal Canal for about a mile until the path rises slightly to meet a KG. TL after the KG and cross a footbridge over Cam Brook. Continue upwards on a bridle path/ancient track through a wooded area. (This track may be a shallow stream after prolonged rain). After leaving the wooded area, TR up farm track for 200 yards and look for a footpath/bridleway crossing at right angles. THL on footpath through horse paddock. Aim for G in hedge on far side of field, go through G and continue in same direction to a G in the far corner of next field. TR onto lane and after 20 yards, TL up track/driveway towards Middle Twinhoe Barns. Walk up track/driveway for

another 40 yards and cross stile of unusual design on your right. Walk up field keeping close to hedge on your right. Go through KG and walk up side of next field keeping hedge close to your left. Where the hedge veers away, there's a post with waymarks. Keep walking straight up the field aiming for a large gap in the hedge just to the left of a clump of trees on the skyline. Aim for KG leading onto lane. TL for 10 yards on lane, then TL again through Bristol Gate. Walk downhill keeping close to hedge on your left. After about 400 yards look for a fingerpost indicating the direction the path takes across the field. Cross field to KG at top of steep grassy bank. Go through this KG and descend slope to another KG. Then go across next field towards large tree with "V" shaped twin trunks. After crossing field into scrubland, keep walking towards this tree to find KG near its base. Descend clearly defined path and TR when path levels out. Do not go through gate on your left into private garden. Walk up slight slope. At top TR through KG and walk towards KGs near Wellow Church (St Julian's). TL through KGs and walk by wall to Bristol gate next to Church. Descend track by side of Church to reach road (Wellow High Street). TR to walk along High Street past Fox and Badger pub to the turning for Wellow Village car park. TL and follow track back to car park.



Long Barrow, Faulkland, Chickwell Farm, Tuckers Grave, Hassage (8.7 miles)

**LONG BARROW, FAULKLAND, CHICKWELL FARM, TUCKERS GRAVE, HASSAGE  
(8.7 MILES) (GRADE 3. HEIGHT GAIN 1,040FT)**

Abbreviations are H = half, R = right, L = left, FP= footpath T=Turn G=Gate  
KG=Kissing gate

1. From the car park walk back to Wellow Road past the old station. TR and in front of the Fox and Badger TR again and go past the old signal box and straight down a footpath to the ford. Cross it and take the right hand road at the junction. When the road bends sharply left uphill go along the bridleway straight ahead. When the lane ends continue in a straight line across field, (you may wish to visit the Long Barrow on your right), to R side of hedge. When you start going downhill go through a gate on your L descend diagonally to the far corner to a bridleway junction above Wellow Brook. ST 734 568 1.3m.

At the junction TL and go uphill and then down a little. TL at the wood and follow the track through the wood and past Knoll Pheasant Shoot to the tarmac road. (It can be muddy) ST 740 558 1.1m.

TR along the road and take the 1<sup>st</sup> FP R and go uphill to L of square building, and then diagonally down to a gate. Go through the gate keeping the hedge on L and follow track which will become a green lane. Follow it to Faulkland. Turn L past the pub and cross the road. ST 739 545 1m. Take a look at the village green stocks, they work.

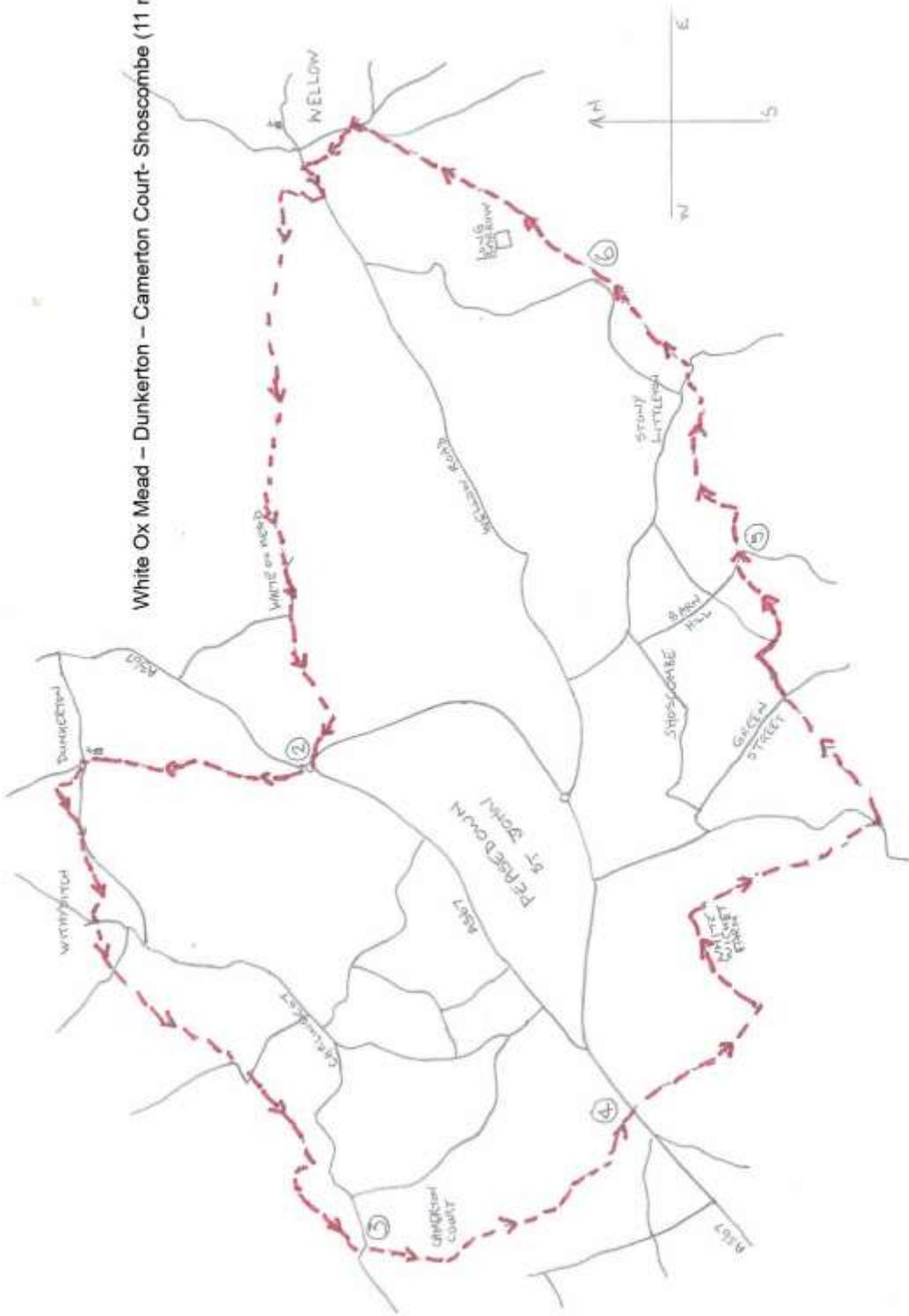
2. Take the FP on R past the pond. Ignore prominent footpath signpost, TL then quickly R and follow FP with hedge on L. When the field opens up aim for the left side of the hedge in front. Now keep the hedge on your R as you walk eastwards. At one stile there is a choice of 2 paths across a field, take the RH path still keeping the hedge on your R to the road. The stile is on the left. At the road turn L and pass Chickwell Farm. Do not take the track ahead but keep on the road as it bends to the L to the crossroads. TL and follow the road to the main road at Tuckers Grave. A pub well worth a visit. Cross over and take the lane opposite. Very shortly, take the path on your R and turn L over the stile and walk down hill and cross the stream. TR and keep to the field boundary. Follow the path through fields until you come to track that goes left up Hassage and R to a bridge across the stream. TL to Hassage.
3. ST 762 557 Walk up to Hassage. TR past Hassage house and take the track first downhill and then steeply uphill through fields to emerge eventually at a stile

opposite Hassage Hill.

4. ST 745 567 Walk down Hassage Hill to the ford and then retrace your steps to the ford and up the lane to the old signal box and the pub. TL and follow Wellow Road back to the car park.



White Ox Mead – Dunkerton – Camerton Court- Shoscombe (11 miles)



**WHITE OX MEAD – DUNKERTON – CAMERTON COURT- SHOSCOMBE (11 MILES)**  
**(GRADE 4, HEIGHT GAIN 1,400FT)**

Abbreviations are H = half, R = right, L = left, FP= footpath T=Turn G=Gate  
KG=Kissing gate

1. ST 738 581. From the car park pass the old station and return to Wellow Road. TL and then immediately R to the village hall. From the back of the village hall, take the KG and follow the fence through two electric fences towards the road. Just before the road turn left, back on yourself, and follow the path across the field to a KG and then HR uphill to G, continue HR to KG followed by another KG. Cross the track and through a KG. Go HL to LH corner and KG. Go L through woods and field to skirt R of White Ox Mead Farm and go over stile into lane. TR and follow lane to junction with White Ox Mead. Turn L. Shortly before meeting the main road, just after a house, take the stile on R. Follow path to stile in farthest corner. Exit to roundabout.
2. ST 710 583 TR and cross Dunkerton Hill. TL towards Peasedown for 30 yds. and take path and gate on R. Walk along the RH side of the field, behind houses, to the KG in the RH corner. Walk down hill to KG in front of pylon. Pass pylon and continue to KG. Continue straight on with hedge on your R. Ignore first KG on the right, but take next KG on R and head towards house and church. Go through KG and keep the stockade on your L. Follow road past the church, cross the brook and lane and take the first path on your L. Follow this track round to the R and uphill past houses and then take the next path on your L at a KG into a field and follow the hedge to walk down to a gate in the lane. TR and take the first path on your R and follow this path through KGs to the chapel at Withyditch Lane. TL now pass the houses, and take the first path on your R. Walk HR to a lane. Take the path immediately in front of you to follow the hedge on your L. Walk forward to cross the fields to Stoneage Lane. TL and follow the road to the sharp LH bend over a railway bridge. Cross the bridge and take the path on your R and walk down to join the Limestone Link. Follow the Limestone Link along the bottom of the valley to a track. TR and follow the track. Just before the last house, take a stile to the R to go around the house. At the back of the house, pick up the path to take you round the L side of a wooded hill.
3. ST 686 581 TL and as the road bends to the L go into the field and take the middle of 3 paths, uphill to the R of the pylon to a KG at the top of the field. Follow fence line to KG then pass through gardens of Camerton Court to KG. Continue through gate, with church to R, to KG and across a field to a KG. Through another gate and over a track to a KG and onto a KG into woods to another KG. At end of wood, L to a KG and diagonally L across a field to KG onto the main Bath to Radstock road.

4. ST 693 567 Cross over down a private drive, this is a PROW. Just before the road turns to the L, turn R into field. Immediate L and follow the hedge to a stile and a KG through field and L to KG between fishing lakes. Go L up the track and turn R down farm track shortly after White Wicket Farm. Join road by industrial units, and go straight ahead. After 30yds, L through KG and take the path to the R. Keep straight ahead through the farm buildings, including sliding gate. Continue downhill to the road. TR and walk to the Route 24 cycle track. Follow the cycle track to Shoscombe Vale. When you come to the road go straight across. After 100yds, the road bends to the R and just before it bends again to the L (after Brindley House), take the KG on your R. Keep high in this field and continue to KG. At the end of a narrow enclosed track take the stile on your L and go R behind a wooden hut. Continue to Barn Hill. TR and cross the brook.
  
5. ST 721 562 Cross over the brook and as the road bends R, take the path in front to the L which follows the brook. After 200yds, use the bridge to cross the side stream and continue along the brook until you reach the bridge in Falkland Lane. TR up the road, and take the next L to Manor Farm (Stony Littleton farm on the map). Follow the track through the farm and across the field alongside the stream until you reach the bridge across to Wellow Lane. Do not cross the bridge!
  
6. ST 734 569 Continue ahead uphill ignoring path on left to the Long Barrow. Cross fields to join end of green lane. Follow the lane (which is always muddy; thank you horse riders!) to join the road at the bottom of Hassage Hill. Turn L and follow road to the ford. Cross the ford or bridge, and take path on L up to the village passing an old signal box and onto the pub, The Fox and Badger. TL and walk back to the car park.





**FAULKLAND – NORTON ST PHILIP – HASSAGE (10.7 MILES)**  
**(GRADE 4, HEIGHT GAIN 1,200FT)**

Abbreviations are H = half, R = right, L = left, FP= footpath T=Turn G=Gate  
KG=Kissing gate

- 1 From the car park walk back to Wellow Road past the old station. TR and in front of the Fox and Badger TR again and go past the old signal box and straight down a footpath to the ford. Cross it and take the right hand road at the junction. When the road bends sharply left uphill go along the bridleway straight ahead. When the lane ends continue in a straight line across field, (you may wish to visit the Long Barrow on your right), to R side of hedge. When you start going downhill go through a gate on your L descend diagonally to the far corner to a bridleway junction above Wellow Brook. ST 734 568 1.3m.

At the junction TL and go uphill and then down a little. TL at the wood and follow the track through the wood and past Knoll Pheasant Shoot to the tarmac road. (It can be muddy) ST 740 558 1.1m.

TR along the road and take the 1<sup>st</sup> FP R and go uphill to L of square building, and then diagonally down to a gate. Go through the gate keeping the hedge on L and follow track which will become a green lane. Follow it to Faulkland. Turn L past the pub and cross the road. ST 739 545 1m.

- 2 Take the FP on R past the pond. Ignore prominent footpath signpost, TL then quickly R and follow FP with hedge on L. When the field opens up aim for the left side of the hedge in front. Now keep the hedge on your R as you walk eastwards. At one stile there is a choice of 2 paths across a field, take the RH path still keeping the hedge on your R to the road. The stile is on the left. At the road turn L and when the road bends L continue straight ahead along a clear bridleway with the hedge on L. Just before Charlton Farm the path turns R to avoid the farm yard. ST 760 539 0.8m

- 3 At the road turn L and 1<sup>st</sup> R. TL down Marrow Pole Lane go through 3 bridle gates and at the next gated bridge turn R and go around the field to another gated bridge. TL to another gate into Watery Lane. Follow the lane to another gate. This lane lives up to its name in wet weather. Be prepared to walk in the stream. The path comes out on the A366 at ST 770 556 1.7m  
Turn R along the road then L into Ringwell Lane and quickly turn L along FP

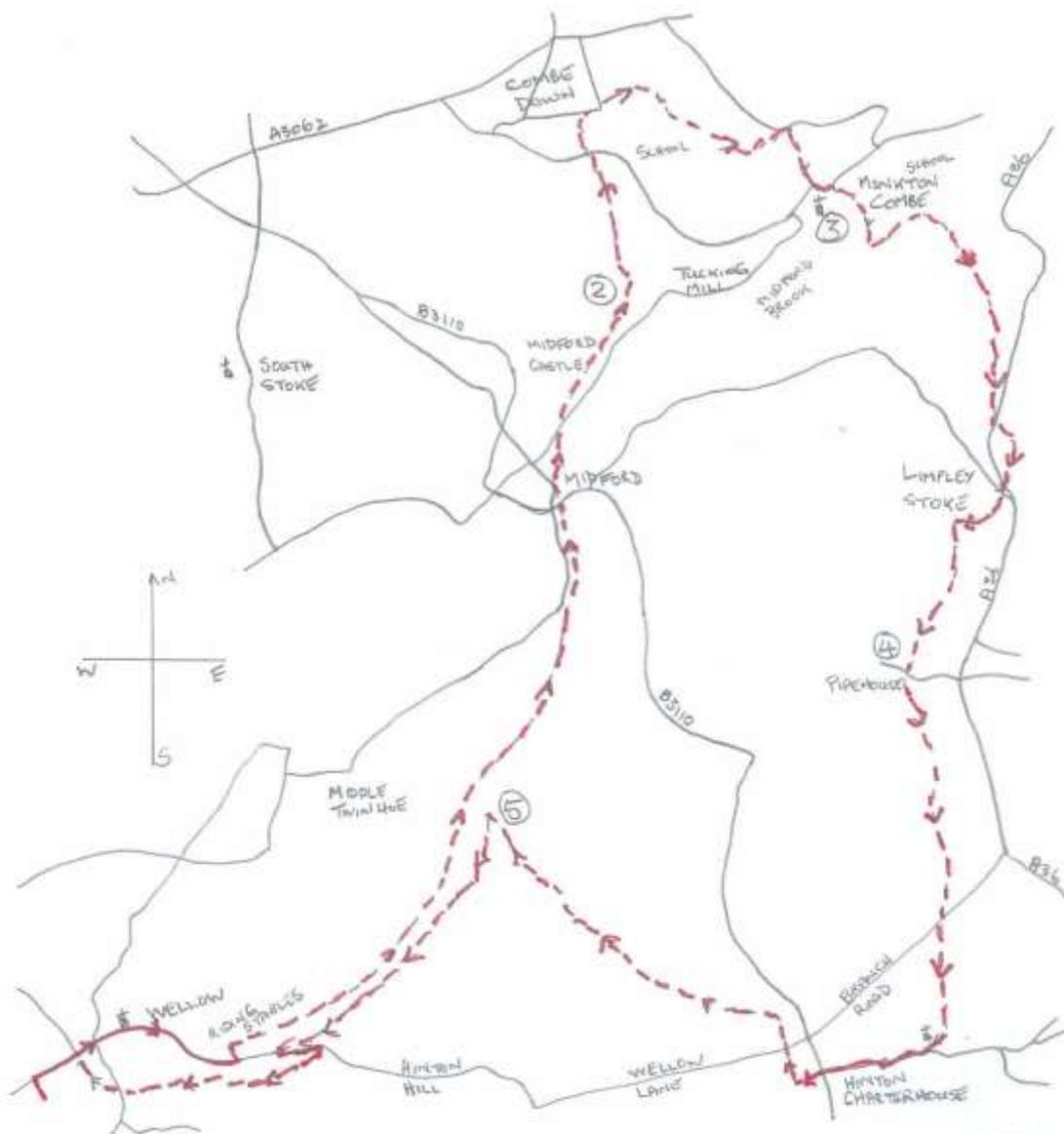
(No FP sign)' Where houses end turn R and when it joins a track turn L along a valley and over a footbridge at the end,

- 4 ST 762 557 Ignore FP on L and go uphill and turn L with hedge on R. When the hedge ends, follow the track westwards. (Ignore track to R) and then down to Hassage. ST 751 557 1.3m

Ignore road on L and continue along lane downhill. At the bottom go slightly L then steeply uphill with hedge on R passing to L of New Plantation, straight across two fields keeping in the same direction to the road. ST 744 567 2m

Turn R along road to Upper Baggridge Farm. When road turns L go through farm on track and take the FP on L to Baggridge Hill. TR downhill along lane to the ford. Cross the bridge and take the path straight ahead uphill to the signal box of the old railway line. Continue to the pub, The Fox and Badger, and TL to return to the car park ST 738 580 2.4m.





Twinhoe- Midford- Combe Down- Monkton Combe- Limpley Stoke-Hinton Charterhouse (11.7 miles)

**TWINHOE- MIDFORD- COMBE DOWN- MONKTON COMBE- LIMPLEY STOKE-  
HINTON CHARTERHOUSE 11.7 MILES  
(GRADE 4, HEIGHT GAIN – 1,500FT)**

Abbreviations are H = half, R = right, L = left, FP= footpath T=Turn G=Gate  
KG=Kissing gate

This work is not suitable for dogs as they are not allowed on the cycle path from Wellow to Midford.

1. From the car park ST 738 581 pass the old station and return to Wellow Road. TR and walk to the pub, The Fox and Badger. Continue past the church and out of the village until you reach the stables on your left. TL here and continue along the cycle track all the way to Midford and along to the ponds at Tucking Mill.
2. ST 674 616. As you approach Tucking Mill ponds, take the path on the R down the steps and go under the viaduct. Pass through a gate and then take the gate on your R by the side of the cycle track. Climb uphill to the R of a large house and go through KG. TL up the path .Go up a few steps and continue uphill to a long flight of steep steps to a road (Summer Road,) TL and immediately R up a path by Hillside House. Continue to climb. Emerge onto Belmont Road and TR down Church Road. Pass the rugby fields on the R and TR at the end of the road. With allotments on your L, walk towards the school entrance. As you approach the school turn L and follow the path to a road. Cross over and follow sign to Mount Pleasant. At the house named Monkswold, take path downhill to Shaft Road and TL towards the seat. There is a fantastic view across the valley here. Do not walk down the road but take the path just before the seat and walk down hill down Drungway Path to come out to the road at South View in Monkton Combe and then TL and pass the pub (Wheelwrights).
3. ST 773 620 TR down Mill lane and pass the Lockup. Take the path in front of you not the bridle way and Cross Midford Brook and follow the path on the R to cross another footbridge. Immediately TL up a couple of steps and then down a couple of steps and walk alongside the brook. At the first tarmac road TL and when the track comes to a fork in the road, take the stile up steps opposite and climb up the field to a KG into the woods. Climb steeply uphill up steps and continue through the woods to eventually emerge on Bath Road A36. Cross over carefully and take the road opposite. Continue down for a few yards and

TR to pass through a children's play ground. Exit the play area through a gate and continue up hill. At the next road TL and TR up another footpath by the side of Manhattan to get back to the A36. Cross the road and take the path opposite uphill to a road. TL and then R at the sign Limpley Crest and continue up towards Laughing Snakes. Towards the end of this road, take the path on your L and pass through a KG. Follow the path across the field to a gate. TL to a KG and then the RH path to a KG on to the drive to Peipards Farm. Cross the drive and take the stile immediately on your L. TR and pass the old chicken houses on your R to a KG. TL down a path. Follow the path through to Pipehouses.

4. ST 776 599 Cross over the road and follow the path to a KG and two stiles and on to a metal KG and the RH path to a stile. Take the middle of the 3 paths to a KG, Continue to another KG and cross fields straight ahead to a G. Cross the next field to a KG and emerge on Branch Road. This is a very busy 60 mph road. Cross with care to the KG opposite and cross the field to another KG. This path gives fine views of Hinton House on the R. Go through the KG into the church yard TR and continue to the church. Exit the church yard and walk down the road, Green Lane, towards Hinton Charterhouse. Cross the road and take the lane to the left of the Post office. TR before the road becomes a track, Hinton Villas. Walk down the road to the end house on the left and take the path ahead. Follow this path, ignoring paths R and L to Wellow Lane. Cross the Lane and go through the KG opposite. Cross the field to a lane and go L down the tarmac lane. The lane becomes a track at a house with outbuildings and a large satellite dish. You are now on a bridle way. Go through the bridle gate and follow the path downhill through the field to another bridle gate. Continue down through the fields with the hedge on your R to Bridle gate. Follow the path with the brook on your R and Pennyplatt wood above it. Go through the gate and cross the brook using the wooden sleeper. Continue with the brook on your L and cross back over metal bridge and TR. At the next path TL just before the gate.
5. ST 757 593(At this point it can be exceptionally muddy and it might be sensible to take the cycle track all the way to Ford Road but this will mean missing out on the pretty path through Hankley Wood) Follow the path through 2 gates. Cross the field, keeping midway in the field which leads to the path with the road below on your L. Eventually after 200yds the path emerges on Ford Road Cross the road and TL. Take the next path on your R. Pass through two Bristol gates, ignoring the stiles and pass the clay shooting. Pass the barn and go through a KG. Cross the field to emerge by the Ford. Do not cross the ford but cross the road and take the track on your right up hill to emerge at the old

railway. There is an interesting signal box here. Continue up the path to the pub. The Fox and Badger. TL and retrace your steps back to the car park.