

## **Batcombe, Alham, Wanstrow. 7 miles.**

1. Leave the Village Hall car park by the entrance, turn right following the road downhill and where the road turns right take the path to the left (this can be wet!). Climb up the hill and after the second stile go half left towards the large tree. Cross the double stile then straight across two fields via the farm gates to reach a lane, turn right then left into the bridleway (this is steep in places!). At the bottom turn right along the road and at Honeycliff Farm go through the gate on the left, follow the path between the saplings to the bottom right hand corner then take the stile on your right and then a stile behind the large tree to your left, which takes you onto a lane next to a ford. Turn right, follow the track uphill and at the last barn on your left and before the bungalow, turn left through a gate and aim for a stile approx. 400m along the fence at the top of the field. Once on the road turn left and after 150m take the byway on your right, follow this through two gates into a field then aim for Lodge Hill Farm at the top of the hill. Pass the farm on your right and continue along the drive until you come to a road.

2. Turn left along the road to pass Beeches Farm on your right, then after the farm track take the next stile on the right, then go half left aiming for the gate on the skyline, after which you aim for the bottom corner of the wood on your right, this leads you round to a stile which in turn takes you across the railway. Cross the next field to reach a road via a stile. Turn right and follow the road through Wanstrow out to the A359. Cross with care to the road opposite. Follow this downhill, over the old ford which is usually dry, and as the road bends to the left take the lane to the right, follow this ignoring all turnings until you reach the railway, go straight ahead, over the bridge following this lane (which gets very wet!) for 3/4 mile to reach the A359.

3. Again cross with care to the lane opposite, follow the lane round to the right after which you look for a stile at the top of the bank on your left cross this, then cross the field keeping the wood on your right to a double stile then diagonally downhill to the bottom corner. Pass through the edge of the wood and still in the same direction cross the next field through a gate ignoring the path to the left, cross this field to find a well-hidden stile at the bottom. Cross a small field, go over the next stile then follow the hedge on your right round to go through a gate on your right, cross the track to a stile and still following the hedge on your right go downhill to reach \*Lower Farm. Pass through the farmyard and out onto the road closing the gates behind you! Turn left, then right up a steep lane and at the top turn right. Follow the track round to where it bends to the right, go through the gate straight ahead, turn right uphill to cross a stile, turn left and follow the hedge round to pass through a farm gate. Follow the track down to the road then go straight up the road ahead to return to the car park.

\*At Lower Farm there is a permissive path taking you around the farmyard if you would rather use it.

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