

Batcombe, Studley Bottom, Upton Noble, 5.5 Miles.

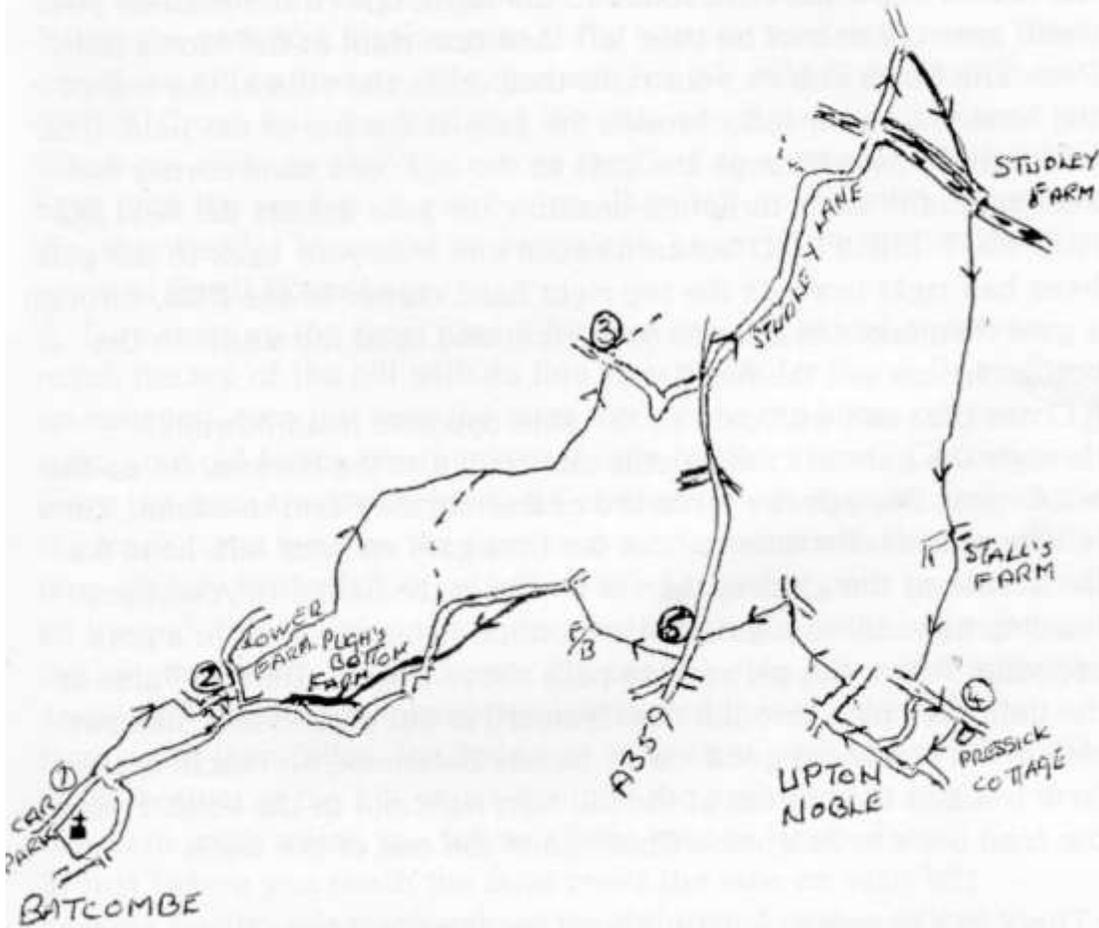
1 Leave the Village Hall car park by the entrance, turn right and walk downhill until the road bends sharply to the right, continue straight ahead up the side of the driveway into a field via a farm gate, follow the fence round the dogleg, ignoring all the stiles until you come to the end of the field where you are faced with a gate, Do not go through the gate but turn right, cross the stile, walk down the edge of the field to a farm gate on your left, pass through this onto a lane, follow it round to the right then turn left down another lane to the road at the bottom of the hill.

2 Turn left, and on reaching the farmyard of *Lower Farm turn right through the gate go up through the farmyard and into a field, continue straight on uphill to cross a stile at the top follow the hedge on your left up to another stile cross this and the track through a gate to follow the hedge on your left once again, which leads you into a funnel with a stile at the end. Cross the stile and the field to another stile, head across this field to pass through a gate then on towards the bottom of the wood, cross the stile through the wood, and once in the field follow the edge of the wood to a double stile at the top of the hill into a field. Head straight across this field to a stile taking you down to a track.

3. Turn right and follow the track as it bears to the left and out to the A359. Cross the road with care into the track opposite (Studley Lane, this can get very wet!). Follow the lane until you go over a railway bridge leading onto a lane, turn right follow the lane up the hill to a farm, turn right over the railway again and taking the gate on your left follow the fence on your right along the field, through the gate, across the next field to a stile and down to the bridge in Studley Bottom then on up to the stile on the other side then straight across two fields to Stall's Farm at the bottom of the hill, Once on the farm track turn right, then left over the first stile next to a gate, cross the field to the top left hand corner, cross a track via two stiles then heading in the same direction cross the next three fields to reach Upton Noble.

4. Turn left downhill until you come to Pressick Cottage on your right, go into the gravel drive passing down the right hand side of the cottage, (cottage on your left) to a stone stile then a wooden one, cross the field to a double stile and bridge, cross another field through two gates, cross the next field to a farm gate taking you onto the road. Follow the road round to the right, ignore the road on your right, pass the school on your left then turn right at the crossroads. Pass The Lamb Pub on your right then cross the stile at the end of the houses on your left, through the gate at the top of the field, then half right to pass through the gate at the top right hand

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corner and keeping in the same direction head for the gate across the field DO NOT EXIT THE FIELD but turn round and with your back to the gate head half right towards the top right hand corner of the field, through a gate then take the stile on your right and head for a stile in the bottom hedge and the A359.

5. Cross the road with care to the stile opposite head downhill through the gate to cross a stile and bridge at the bottom. Go up the hill to pass through the farmyard of Eastcombe Farm to a lane. Turn left for a short distance to take the first gate on your left, head for the corner of the garden, then to a stile in the hedge beyond keep heading downhill to a gate at the bottom. Cross the lane to a gate opposite, follow the permissive path above Pugh's Bottom Farm as the definitive path through the farmyard is not a good one, this path also gives you some good views across Batcombe, on reaching the farm track at the bottom of the hill turn right out to the road. Follow the road back to Batcombe Church and the end of the walk
There is a permissive path around the farmyard here if you would rather use it.