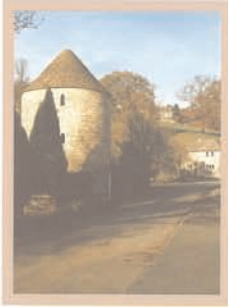


Woodchester and Amberley

5.8 miles 8km

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Start . . . Lay-by A46. Woodchester map ref 842018

A demanding walk with steep climbs and descents, but with rewarding views across the Nailsworth valley.

From lay-by walk a short distance towards Nailsworth and turn right to Frogmarsh Lane and the Green Bottle Drink factory. Turn left through kissing gate, ascend paddock half right to iron stile and Atcombe Road, turn right. Passing Post Office and houses, at junction above Ram Inn, continue on broad track at same level to pass through iron kissing gate to road. At 70m bear left onto cinder path, passing gates to Woodchester House. Go through four iron posts, descend, through kissing gate and down to road. Do not cross stile but turn sharp left and down to bridge. Cross and climb to left hand side of oak tree, over two fields and drive to further field. Ascend in direction of houses to pass between cypress hedges into lane, turn right. At top of lane, go over stile and ascend keeping to right hand fork. On reaching two houses continue to follow right hand woodland edge through kissing gates to stile and metalled road. Here turn left back along road to junction.

Crossing junction, go over stile into field and follow left hand Cotswold wall to gate and stile on left. Keeping to left hand wall, descend and go over stile. Turn right where wall ends and follow wire fence around top of small valley to stone stile on left. Cross field diagonally in line with power line, skirt corner of wood and down to stone stile in hedge. Continue in same direction across field to stile in far left hand corner. Descend through copse to lane. (A)

Cross lane, over stile and descend field. Go over further stile and wasteland to cross track and ascend via wooden steps through copse. Over three stiles and paddocks to lane with hand rail, ascend and at junction turn left. Go down lane to turn right at bottom, then left down metalled path to main road (A46) in direction of large mill. Cross road to go through mill/flats area turning left then right around lefthand side of main building. Pass under cycle track and at path junction turn left, climbing to Dunkirk Manor and road. Turn right. On passing end of Manor wall turn left up drive marked "Little Orchard" to pass through kissing gate on right hand

side of Little Orchard gateway. Take long climb to double stile into copse. Go over stile, field, stile into lane and turn left.

Continue up lane to road, turn left and at main road, cross half right. Climb track to common. At top of track turn left and follow around ridge of common to road. Turn left to Amberley. At Amberley Inn turn right up past Post Office to War Memorial. Turn left, then fork right (stone wall on left common on right). Descend past Old Bakery cottage and cross road, descend on wide grass track to road. Turn left. Take right hand lane marked "Unsuitable for heavy traffic". On reaching main road continue straight ahead. At next junction turn right and down to "T" junction on major road. Cross through stile opposite and keeping to right hand boundary, down field to kissing gate to reach the A46 and the start point.

Shorter Walk: At "A" turn down lane to junction, turn left and passing Convent on right descend past Atcombe Farm. At junction turn right then left back to lay-by on A46.

- **Points of interest -**

1. Frogmarsh Round House.
2. Dunkirk Mill.
3. Amberley.

- **Places to eat -**

- The Ram Inn, Woodchester.
- The Jovial Foresters, Windsoredge
- Amberley Inn, Amberley.

- Parking in lay-by on A46.

Follow arrows with yellow dot. Sometimes plastic arrows with black centre dot may be used.

We advise that the relevant OS Pathfinder Map be used in conjunction with this leaflet

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