

GOOD WALKING !

Barton St David has some very pleasant and interesting walks. The following list will, I hope, encourage you all to put on your boots and realise the benefits of fresh air and gentle exercise. There are ten walks ranging from 2 miles to 8 miles. The distances are accurate but the timings are approximate and depend on your personal pace. Most people can manage a steady pace of 2 miles per hour. The longer walks take you out of Barton parish and walk 7 starts at Butleigh.

Water and mud-proof boots are recommended, as most walks are off-road. You will be mindful, I'm sure, of the country code of closing gates, keeping dogs on leads where animals are about, and basically leaving things as you find them.

The footpaths mentioned in the following walks are all clearly marked in the Ordnance Survey Explorer map series, No. 141.

Any feed-back on guidance notes, or indeed improvements and alternative walks would be most welcome.

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Distance 3 miles. Approximate time 1 hour 30 minutes.

Can be muddy in places.

WALK NUMBER 1

Barton - Kingweston - Jarmany Hill

Distance 4 miles. Approximate time 2 hours.

Start at Village Hall towards Church. Continue past Church following bridleway through farm buildings to top of hill and metal Bristol gate. Note deer park on the left. Footpath leads diagonally to gate in opposite left hand corner. If field is ploughed or cropped, follow around left hand edge of field. Over stile and along bridleway, past cottages to join road to Kingweston Church.

Continue along road and keep church on left pass along rough track to join the Butleigh road at white bungalow (North Lodge). Turn right here to meet cross roads and Butleigh memorial. Turn right down lane for half a mile to join Barton road. Turn right to Jarmany Hill and then back through Barton to village hall.

WALK NUMBER 2

Gosling Street - Flights Hole - Tootle Bridge

Distance 3.5 miles. Approximate time 2 hours.

Start at phone box crossroads. Turn left for 20 yards and then right into Park Close. Then turn left along Park Lane and continue along Silver Street and on to Gosling Street to pass Barton Lower Farm on the right.

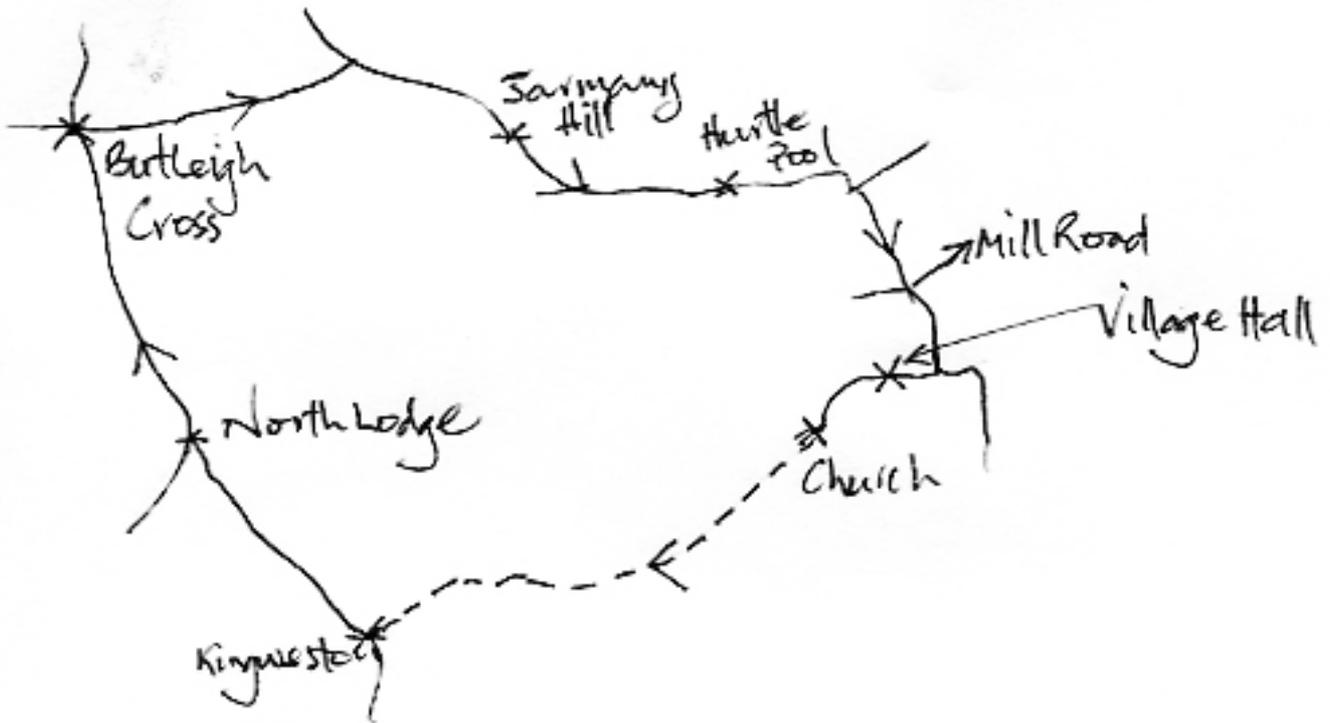
Continue along lane taking two right angled turns to meet "double gates". Turn right and then left into field and with rhyne on your left continue down to the river Brue. This section (with a white marker) is a permissive footpath by kind permission of Mr George Chinnock.

At the river turn right to Flights Hole. Before the metal gate to Flights, turn right and with hedge on your left follow footpath over several stiles for about half a mile to emerge at Tootle Bridge. This path, L4/23 is the Barton parish boundary and follows Cunlease Rhyne.

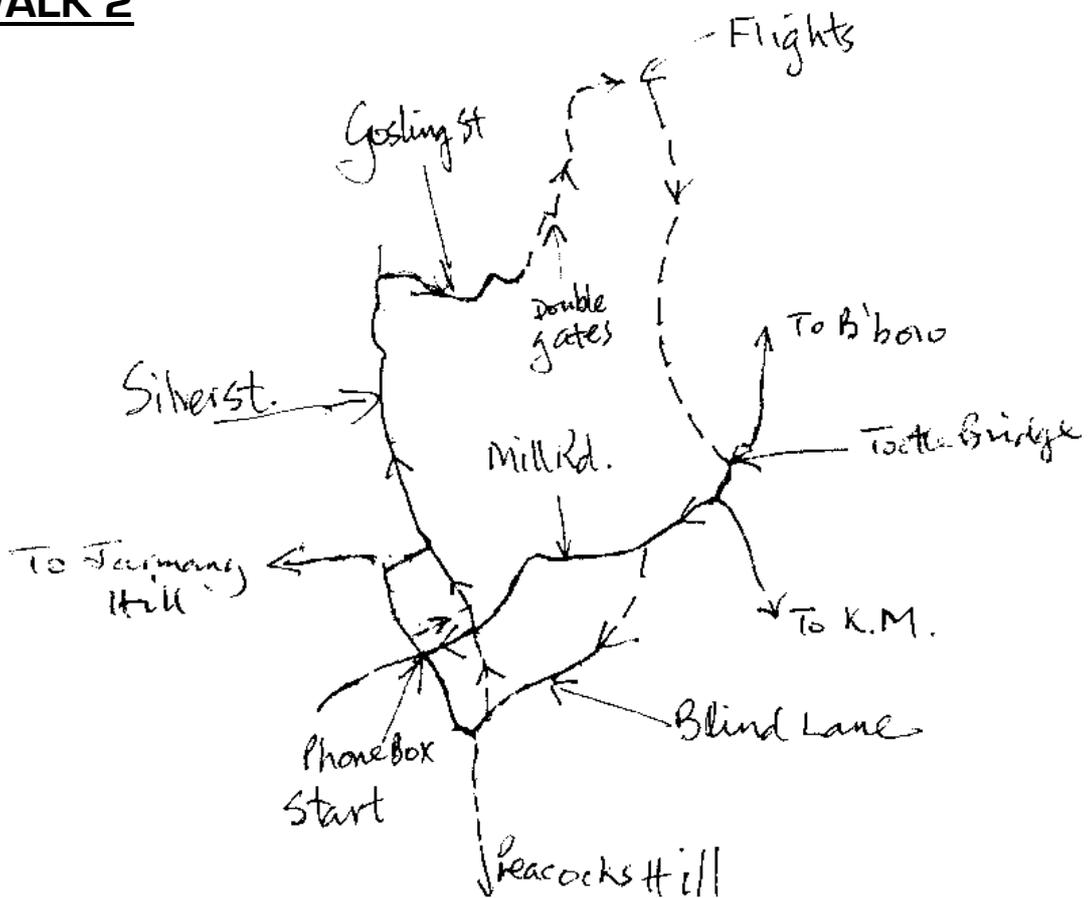
Now follow Mill Road back to the village as far as the commercial vehicle park and take the path opposite this on the left and continue into Blind Lane until you meet the main street at Peacocks Hill.

Before the junction turn right into the enclosed footpath across Glebe field called "stepping stones" to join Mill Road. Now turn left back to the finish at the phone box crossroads.

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WALK NUMBER 3

Peacocks Hill and Combe Hill

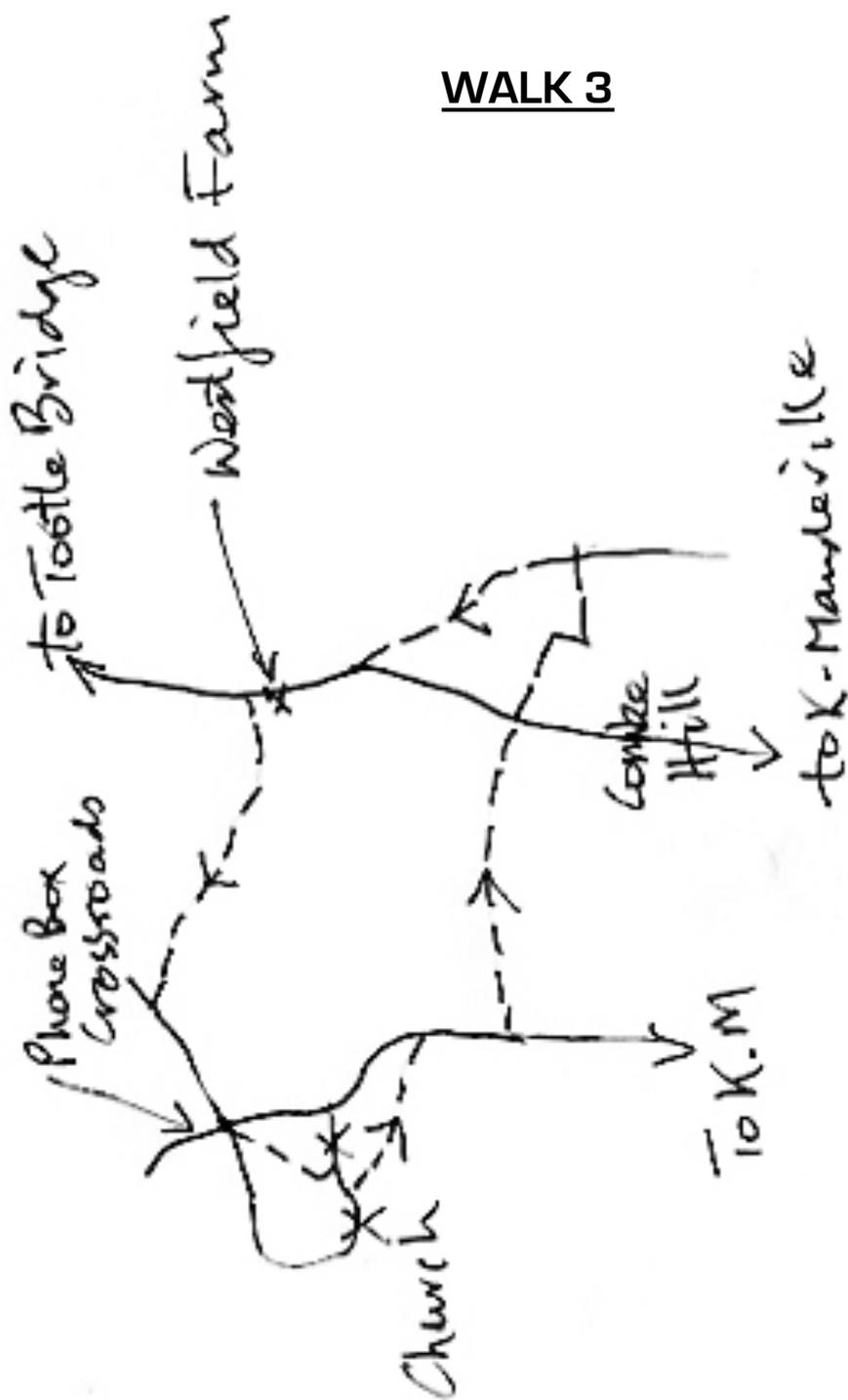
Distance 3 miles. Approximate time 1 hour 30 minutes.

Start at Village Hall. Turn right and then left at brook to follow path at bottom of churchyard. Through Bristol gate and then diagonally left to exit on road at Peacocks Hill. Now turn right to join path on left at Highfields Farm (Messrs J & G Davey). Follow path with hedge on right through farm yard and then keeping straight over two fields (old quarry) to join road at Combe Hill. Continue directly ahead along lane marked 'Furze Cottage'. At field gate to cottage, keep to the right, through the gap in hedge and then turn left in 20 yards over stone stile. Continue in a straight line with hedge on your left until you meet Cotton's Lane. Now turn left and follow footpath that eventually joins road at bottom of Combe Hill. Turn right and soon after Westfield farm meet stile on your left. Over stile and then diagonally to meet double stile in middle of right hand hedge.

Over stiles and turn immediately left to next stile in corner of field. From here walk diagonally to gate and stile in opposite hedge. Now onto Blind Lane.

Continue straight across and along Marsh Lane to Mill Road. Turn left to Main Street and walk across playing field back to Village Hall. (If Marsh Lane is very muddy, turn left up Blind Lane and back to Village hall.)

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WALK NUMBER 4

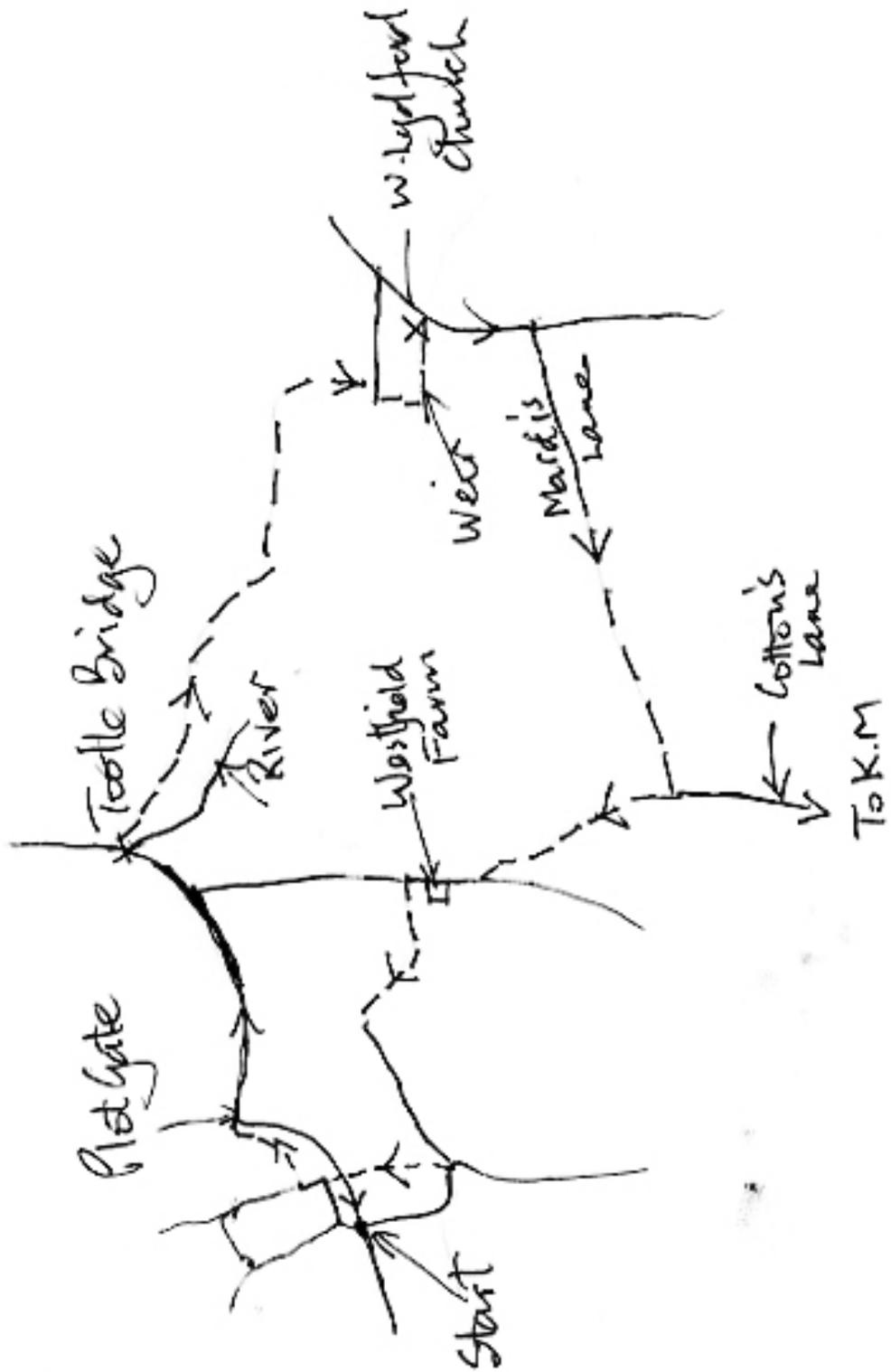
Tootle Bridge - West Lydford - Keinton Mandeville

Distance 5 miles . Approximate time 2 hours 30 minutes.

Start at the phone box crossroads. Left in Main Street and sharp right at the Old Smithy into Park Close. Left here and take path on right beside 'Wilf's Other Cottage'. Pass through into field and meet handgate in corner behind Mill Road houses. Now turn right and into Mill Road at Barton Court. Follow Mill Road down to Tootle Bridge. Just over bridge turn right to pass over stile and head diagonally right over two fields to short drove. Through metal gate and in 10 yards turn left over stile into long field. Keep along edge of field with hedge on right to double stile in right hand far corner. Over stile and into new orchard. Walk ahead with hedge on left down to river Brue. Now turn left and follow river along edge of orchards to meet other path joining from the left. Turn right over vehicle bridge and then immediately left to follow opposite side of river to footbridge leading into churchyard. Pass front of church to road. Now turn right over river bridge and walk along road for 200yards until you meet Mardi's Lane.

Turn right here and walk straight ahead for about a mile until you reach Cotton's Lane in Keinton. Now turn right and follow Lane to bottom of Combe Hill. Turn right and just past Westfield Farm turn left over stile in hedge just before reaching field gate. Now head diagonally right to stile in opposite hedge. Over double stile turn immediately left to double stile in left hand corner. Now head diagonally right to gate and stile into Blind Lane. Turn left to top of lane. At the top of lane and on the right is a stone stile into bordered path that leads across Glebe field to Mill Road. Then turn left back to the cross roads and the finishing point.

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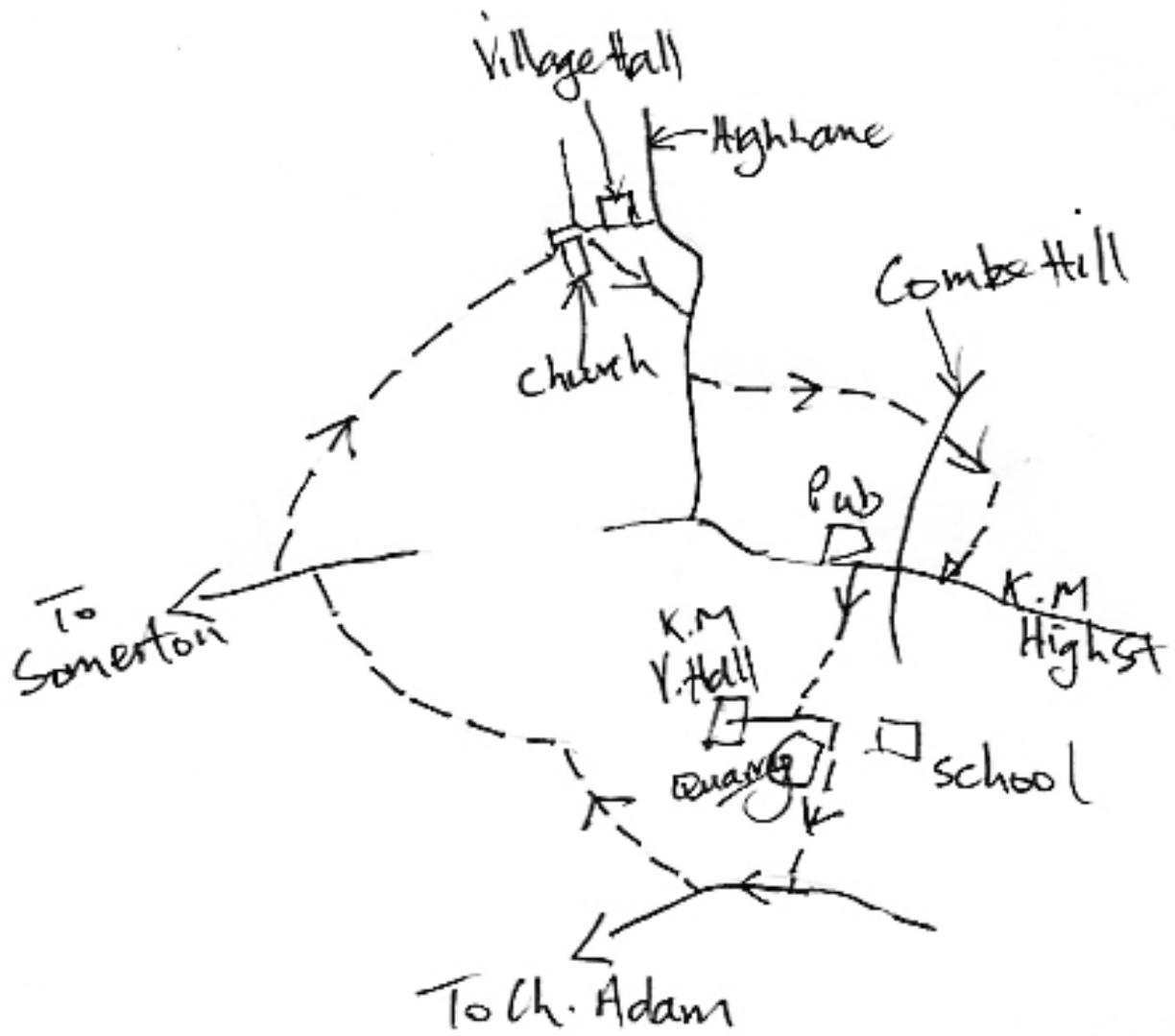
Barton – Keinton - Kingweston

Distance 4 miles. Approximate time 2 hours.

Start from Village Hall towards the church. Take path on left next to stream. Follow diagonally across field to Peacocks Hill. Turn right up hill to Highfields farm. Turn left along path following the edge of farmyard and cross two fields leading to road at Combe Hill. Continue directly ahead along lane marked Furze Cottage. At field gate to cottages, keep to the right, through gap in hedge and follow path to playing field. Do not go into P-field but bear slightly right to gap between the houses and emerge onto Keinton High Street at the phone box. Turn right towards the Quarry Inn and just before, turn left down Row lane.

Keep directly ahead to emerge on road to Village Hall. Turn left here towards school. At quarry entrance turn right along footpath. Keep straight ahead between school playing field and quarry to emerge onto Church Street. Now turn right towards Charlton Adam. Just after last house on right pass through handgate and walk diagonally across field (or around left hand edge if field is ploughed or cropped), following Kingweston church spire as a guide, to un-gated entrance on to bridle road. Follow this path for half a mile and emerge onto the main Somerton Road. Turn left and after 30 yards take the right hand path marked bridleway. Follow b-way into open field keeping hedge on left. Then through an un-gated entrance in left hand corner. Footpath leads diagonally across field to bridge and gate in middle of opposite hedge. If ploughed or cropped, keep to left hand side of field to meet hand gate. Pass through to metal Bristol gate and follow bridleway back to Barton church and Village Hall.

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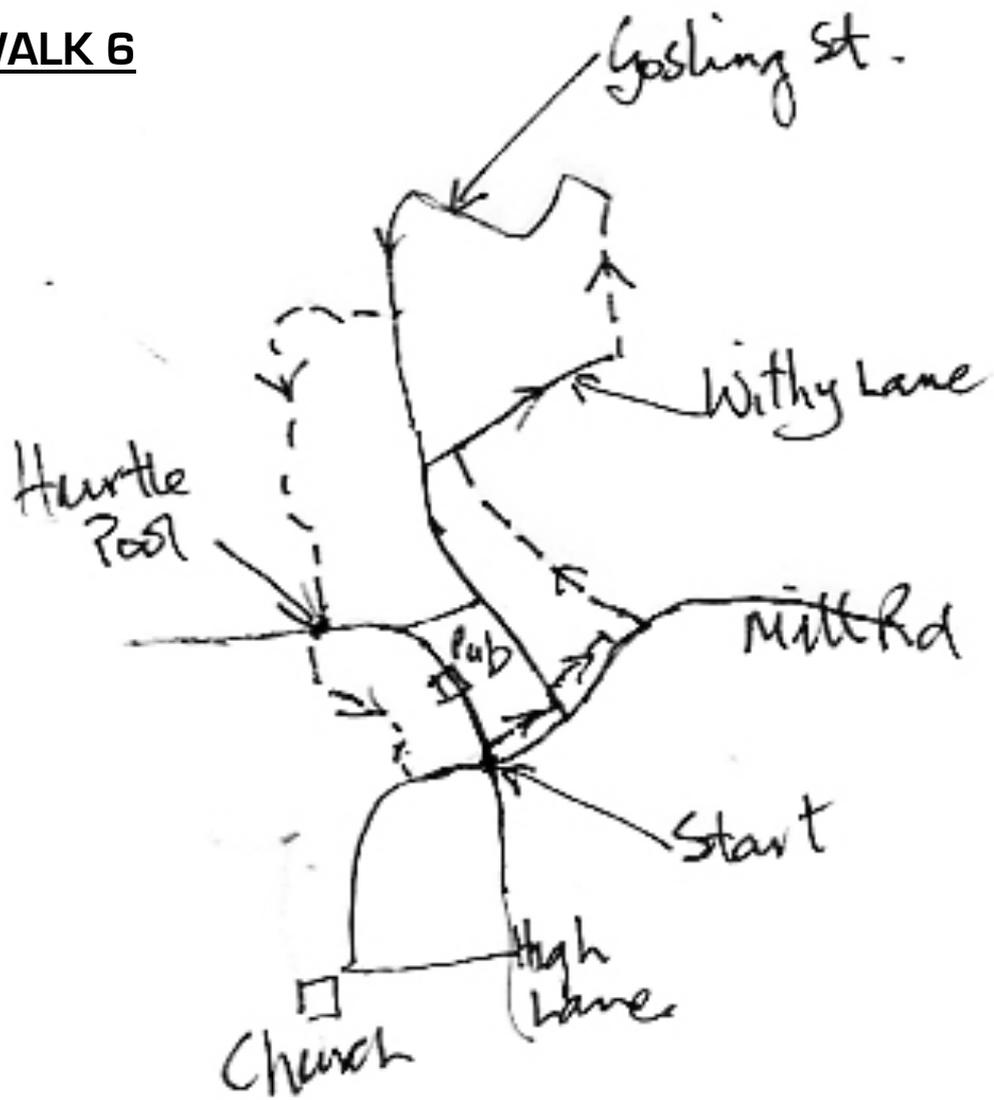
Withy Lane - Gosling Street - Hurtle Pool.

Distance 3 miles. Approximate time 1 hour 40 minutes.
Some sections can be quite muddy.

Start from Phone Box. Down Main Street to footpath leading to Park Close. Turn left along Park Lane and then right along path at 'Wilf's Other Cottage'. Do not go over stile into field but turn right over stile into garden and follow path around perimeter of house into Mill Road. Turn left and then 50 yards along take left hand path adjacent to the Barton Court. Go straight ahead into field behind Manor Farm and head for top left hand corner of field to a kissing gate. Continue over next field to reach Withy Lane. Turn right here and continue to bottom of drove until T-junction. Turn left along drove to meet Gosling street. Take a left back towards houses and Barton Lower Farm. Now follow hard road to Vine Cottage. Fork left if you want a hard surface back to village centre or alternatively, turn right along drove road. After a few hundred yards look for small gate on the left. Pass through small plantation, and keeping hedge and brook on left, continue on to meet road at Hurtle Pool.

Turn right and then over stile on left into field. Half way along pass over stile on left and then head diagonally to meet stile in top left hand corner. This leads onto Grassy Lane. Turn right and then left at end to walk back to starting point.

WALK 6



WALK NUMBER 7

Butleigh - Wickam's Cross - Hood Monument - Cedar Avenues

Distance 5 miles. Approximate time 2 hours 30 minutes.
(If you want to start at Barton cross roads add another 2 miles)

Start at the Rose & Portculis pub in Butleigh. Directly opposite pub along Wood Lane to Moorview nursery. Turn left at stile opposite nursery and with hedge on right walk through two fields to metal gate. Keep directly ahead through orchard to stile opposite and then onto road. Keep straight ahead through horse training area to stile at top right corner. Turn right to stile in corner of next field. Now walk diagonally and slightly left to stile in opposite hedge. (If ploughed or cropped keep to right hand edge of field). Over double stile and walk straight ahead but slightly left to metal gate in opposite corner where field joins wood.

Turn right and walk along main road for 200 yards to Wickam's Cross. (Take great care as this is a busy road). At T junction turn left into wood signed bridleway to Compton Dundon. In 20 yards turn right over stile to follow pathway which runs parallel to road. Now keep straight for half mile as path becomes gravelled. Continue to end of path at escarpment and admire the wonderful views westward over Compton Dundon.

Now turn back the way you came and fork left at picnic table. This path then meets another at right angles between two notice boards.

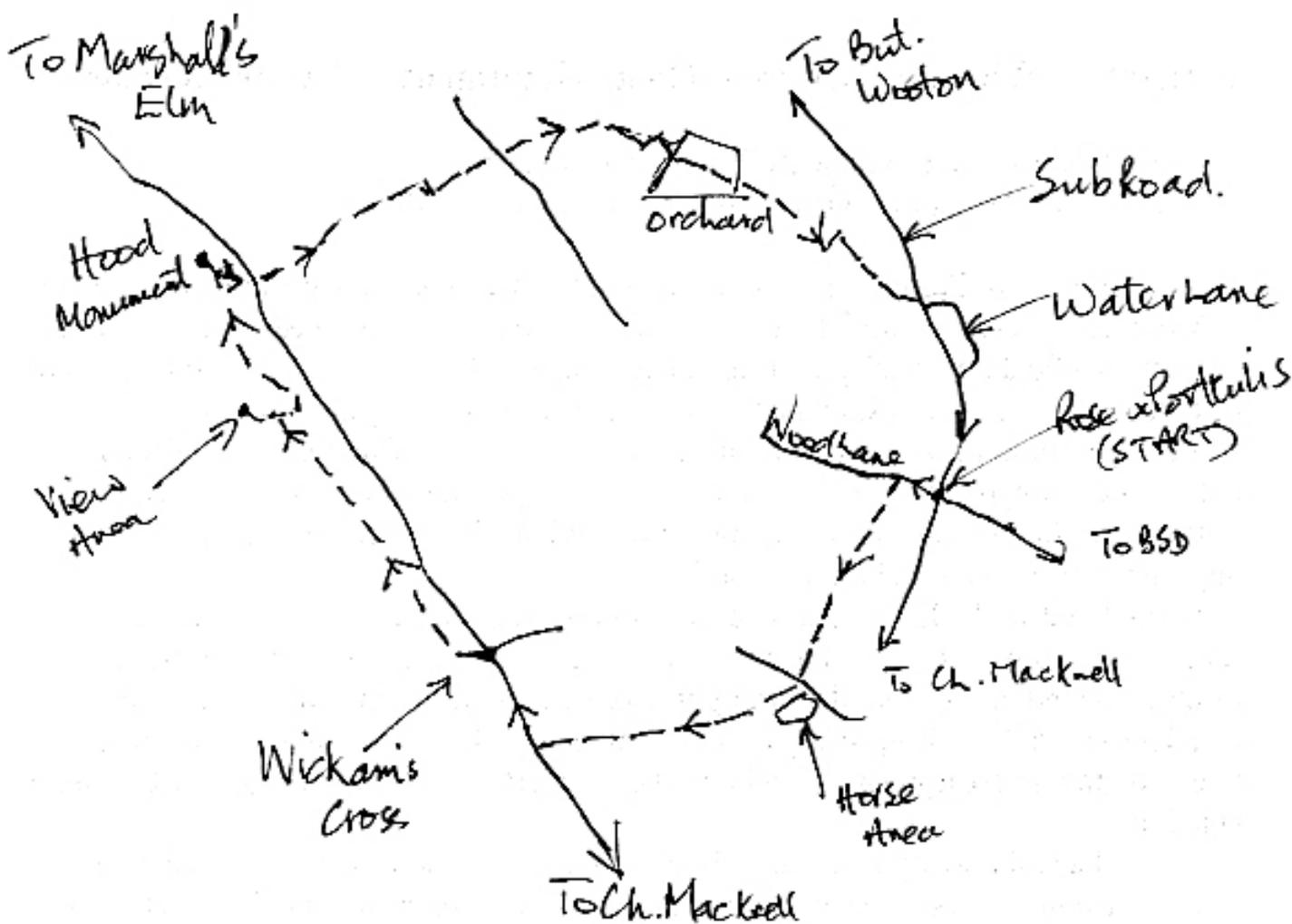
Continue straight ahead between trees and parallel to road. (there is a steep downward slope here). Pass through kissing gate into open field. Keep hedge close on right to next gate and then follow obvious path to ridge and further views of CD. Continue along ridge and obvious path to meet woodland and follow path over double stile. Now follow woodland path to base of the Hood monument. You are now half way.

With back to monument and looking across to the Tor, turn right and follow path down to road. Straight over to stile into field. Follow right hand edge of field downhill to right hand corner of second field. Over stile and turn left to follow hedge on your left. At bottom of field turn right for 10 yards and then left to follow hedge to stile that meets lane. Cross over lane into field and head for stile in bottom right hand corner. Over double stile and in 20 yards turn right over stream into orchard. Keep ahead and slightly left through orchard to meet cedar avenue. Turn left between cedar trees and on right where wire fence ends there is a metal gate with footpath sign. Through gate and keeping fence and

hedge on your left continue on and through next gate into second field. Still keeping hedge on your left turn left through metal gate. Into field and in 20 yards turn right over bridge. Head diagonally and left towards house and stile in top left hand corner. Take care over road by cricket ground. Now walk back to the Rose & Port and finish. Hope pub is open !

NB. It may be safer to avoid the narrow bend by turning down to the shop and following Water Lane around to join Sub Road again at the nursery

WALK 7



WALK NUMBER 8

Barton - Butleigh - Flights Hole - Tootle Bridge.

Distance 6 miles. Approximate time 2hours 30 minutes.

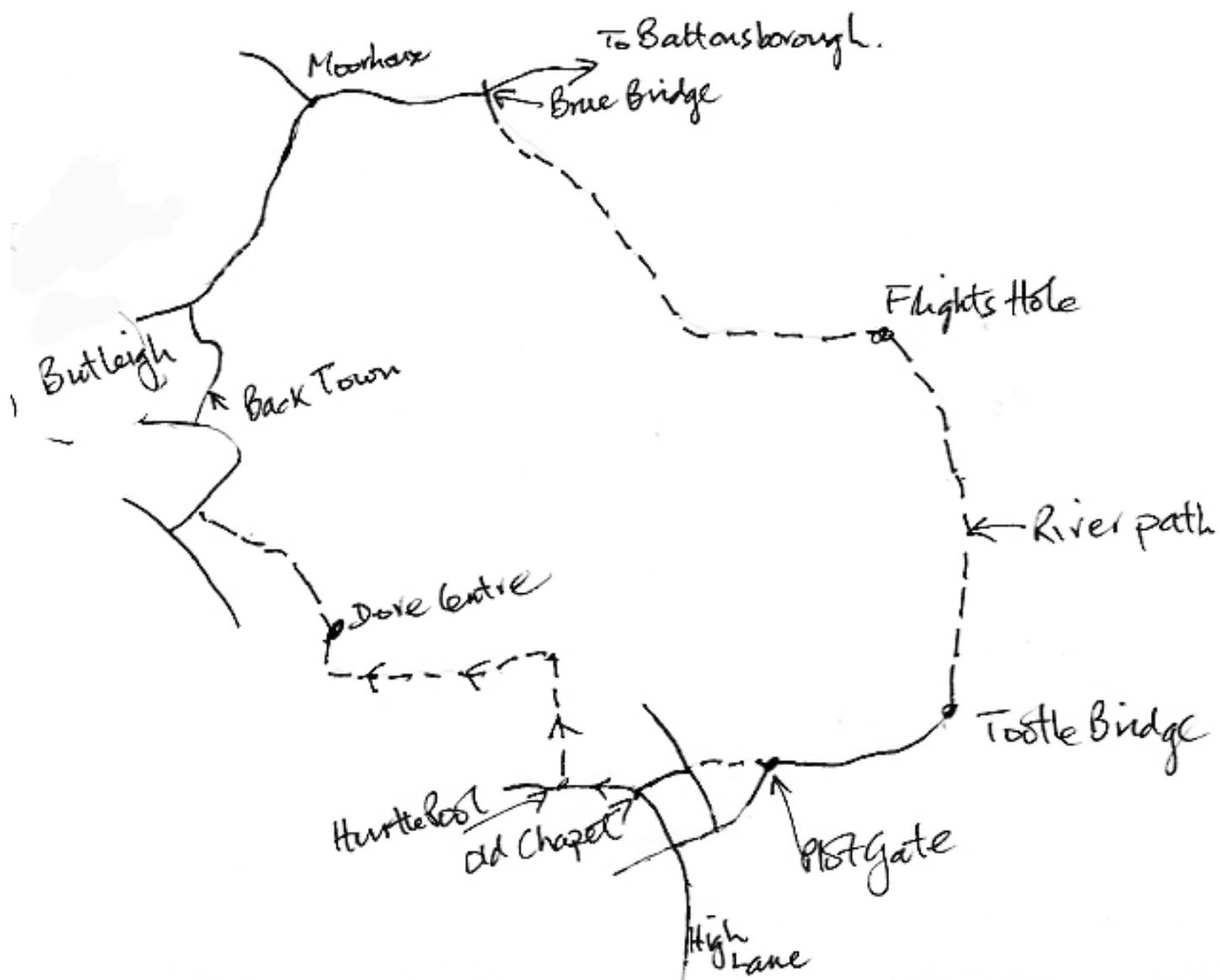
Start at the Old Chapel in Main Street.

Head towards Jarmany Hill but turn right at Hurtle Pool and follow stream over two fields. Half way along right hand boundary in third field there is a footbridge and path on the right. Do not cross bridge, but with back to bridge, head up and directly across the field to a stile in the middle hedge. (If field is ploughed or cropped, back-track to stile and walk around left hand edge of field.) Keeping straight ahead over four more fields until you reach the lane leading to Dove Centre. Turn right down drive to house at bottom and on your right. Here turn left and over metal gate and next field to a stile located diagonally left. Continue over next few stiles with hedge on your right until you meet the road leading into the back part of Butleigh. Now turn right and follow road to join Back Town. Follow Back Town, past houses and at Village Hall turn right on road leading to Baltonsborough.

Walk towards Baltonsborough until you meet river Brue bridge.

Immediately over bridge, cross stile to follow left hand bank of river for about a mile to Flights Hole. Cross over footbridge at weir and follow right hand bank of river back to Tootle Bridge. Now follow road back to village and at Plot gate take footpath on right between Stone House and Barton Court. At end of house pass through hand gate on left and follow right hand hedge to stile in top right hand corner. At Park Lane follow road ahead back to Old Chapel and finishing point.

WALK 8



WALK NUMBER 9

Flights Hole - Baltonsborough - Southwood - Tootle Bridge

Distance is 8 miles. Approximate time 3hrs 30minutes

Start at Phone box crossroads and walk down Mill Road to Tootle Bridge.

Follow left hand river bank to Flights Hole. Pass over weir and follow Mill stream, left hand bank to Baltonsborough church.

Pass over stone arch bridge and follow church west wall path to road.

Turn right to village crossroads. Turn left at Greyhound towards West Pennard. Now turn right just after Haywards Drive up to playing field.

Keep to left with stile just ahead. Take right hand gate stile and with hedge on left pass over two fields, through spinney and onto road.

Now turn left to bottom of road and at Burnetts farm turn right.

Continue on drove until meet next hard road.

Turn right here and continue along Tea Pot lane up hill to Ham Street.

(You are now half way). Turn right and then left into Muchelney Road

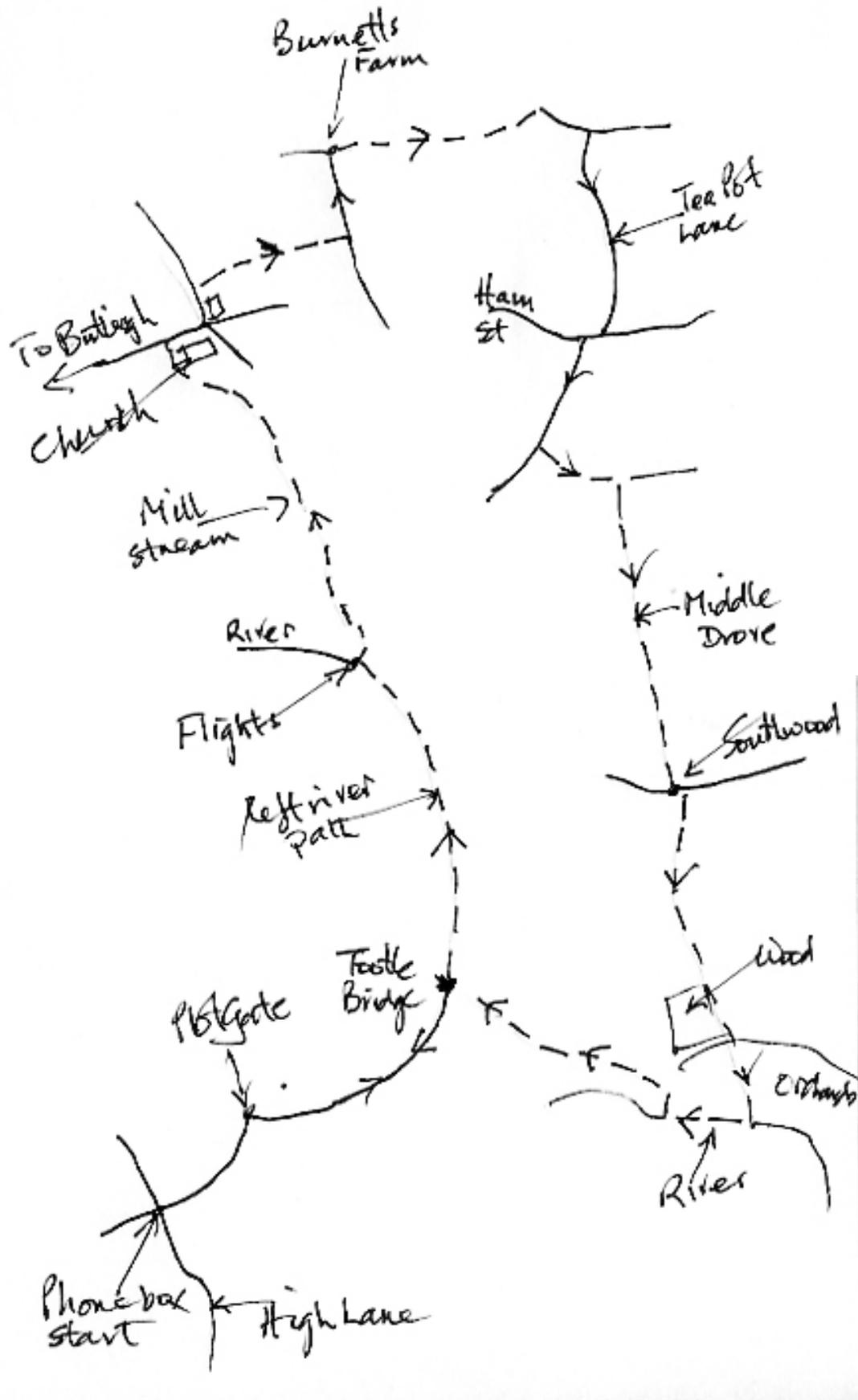
and signpost to Barton. In a quarter of a mile and just at 30mph marker turn left into drove heading east. In about 400yards turn right into Middle Drove where the handgate is marked with SCC. Continue for about half mile to reach Southwood..

At road turn left and immediately right to Old Farm. Keep to right of farm along bridle road and at metal gate go into open field. Go straight ahead and slightly left to gate at bottom of field. Over bridge and keeping hedge on left head for left hand corner of Southwood Plantation. Follow path through wood (can be muddy) to emerge at new orchard.

Continue straight ahead between trees to join river Brue. Now turn right and follow river. At second hedge and just after hard surface ends, turn right. With hedge on right you will see double stile in top right hand corner. Over stiles and turn immediately left. Keep hedge on left and continue along long field to stile into short drove. Turn right and then head diagonally over two fields back to Tootle Bridge.

Turn left to pass over bridge and follow road back to village centre.

WALK 9



WALK NUMBER 10

Blind Lane – Plot Gate – Silver Street – Hurtle Pool

Distance is 3 miles. Approximate time 1 hour 30 minutes.

Can be muddy in places.

Start from Phone box cross-roads. Walk through Stock's Green into Mill Road and at T-junction with Park Lane turn right through metal Bristol gate across Glebe field to gate in opposite hedge. Follow enclosed path to Blind Lane.

Now turn left down Blind Lane and walk to bottom to join Baltonsborough Road. Turn left back towards village. Turn right at Plot Gate by Barton Court and follow drove to T-junction. Now turn left along Withy Lane to Silver Street. At Breadstone Farm turn right. In 200 yards take the marked footpath on the left. Cross over two fields to stile and bridge over brook. Now turn left and follow brook back to Hurtle Pool. At the road turn right and in 20 yards turn left over stile. With hedge on left cross over stile half way along field. Now turn right and head diagonally to stile onto Grassy lane. Turn right to join Church Street and then turn left back to starting point.

