

The Three Pubs Walk

Approximately 9 km. or 5.5 miles.

This walk is on level or gently sloping farmland with one valley to cross at Winkley Bottom. The bypass must be crossed twice and the busy A36 once, but this is compensated for by the inclusion of the Bell at Standerwick, as well as the Woolpack and the Full Moon at Rudge.

The walk is described from the Woolpack but could just as easily begin at the Full Moon or even the Bell for that matter.



Turn left at the front door of the Woolpack and left again up Church Hill.



Where the road bends to the right, enter the churchyard on the left and follow the path around St. George's to the kissing gate on the far side. At the next kissing gate turn right between the fields and then enter the field on the left through a gap in the hedge. Now head across the field towards the stile in the far right hand field corner. Cross the stile and follow the left hand hedge to the other side of the

field. Here cross a farm track by means of a stile on each side of the lane. Once over the second stile, follow the bank of a small pond to the right and then the right hand hedge to the bypass. Cross the stile and descend the bank to the side of a busy road. Cross with care and then climb the bank on the far side to another stile. Here turn right and follow a grassy track to a farm gate. Now turn left and follow the hedge downhill. At the first tree, diverge from the hedge and head for the farm gate at the bottom of the valley. Once through the gate follow the right hand hedge uphill to another farm gate leading on to Limerick Lane. Here turn left and follow the road to Limerick Farm, where the road bends sharply to the right. On the crown of the bend are a stile to the left and a gate straight ahead. Pass through the gate and descend the path to the left which runs diagonally down the embankment to the side of the A36.

Again cross the road with great care and climb the path which runs to the left and then to the right up the embankment on the far side. At the top are a stile and a gate leading on to the old A36. Here turn right and follow a track to a farm gate. Climb the stile to the left of the gate and follow the brow of the hill along the hedge line at first, and then a row of ornamental trees. To the right are views of Cley Hill and later of Westbury White Horse in the distance straight ahead.



As the path approaches Standerwick Court there are iron railings on the left and a row of lime trees to the right. At the end of the row of trees and before a gap in the hedge, turn right and follow the hedge line down to a footbridge in the valley bottom. Cross the bridge and make for an oak tree straight ahead. Pass to the left of this tree and again to the left of a second oak tree further on. Pass through a Kissing Gate into a woodland copse. Head for a stile at the side of the A36. Cross the stile and follow the verge to the left which leads to the Bell.

At the Bell turn left and follow Rudge Lane as far as Palmer's Farm. Cross the stile on the opposite side of the road and follow the right hand hedge to a substantial footbridge. To the right in the adjacent field corner is a similar footbridge over the Biss Brook. Cross this and the field beyond, passing under the high voltage power lines to a stile on the far side. Now turn left and follow the road to Tennis Corner Farm. Take the stile to the left of the house and then right at the next stile to enter a field. Continue straight ahead until you get to the stile towards the end of the field. Cross the



stile and the first field diagonally to the right and after the next stile follow the right hand hedge which is the site of an extensive badger set. At the next field corner a stile, in the right hand hedge, leads on to another farm track. Follow this track to a T-junction at Stourton Bushes where you turn left by a house. At the end of the garden turn left over a footbridge and stile where you emerge into a field with a fine view of the hamlet of Rudge climbing the southern slopes of Rudge Hill.



rejoin Rudge Lane. Now turn right and follow Rudge Lane to the Full Moon. The return to the Woolpack in Beckington takes the same route as the return leg of the Rudge Circular Walk.

Continue straight ahead under the power lines to a stile on the far side, and across the next field to another footbridge over the Biss Brook. These fields can be rather wet in winter and after heavy rain are liable to flood. Now follow the left hand field boundary to another stile and footbridge part way along. Over the bridge turn immediately right and follow the hedge on the other side to two stiles in the next field corner. The path now runs along the side of a garden to



