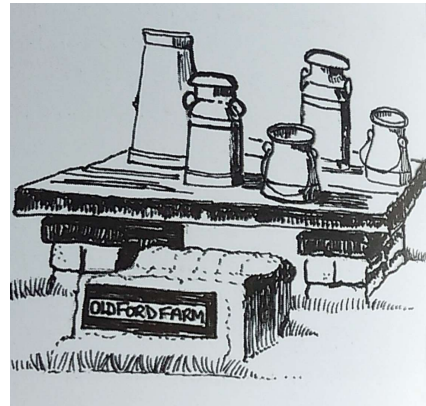


Frome Valley Walk

Approximately 5.2 kms. or 3.25 miles

This walk begins at the Woolpack and takes in a beautiful section of the valley of the River Frome.

Leave the front door of the Woolpack and turn left into Frome Road. At the stone roundhouse opposite Springmead School turn right into Stubbs Lane. The first fine view of the Frome Valley occurs as you approach the Beckington Loop sign on your right. At the other side of the lane you are invited by a Polite Notice to join a path to the left. However the public right of way continues down the drive and you should take it. Just past the metal clad building on the left take the path on the left between two gnomes or perhaps devils! The path now runs over rough ground behind a hedge of Leylandii. Climb the stile at the end and enter a field with views ahead to the Dairy at Old Ford. Keep straight on and do not descend the field. Keeping the hedge on the left walk to the next pair of stiles that crosses a grassy ride. Continue through the next field to another set of stiles crossing another ride. Continue to the next ride which is crossed by means of a gate entrance. Continue yet again to another ride and cross over this using the two stiles. Now walk in the direction one o'clock to a stile in the hedge to the right.



Cross this stile and a second stile, almost immediately, to enter the woodland along the eastern side of the dairy. The path now descends the slope diagonally to the left and, just after the finger post, climb diagonally back up the slope and follow a fence on the right to a wire gate closed by a wired loop. Continue ahead to follow a large green fence that denotes the boundary of the factory. Descend to a stream and follow the path with care to climb some wooden steps at the end to cross a wooden bridge. Continue between fences until you come to a bend in the left hand fence and a clear

track through wasteland on your left. Follow this track to a stile and then to a kissing gate onto Lullington Lane

Turn right and follow Lullington Lane over the River Frome and continue to a kissing gate on the left that leads into Orchardleigh Park. Turn immediately right and walk on the track just inside the road to reach a path that enters from your left. Turn right here to reach a stile leading back on to Lullington Lane. Now cross the lane and climb the stile on the other side. Next turn right and walk towards the footbridge over the River Frome. On the far side, climb the stile on the left and then turn right to cross the field towards the far left hand corner, passing an old pill box on the river side.



The gateway where the next stile is located leads to a path going diagonally uphill to the left towards Dairy House Farm. Follow the drive to a cattle grid and cross the pair of stiles to cross the drive. Continue along the ride to a gate with the pheasant enclosure on your right. At the end cross the corner of a field by means of yet more stiles and then

follow the right-hand fence uphill to join the access road to the sewage works. You soon join Mill Lane which takes you to Bath Road where you turn right to arrive back at the Woolpack

