

Around the valley below Dog Wood and Dingle (Withy) Wood.

Approx 1.75 miles

This is a short walk, suitable for a summer evening or any time when you need a breath of fresh air. It can be muddy in places. It goes through fields with wonderful names like Conygre, Devils Bowling Green and Beanacre.

Leave Church Green by going through the gate into the Churchyard. Pass the Church and leave by the gate at the top, turning right onto Church Road. In a few yards turn left onto a footpath up the drive to Homeground. At the entrance to the house (famous for having its roof damaged by Roman ballista fire in 2000), keep right on the path alongside the wall. Ignore a path turning right and continue through the kissing gate into the field at a National Trust Boundary Court sign.

The entrance to the field can be muddy. Keep to the top edge of the field, passing through a hedge line. At the second hedge line, take the left hand path staying towards the top of the field, dropping slightly to pass through an obvious gap in the third hedge.

The path now joins a track. Turn left on this towards an old building (marked on the 1838 tithe map). Keep right of this building and turn round it to follow the path on the opposite side of the valley.

Continue through a gap in the fence, across two more fields to a fence corner. At this point, do not go downhill. Take the path straight ahead between the fence on the right and trees on the left. Go through a small gate with a footpath sign and a field gate at the National Trust sign, emerging at the top of Lager Lane. Keep to the left of the garage and take the footpath on the left before the garden.

Go downhill, over the stile and continue down heading towards the Church. Woodchester House is to the right behind the brick wall. Pass under the oak tree branches (sharp descent), over the bridge and climb to the top right hand corner. Go over the stile and continue through the kissing gate turning right onto Southbank. Follow this back to Church Green.