

SILTON - WEST BOURTON- CUCKLINGTON - LANGHAM | APPROX. 11 MILES

You are strongly advised to take Ordnance Survey map with you.

This walk explores hamlets along the northernmost boundary of Dorset and even hops briefly into Somerset. Superb views from the ridge at Cucklington.

1. From the station head up Station Road, cross over at the lights. Turn left into Buckingham Road and cross footbridge ahead. Bear right and ignore next bridge. Take path on right to cross river into the square. Turn left in front of church and go through to the main road. Cross, and go left down Cemetery Road.
2. At Rolls Bridge cross river and go right on path. Cross Wavering Lane and continue on tarmacked path for about a kilometre. Look for narrow path on left.
3. Cross a ditch and go through gate. Continue along field edge to a further gate. Follow path over footbridge and a field to lane in Milton village.
4. Turn left, and after 150 metres turn right onto gravelled area next to stream. Continue through waymarked gate and over stile. Follow path across two fields in direction of waymarker to join a lane.
5. Go straight on and around the right hand bend. After about 250 metres take path on right keeping the hedge on your right. After stile, continue straight ahead across field to a gate. Take the grass path to the lane at the bottom.
6. Turn left through waymarked gate. Follow the track to a gate then head diagonally right, uphill to stile in far right-hand corner of field.
7. Proceed along side of field, with the wood on your right, to a lane. Go right, uphill to a road. Turn left and continue past Manor Farm.
8. At church car park Judge Wyndham's Oak is signposted. It is worth the short detour.
9. Continue along road and turn left just past Silton Mews. Cross 2 stiles and continue in direction of waymarkers. After further stile go left of the grey cattle trough to the corner of the field. Proceed towards track, through double wired electric fence with opening mechanism. Turn right, and in 20 metres turn left over stile and descend to lane.
10. Go left to waymarker on left. Go through gate and through Westfields Dairy in a straight line. There are several gates and an electrified fence which may be open or closed. After concrete path ceases, continue into field and go through waymarked gate on the right.

- 11.** Walk between the hedge and electrified fence to corner of field, and over bridge on left. Cross the field in direction of waymarker, through gate and across next field to the road in West Bourton.
- 12.** Turn left into village, and turn right immediately after Manor Farm. Continue past Hollyfields school. The road becomes a farm track. Bear left after about a kilometre.
- 13.** At the small lane, cross the road to a stile and continue in the direction of the waymarker. Two gates lead to the B3081, and traffic on the A303 is clearly visible on the right. Cross over the B3081 to the small lane opposite. Follow it till it runs out.
- 14.** Then take the left path up the slope and across a field, with the hedge on the right. Proceed through the right hand gate and admire uninterrupted views over the Blackmore Vale. Follow the track through a further gate, continue through the wood to meet a road.
- 15.** Go straight ahead and into Cucklington. The main village is down below on the right but keep straight on along the top road. Out of Cucklington, ignore the road on the right to Buckhorn Weston, but continue straight on to the next T junction.
- 16.** Turn right, re-enter Dorset, and at Topsfield Farm follow the footpath across the field, over two stiles and eventually to a gate. Turn right down the track to meet the road.
- 17.** Go through the gate opposite, and follow the track into Langham hamlet, past some cottages. Turn left and follow the road out of Langham. Continue past the T-junction and down the hill.
- 18.** Look out for the gate and stile on the right. Go over the stile and continue to the next stile, over the stream. Bear right and follow the field edge around to the top of Harry Lodges Lane.
- 19.** Go straight on down the lane, cross the road at the bottom into Culvers Lane and on to track into the field.
- 20.** Bear right, through the gap in the hedge. Go left alongside high fencing and through gate ahead into housing estate. Turn right to the main road.
- 21.** Turn right and take the first lane on the left towards the sewage works.
- 22.** Before the bottom, go through kissing gate on the left and cross the fields, exiting opposite Waitrose. The town meadow is behind Waitrose and the end of the walk.