

19 .Pubs, Commons & Hills

Distance approx. 6 miles, time 3 hours approx..

Steep hills, stiles, pasture with livestock, wet ground, busy roads

From the car parking on the B4066 near “**Jackdaw Quarry**” cross the road and take the lane for **Bown Hill**. At the T-junction find a stile into the fields. Follow the edge of the field to another stile and turn left downhill. There are springs here so it may be wet underfoot. There are fine views eastwards across Bownhill Farm. In the corner of this field is the next stile. Cross it and continue along the field boundary. At the corner, bear right and after a few yards look for another stile over the wall. Continue across the middle of the field past a telegraph pole to the bottom corner of the field. Cross another stile and continue downhill to the field corner by the wood. Cross a stile and descend to the **Inchbrook road**.

Turn left and follow Park Lane. At the cross roads turn left and follow **Convent Lane** through South Woodchester. The convent is a fine old building, part of the strong religious tradition of this area. At the T-junction with **Frogmarsh Lane** turn right, cross the Nailsworth Stream and turn left at the **A46**.

Opposite the mill, cross the A46 with care and look for a footpath across a field. Go steeply uphill to join **Culver Hill**.

Either: continue up Culver Hill to “The Amberley Inn” for lunch and then backtrack downhill from the inn. Take the first turn right, then right and left near a former Methodist Chapel. Look for a footpath on the left behind houses and allotments to St. Chloe Green. This was the workers route to the mill. Follow the road right to find a footpath on the right.

Or: Cross Culver Hill and continue up a road past a fine, old house called **St. Loe’s House**. Just past a house called “The Gateway” look for a footpath on the left.

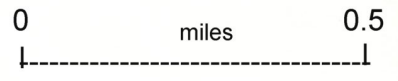
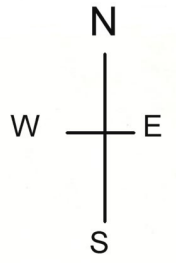
Follow the track through woods on a footpath which was once the drive for carriages going to Rodborough Manor. Pass a small bridge and turn left over a stile onto a steep slope downhill. From the middle of the field look back for a surprising view of the twin towers of the former gatehouse, “The Gateway”.

Cross a stream and another field to come onto **the A46** with Dennis Brown’s Timber yard on your left. Cross the A46 with care and turn right for a short way. Opposite houses turn left across the Nailsworth Stream into **Southfield Road**. Turn left for the real ales of “**The Ram**”, or right to continue along Southfield Road

The road bears left past the shop/post office into Selsley Road. Turn right into **Church Road**, passing a pond. After the pond take the footpath left and follow its right fork to gain a fine view of “the Priory”. Go over a stream, through the woods, and uphill across two fields into a wide track. Follow this past Stanleyend Farm and the “**The Bell**” public house to the **B4066**.

Turn left for **Selsey Common** and return to the car parking areas.

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