

Walk 3 Circular: an Amble through the Chinnocks.

- Distance approximately 8 km
- Time allow 2 hours walking
- Park next to village hall

Refreshments:

- Cat Head Chiselborough (closed Mondays except bank holidays, dog friendly)
- The Muddled Man West Chinnock (Dog friendly, well kept local ale and colourful characters)
- Pub in East Chinnock 10-15 minutes off track.

Route:

Bear right past the village hall then take the next left up East Street and out of the village.

Go past Little Brympton and look for a path next to a barn on your right, take this and head up the field and cross Smokey Hole Lane continuing down the field to Eastfield Lane turn left and follow the lane to Eastfield Farm. Ignore the road to your right and head straight ahead on the marked path towards East Chinnock.

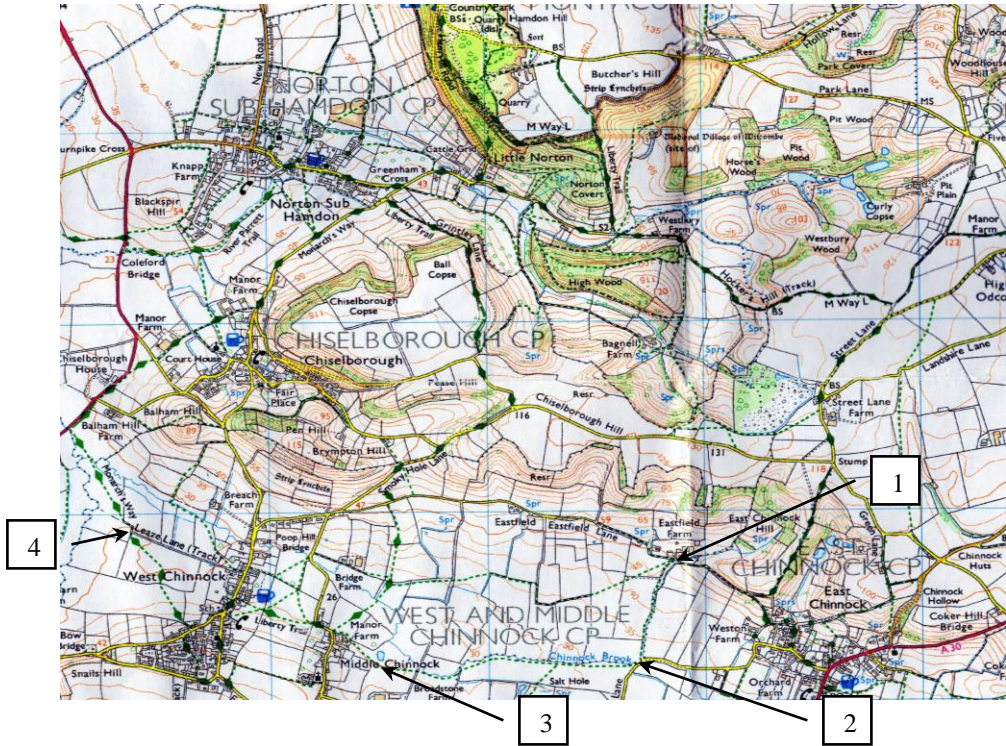
When you come to a fork in the path next to a bench and view point, turn right and continue down the hill, until the path meets the road.

At the T junction follow the road round passing caravan site and electricity substation follow the road until you meet the bridge over the stream. If a shorter walk is required simply turn right and follow the track back to Eastfield farm and back the way you came. Cross the bridge and immediately turn right and follow the footpath along side of the airfield towards Middle Chinnock. The path is well marked you are essentially following Chinnock brook until you reach the pond, skirt round Manor Farm and pass over a stone style to the road. Turn right on the road and look for the way marked footpath sign just ahead; take the left path and cross the field at the next field take the left path unless you are intending to stop at the Muddled Man, either path will take you to the main street running through West Chinnock. Take the road marked Scotts Way past the primary school and church to your left and continue up the hill until you see a path marked Byme Bridge on your right. Enter the field and cross it bearing slightly left towards a single oak tree seen towards the middle of the next field. The field is crossed diagonally left to the end of Leaze Lane; if the path is not well marked because of crop it is recommended to go down the field boundary before entering the field and then turn right along the field to meet Leaze lane. From the end of the lane it is possible to see the traffic running along the A356 this will give you a general direction to head. Avoiding the crops follow the hedge line until you come to a bridge crossing a small brook and then follow the yellow markers along side the river until you reach the A356 at the bridge.

Turn right before the road and follow the way marked path along side the road until you reach Manor farm. Take the footpath just to the right of the farm along the path the next footpath you see on the right will take you back around Chiselborough Church to the Cat Head for a well deserved rest in the pub garden.

Notes:

- As you walk up out of Chiselborough listen out for the Ravens as they cross the valley, Buzzards can be normally be seen thermalling the tops of the hills.
- In the summer just before Eastfield Farm wild flowers have in planted on the verge.



Picture 1



Picture 2



Picture 3

