

Walk B7

Binsted, Stubbs Farm, South Hay circular

Start at Binsted Recreation Ground

Take short path to church and cross lane

Enter churchyard and follow path past the church and past Montgomery`s grave

Enter a field, continue to corner, turn right, then left

Cross field on well-defined path

Descend a few steps into a small valley, cross stream on a wooden bridge and ascend a few steps on the far side [1]

Turn left and follow path past ponds on the left. It may be muddy in this area [2]

Where a major track is met, turn right and follow it uphill for a short distance

Turn left and climb the hanger up some steep steps [3]

At the top, turn left and follow the edge of the hanger until reaching a footpath sign on the left

Turn left and descend the hanger on a set of steps, then a slope, then a further few steps [4]

Cross the grassy valley bottom to a stile [5]

Cross the stile and head uphill across the field to reach the headland on the far side [6]

Follow the headland path uphill to Stubbs Farm

Turn left and then right through the farmyard and follow metalled lane to its junction with the lane at South Hay

Turn left and follow lane downhill. At the bottom, where the lane swings left, turn right at a footpath sign and enter a field

Cross the field and climb the steep wooded bank on the far side [6] [7]

Enter a field at the top of the bank and either cross it straight ahead or turn right and follow headland around

At Hay Place briefly join metalled track then turn left onto path. Cross one stile and continue past the village hall to the starting point.

Risk assessment and general comments

This walk has two stiles and several steep steps. There are a couple of climbs and one or two possible areas of mud

[1] Some care is needed descending and ascending the steps, which may be slippery

[2] This area is often muddy, but it is generally possible to bypass the worst

[3] Steep steps but a short climb

[4] Descending steps needs care but they are in good condition

[5] The valley bottom can be very muddy

[6] The field can be muddy and wet

[7] This is a steep slope with no steps

Distance is 2.5 miles

Hazard	Who might be harmed	Consequences	Management	Applies to this Route
Road Crossing	Walkers and drivers	Collision	Inform walkers prior to setting off that they are responsible for crossing roads themselves.	
Road without pavement	Walkers	Collision	Obey Highway code	X
Uneven ground - pavements, drains, tree roots.	Walkers, especially those with poor or partial sight	Falls resulting in injuries.	Warn walkers of hazard and remind walkers along the route when necessary.	X
Muddy paths and wet leaves.	Walkers	Walker slips and injures themselves	Inform walkers of hazard and caution. Remind walkers at appropriate times.	X
Overhanging branches	Walkers	Whiplash of branch onto another walker or walking into branch.	Warn walkers before setting off and at hazard	X
Thorny and overgrown vegetation	Walkers	Skin lesions and stings from thorns and nettles.	Warn walkers, carry secateurs in summer	
Walking next to water	Walkers	Falling into the water	Advise walkers and remind walkers at hazard	X
Golf course	Walkers	Being struck by golf	Obey all notices	

		ball	posted by golf club	
Stiles	Walkers	Knee, hip or back problems	Advise before leaving and take alternative route if necessary.	X
Steps	Walkers	Fall resulting in injuries	Warn walkers before setting off and at hazard	X
Railway crossing	Walkers, Rail Passengers	Walkers being hit by a train, injury to rail passengers	Use extra caution when crossing and inform relevant rail personnel if a very large group is crossing.	
Cyclists	Walkers, Cyclists	Cyclist/walker could collide with each other	Inform walkers before and during walk	
Dogs, cattle, horses, bulls, livestock, etc	Walkers and animals	Bites, stampeding, kicks and other injuries	Avoid entering fields with bulls and be cautious with other livestock/animals	
Ploughed fields with undefined paths	Walkers	Fatigue, tripping and falling	Warn at start of walk	X