

Scotland Farm Walk

Approximately 4.4km or 3 miles

This walk starts from the Full Moon with good views from Scotland Farm.

From the Full Moon take the road towards Standerwick and, after the converted chapel on the right, take the narrow path on the near side of Lower Rudge Farm. A stile gives access to the fields where you follow the right-hand hedge uphill to a stile in the field corner. Once over the stile, turn left and follow the hedge around to the left to a stile on the top of the bank. Now continue along the top of the bank to a stile in the next field corner. Turn right over this stile and then cross the stone slab stile under a hawthorn tree almost immediately on your left.



Now continue along the top of the bank to a gap in the hedge in the corner of the next field. From here follow the left-hand hedge to a double stile and then continue along the left-hand hedge to a stile to the left of a farm gate leading into Scotland Lane by Scotland Cottage. Cross Scotland Lane and go straight ahead, along the track beside Scotland Cottage, to a farm gate which leads into the fields once more. Now bear left to pass a wooden electricity pylon and head for the farm gate next to a small disused quarry or stone pit. Once through the gate make for the hedge corner ahead and then towards the point in the left-hand hedge where the farm track that crosses the field from right to left goes through to the next field. Now follow the left-hand hedge down to the bottom of the field where you will find a footbridge with a stile at both ends. Cross the next field towards the far right-hand corner and a stile at the side of Palm Cottage where you follow the access road to Rudge Lane close to the Bell at Standerwick.

If you do not intend to take refreshment at the Bell, turn left and follow Rudge Lane as far as Palmer's Farm. Cross the stile on the opposite side of the road and make for a footbridge at about 10 o'clock. Immediately turn right to take a similar footbridge over the Biss Brook. Cross this and the field beyond, passing under the high voltage power lines to a stile on the far side near five trees. Now turn left and follow the road to Tennis Corner Farm. At the farm gate, take the stile in the fence on your left and walk to the bottom right hand corner. Cross over the stile, bridge and further stile into a field. Walk to the end of the field, with the fence on your left and cross over the stile on your left. Keeping the hedge on you right go through the gap ahead. Continue straight ahead and before you get to the gate ahead, you will see a stile on your right. Take this to enter a green lane. Follow this track to a T-junction at Stourton Bushes where you turn left by a house. At the end of the garden turn left over a footbridge and stile where you emerge into a field with a fine view of Rudge climbing the southern slopes of Rudge Hill.



Continue straight ahead under the power lines to a gape on the far side and across the next field to another footbridge over the Biss Brook. These fields can be rather wet in winter and after heavy rain are liable to flood. Now follow the left-hand field boundary to another stile and footbridge part way along. Over the bridge turn immediately right and follow the hedge on the right to two stiles in the next field corner. The path now runs along the side of a garden to rejoin Rudge Lane. Now turn right and follow Rudge Lane back to the Full Moon.

