



Isle of Wight
area of outstanding
natural beauty

Distance: 5.1 miles

Start: Free public car park opposite the "Griffin" pub in Godshill.

Access Information: Some stiles and hilly sections. Many good tracks. Some lane and road walking.

Refreshments: Pubs, cafes and tea rooms in Godshill

Toilets: At public car park

Route: From the car park (1) cross the road to the right of the pub and go along Hollow Lane and left onto footpath GL57. Go through wooden gates along the field edge. Continue to a kissing gate at Sainham Wood (2). Then veer left to the top of a slope. The path continues in the wood and then emerges along the edge of the woodland overlooking fields. The path goes left to reach a metal gate.

Keep to the left of an open field and emerging at a track junction, part of The Stenbury Trail, GL44 (3). Go right and follow this track to the top of the hill on the Worsley Trail at Freemantle Gate. Continue

Celebrating our Landscape in association with the IW Ramblers

Part of a series of 11 walks to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty on the Island

Landscape: Forming part of the downs on greensand geology. Arable cultivation is largely unviable and pasture is more usual. Winding footpaths and lanes enclosed by hedges and woodland.

Description: A hilly walk with excellent landscape views. The walk passes the historic Appuldurcombe House, home of the Worsley family in 18th century.

on the track to the side of Appuldurcombe House.

Cross the lane going slightly left to find a stile by a stone wall (4). Continue by the edge of wall where there are good views of the front of the house. Go left on GL45 towards Redhill Lane. The path goes half left to the bottom corner at the lane, between two telegraph poles (5). Cross the stile by two stone pillars and over the lane to follow GL44, Worsley Trail. This path gently rises to the track which returns to Freemantle Gate.

After the gate (6), go left on GL49 and continue to the top of the hill. Go through a wooden gate and up a slope with steps. At a path junction (7) continue over a stile downhill into a wood on GL58. Cross another stile to leave the wood and follow the field edge to a metal gate and along a grassy track. Go over a stile by a 7 bar metal gate and then go through a tall metal latticed gate.

Keep to the right path fork to cross scrubland and reach Sheepwash Lane (8). Go right on this quiet lane and then go left on footpath GL58 towards Merry Lane. Follow a field edge and go through trees to emerge onto the lane by houses. Go left to reach Whitwell Road. Turn right and beware of traffic, keeping to the right or using the grass verge where possible. Just after Bridgecourt House (9), turn right onto bridleway GL21. At a lane go left and at the church, turn right down Church Hollow. At the bottom of the lane, turn right along the High Street to return to the car park.

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