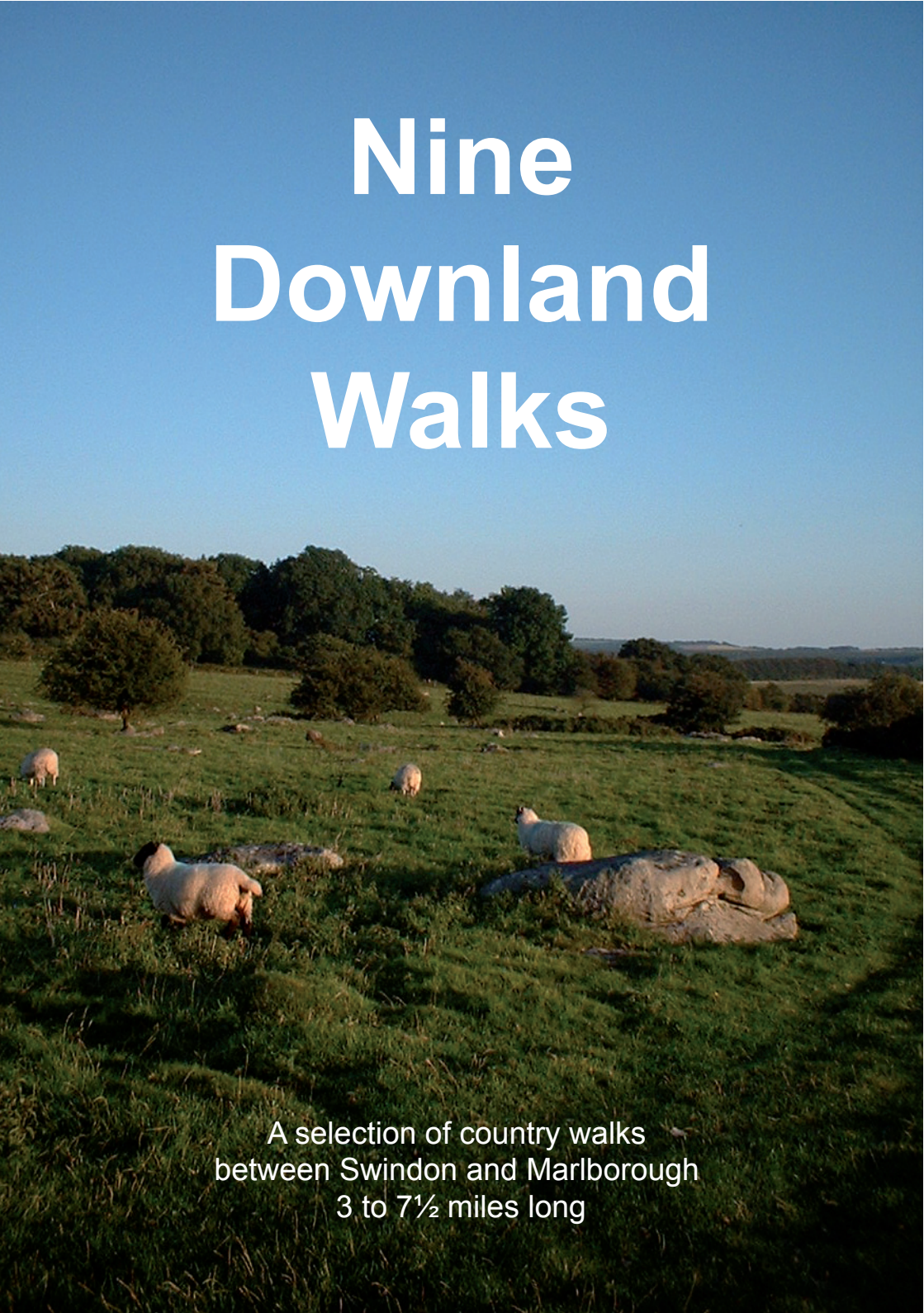


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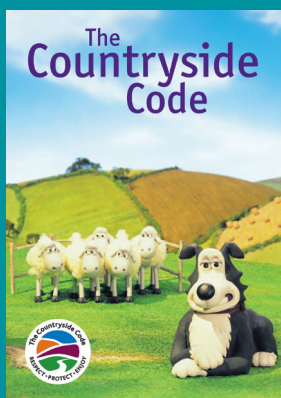
A photograph of a downland landscape. In the foreground, several sheep are grazing on a green, grassy hill. One sheep is prominently visible on the left, facing away from the camera. Another sheep is further back in the center, and a third is on the right, partially obscured by a large, light-colored rock. The background features a line of trees and a clear blue sky. The overall scene is peaceful and rural.

A selection of country walks
between Swindon and Marlborough
3 to 7½ miles long

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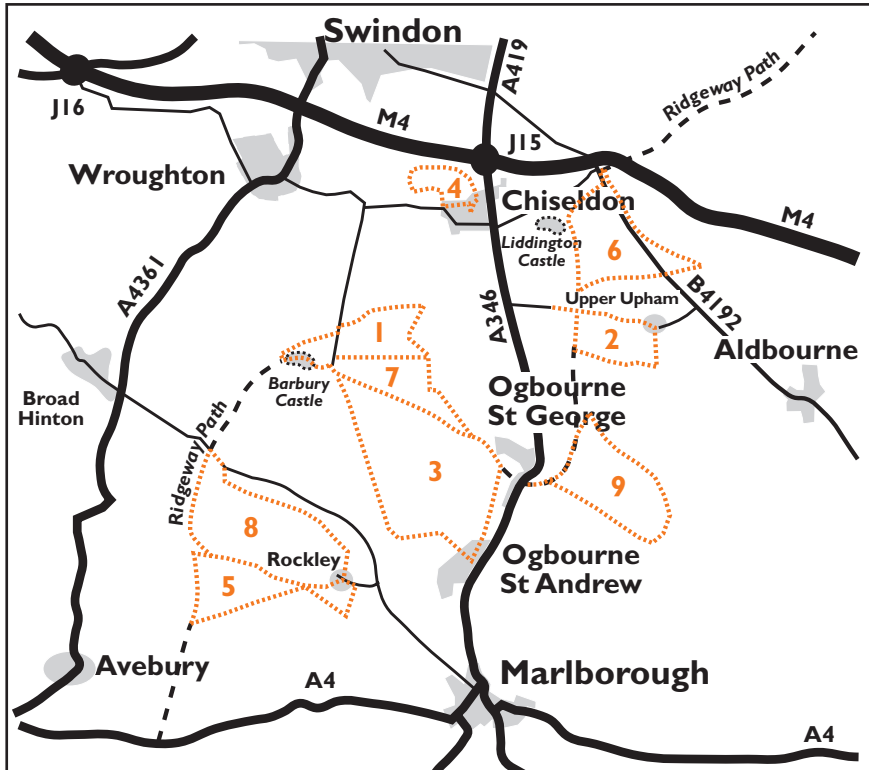
- *Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs*
- *Leave gates and property as you find them*
- *Protect plants and animals; take your litter home*
- *Keep dogs under close control.*
- *Consider other people*

Front Cover Picture:

Fyfield Down with sheep and sarsen stones (grey wethers)

- see Walk 5

Location of Walks



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Walk 2

Upper Upham and Snap

Distances: 3 or 3½ miles; mainly hard surfaces; hilly; no stiles.

OS Maps: Explorer 157; Landranger 174

Start: **Car:** Park considerably near cylindrical storage tank (SU225772).

Bus: None.

Directions:

1. Return along the road to a cross roads by post box. Take the stony track to the right, signposted byway, going down hill. At the end of the first field, turn right on another byway with tall hazel and other bushes on the left. The track bends left by a derelict wind pump and, on the next bend, look for a small memorial stone on the right, placed there by Toothill School in 1991, to the people of Snap, *the hamlet which ran out of water. Heaps of stones and bricks among the trees are all that remains.*
2. Where the main track turns sharp left, EITHER go straight on for 20yds, through a metal gate with sign warning of livestock and walk beside the fence on the left for a short distance, then keep heading on route gradually curving round to the left and then right up to a metal gate. OR If you prefer not to go through livestock, keep to the main upland track. At a concrete track, turn left,

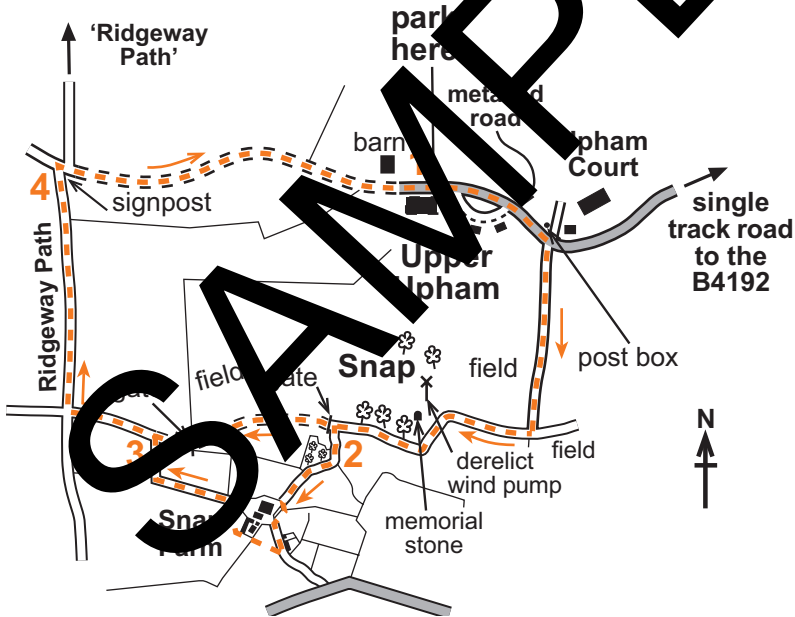


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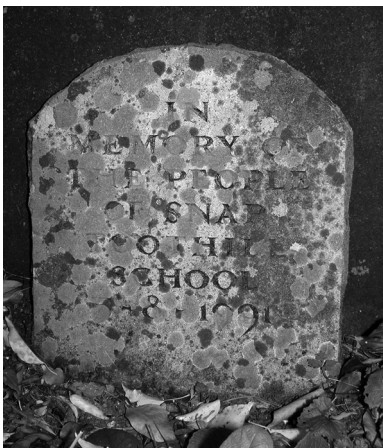
passing houses on the left, then sharp right on to a stony track until a signpost at a junction.

3. Take the byway to the Ridgeway Path and turn right, using the separate path for walkers if this is not too overgrown.
4. At a T-junction turn right along the Ridgeway Path for a few yards, then go straight on, leaving the Ridgeway Path, and follow this un surfaced byway across fields back to your car.

Refreshments: None.



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Memorial to the people of the abandoned hamlet of Snap, erected by pupils of Toothill School, Swindon in 1991

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