

BARFORD St MARTIN - CROUCH'S DOWN - GROVELLY LODGE.

5 m. Park by arrangement in pub carpark, Barford St Martin. SU 057 315.

Leave the car park, turn left and left again to walk NE and continue to the main road (B 3089) at SU 0545 3153. Continue along the B road NW and turn right into a minor road at SU 052317. Go NNE under a railway bridge at SU 0524 3176 and continue to end of the road at SU 053319. Here bear left on to a track NW to a junction at SU 047327. Turn left to head W then NW. Carry on over a cross track at SU 036332, going west at first then NW again. At the path junction at SU 0305 3335, take the path north to reach woods after ½ mile at SU 0290 3415. Turn right here to walk E in a field along the wood edge to SU 035341 where re-enter the woods to walk NE. Pass a cross track and take coffee at SU 038343.

After coffee, continue to a broad crossing track at SU 0385 3440. Turn right and walk ESE along the "Second Broad Drive" for 0.6 mile to SU 0482 3412, where the now-surfaced track veers sharp left. Turn right to walk SSW. After 0.3 m bear left to continue SSW. After a further 0.2 m, turn sharp left at SU 046333 to walk SE for 0.7 m, to reach the OX Drove at SU 0536 3257. Walk ESE on this track for 0.2m to a junction at SU 057325 at which point the track becomes surfaced. Walk S, SE then S to pass under a railway bridge at SU 058317 and continue south to reach the inn and cars.

Ron Moore. 10/08/01

Led by Peter & Anita M on 17/07/01