

Holmer Green Stile-Free Walk

This walk, all on the flat apart from passing through a small steep valley begins across open fields but the second half of the walk passes through some more intricate landscape.

Distance: 2.5 miles (1¼ hours)

Start: Park at Beamond End.

Access Information: An easy-going walk with some gentle slopes. The section from 5-6 can get very muddy in wet weather.

Refreshments: There are a number of pubs and a cafes in Holmer Green.

Fifty yards from the beginning of Beamond End Lane there is a footpath, adjacent to the white wooden gates of Beamond Lodge **1**. Follow this path, cross carefully where it emerges abruptly onto the road. Cross to Blairavon Farm; follow the hedge on the right towards the gate ahead. Go into the farmyard, keeping to the right and pass between hedge and farm building.

This section can get very muddy in wet weather. Follow the hedge towards Holmer Green through wide fields with the whisper of traffic and the song of skylarks. Walk along by the allotments on your left.

At the end of the road turn right **2**, then turn right again at the junction by the village pond; the road bears to the left alongside the Recreation Ground. Turn right down Sheepcote Dell Road. Keep going until you come to the footpath sign on the left **3**. Turn here and go right behind the houses, cross a path and bear left then right following a fence which brings you out at a road. Cross the road to the right and take the path in front of the houses towards a white house at the end of the road. Here the footpath takes you left then right behind the house and you will see the path going left, leading you back into the countryside **4**.



Follow this path alongside stables and through horse paddocks. The path now descends into a small steeply wooded valley and up the other side, along a field edge. Passing Beamond End Ranch on the left you come out onto Beamond End Lane **5** which you cross to the left and at Oaklands Farm find the footpath directed down the right hand side. The path, muddy when wet, comes out onto Toby's Lane (a bridleway – delete).

Turn right and follow the lane in which deep pools form in wet weather; unless you are wearing Wellingtons you will need to skirt them using the slippery edges. After about 200 yards watch out for the metal gate on the right where a footpath crosses this track **6**. Follow a raised path across the field towards a cream coloured bungalow. Go through the gate and follow the path into the hamlet of Beamond End. The path opens out onto a rough road, finally returning you to the road by the white wooden gates of Beamond Lodge.