

A WALK TO BLANDFORD FORUM

1. Starting at the front of the phone box with the church and Church Hall (previously the village school) to the left of you and the road behind you.
2. Take the path in front of you which runs parallel to the church and pass the gates to Willis Farmhouse on your left. During the spring, this path is full of wild garlic. At the end of the path take a left followed by the next right, "Watery Lane", signposted to Gore Clump.
3. At the end of the path make your way through the gate and follow the path up to the top of the hill (going through two more gates). The hill is quite steep, consider taking the time to stop and take a look back at the beautiful views of the village. You will see the church to the left along with Gourds Farm to the right. If you are lucky, you may witness the low flying airplanes from Compton Abbas Airfield.
4. Once you have reached the summit and the village is behind you keep left and follow the path all the way to the end whereby you will arrive at a gate with a small car park near Gore Clump.

5. Continue through the gate and take an immediate right (the main road is to the left of you). Plenty to see along this part of the route.
6. The breath-taking views of the valley below and the birds of prey circling above.
7. Continue on this path until you reach the top of Mill Street (the top of Fontmell hill). Continue up the hill on the roadside, crossing over at the crossroads and continuing down the hill, approx. half a mile on this quiet stretch of road. At the bottom of the hill take a right and continue towards Ashmore woods. This is Washer's Pit.
8. If you are very lucky you may see deer as you make your way through Ashmore Woods. Always keep to the right of the path, which eventually leads up a very steep hill and out onto the road near Stubhampton. As you exit Ashmore Woods turn left continuing up the road until you see the sign for Pimperne Woods on the left-hand side of the road.
9. Continue following the path all the way through to Pimperne Woods. This part of the route will take you through some lovely meadows, crop fields and woodland.

10. All very clearly marked out making it easy to find your way and stay on the footpaths.

11. Pimperne village has a lovely pub, the Anvil Inn, which may be a good place to stop and rest before finishing the final part of the walk to Blandford Forum.

Once leaving the village stay on the A354 and head towards Blandford.

The bus to return to Compton Abbas is the X3.

Map below:

