



A Walk around - Purleigh - Route 3

Start: The Bell PH (Parking for Patrons only)

Post Code: CM3 6QJ

Grid Ref: TL 841 020 Explorer 183

7 miles (approx..)

Para	Route Description	Approx miles
1	<p>Leave pub. Turn right; stay ahead on concrete road Purleigh hall cottage on right, good views to left. Cross stile next to gate. Ahead across paddock, to mound, turn left downhill to stile in fence, (ignore stile in hedge ahead).</p>	
2	<p>Continue ahead downhill to another stile, to go straight ahead across field (aim 5 yards left of tele. pole) on St Peter's way to steps up and over old railway bank. Ahead to next field corner where half right then out to road. Turn left. Grid Ref TL 852018</p>	
3	<p>In 352 yards, at metal bars, turn right then left. Through gap over planks then right with hedge on right. At end of hedge keep ahead following arrows, over plank bridge ahead to cross stile onto road. <u>(this is a very dangerous exit onto road)</u> Grid Ref TL 857022</p>	
4	<p>Turn left on path for 40 yards, cross busy road to cross broken stile/gap at side of rusty gate. Ahead, hedge on left, to corner, then ahead to plank bridge. Ahead to 2nd plank bridge Ahead to hedge on left. <u>Cross plank and stile in hedge on left. (it is easy to miss this..look out for it)</u> Half right to cross next stile, turn right to pass through gap in hedge then left uphill with hedge on right, AND THEN bear left round wooden fence to gates - house opposite. Through gate, turn left (Sparrow Wycke Farm) to go down track to road. Grid Ref TL 868072</p>	
5	<p>Turn left. Cross road, in 8 yards, turn right through enclosed path at side of white house, to cross stile. Ahead through paddocks with hedge on left and sometimes electric fence on right to cross awkward stile, passing property on left ménage on right, bear left to gate, to emerge onto road where turn right. (Vicarage lane).</p>	
6	<p>Walk along road, at left bend, still stay on road, then right bend, then where road</p>	

	<p>bends to go to farm, stay ahead on track, pond on left, to reach Church. To see petrified trees, follow path through graveyard, Church on right, through gate, across paddock, turn right with moat on left, at end of moat, cross through gap and there are 'the trees'.</p>	
7	<p>Retrace steps back to church. Leave church on the same track as you arrived, then follow road and at right bend, keep straight ahead on cinder track. At houses keep ahead to road, turn left.</p>	
8	<p>Stay on pavement then, when pavement ends cross over to grass verge. Keep ahead to reach track on right. Keep ahead to reach farm. Before farm house, turn right and go round back of large barn, keep ahead then left with arrows to farm track, turn right to reach main road. (this is a busy road, take extra care). Turn right, stay on safest side of road. At large road sign on left, (Roundbush/Purleigh) you will find a fingerpost on your left, that takes you around the back of the dwellings and back out onto the road. Cross to safest side of road. As approaching junction, get onto grass verge, then cross road to go round layby opposite. (Turning right}</p>	
9	<p>At end of layby, turn left, Roundbush Road. In 0.3 of a mile, where road turns sharp right at Lower Barn Farm,** turn left on track (by way). In approx.. 200 yards, bear left with track, then in approx. 300 yards, turn right with arrow. (just after wide ish gap in hedge).</p>	
10	<p>Then ahead down to gap, then ahead with wire fence then hedge on left. <u>go through gap, now hedge on right</u>, then through enclosed path, cross plank bridge, ahead across arable field to stile, ahead across meadow with mound, to gate, to road, to pub. (highly recommended for food and drink)</p>	
	<p>** Here you can take the shorter option by keeping right with bend and take the fingerpost on your left and retrace your steps back the way you came.</p>	

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