

A Country Walk from Dimpleknowe

This interesting walking route will take you around quiet country lanes and tracks. The walk is approximately four miles long and is suitable for all walking abilities. You are welcome to take dogs, but please keep them under control. There is one locked gate on the route. Please ask me for a key, and return it after use.

You will enjoy walking amongst lovely hedgerows and wild flowers. Look out for the protected marsh orchid, they are pink in colour. There is an abundance of wildlife; you may see deer, foxes, badgers, pheasants, hares and rabbits. The sky is alive with singing birds, notably Skylarks, Pewits and Curlews. Woodpeckers can also be heard. Unfortunately Britain's smaller birds have been declining in recent years, being replaced by larger Buzzards, Sparrow Hawks and Kestrels. In springtime you will see lambs skipping and dancing in the grassy fields.

Start by Leaving Dimpleknowe at the T-junction and head straight up the road past Dimpleknowe Cottage and the pond where you will often see wild Duck and Moorhens.

Follow the road to Synton Parkhead Organic Farm. Turn right just before the farmhouse onto a stony track. Travel along the track for approximately 0.75 miles - do not turn left up to Peace Cottage, keep on the lower track until you pass a white bungalow on your right. Continue up the woodland track. You will then come to a locked gate with a sign saying 'Please Close the Gate'. Unlock, Continue through, and then lock the gate, walking up a slight hill till you reach the next gate, again 'Please Close the Gate'.

You will have reached a cottage on your right called The Corse. This brings you onto a small public road. Turn right and the route continues downhill to Synton Mill. As you walk you will enjoy views to the Eildon Hills ahead, The Cheviot Hills to the right and the Penielheugh Monument near Nisbet.

Beyond the attractive setting of Synton Mill you wind up the hill and back to Dimpleknowe.