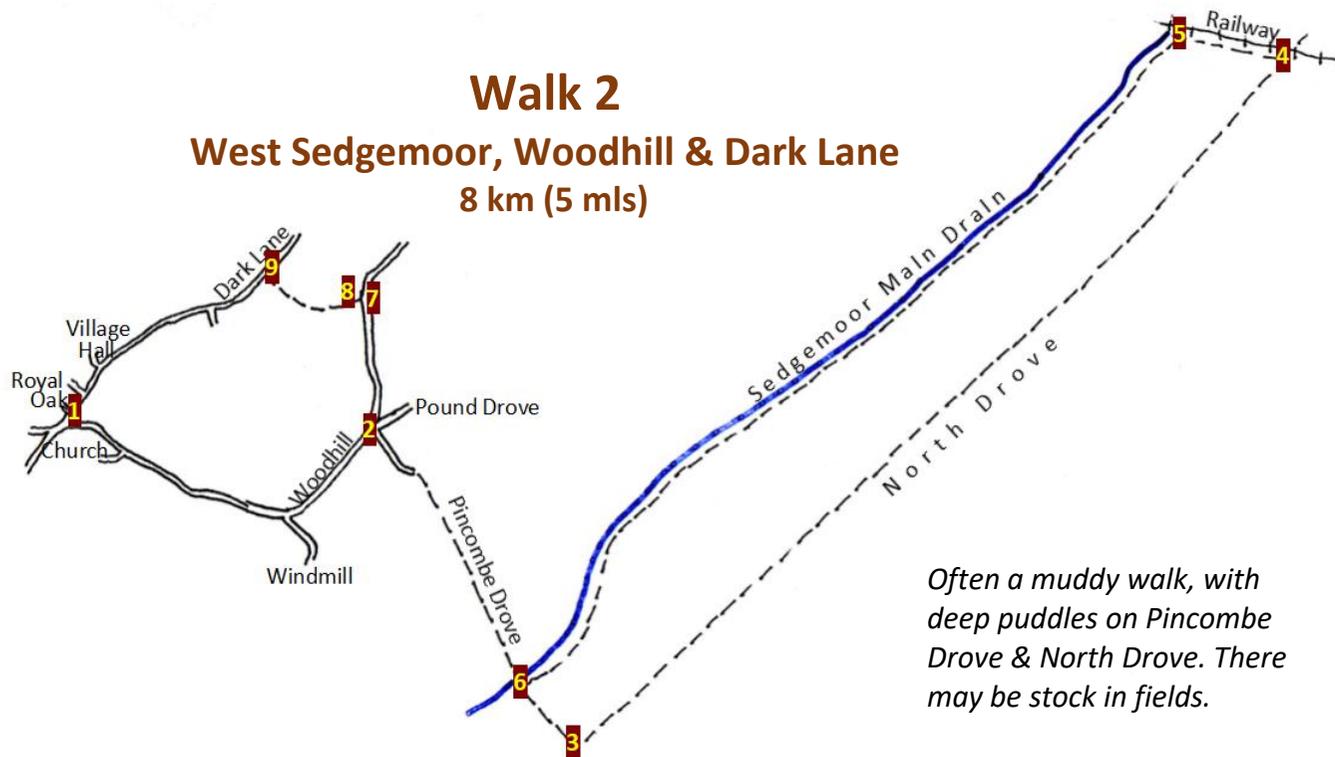


Walk 2

West Sedgemoor, Woodhill & Dark Lane

8 km (5 mls)



Often a muddy walk, with deep puddles on Pincombe Drove & North Drove. There may be stock in fields.

None of these droves and paths are rights of way but are permissive paths that have been walked for many years. This walk needs wellies unless it has been incredibly dry and North Drove can become impassable if Sedgemoor is flooded.

With your back to the Royal Oak and the community shop **1** walk past the church and follow the road along and round to the left. Pincombe Drove is the second turning to the right **2** - it can get very muddy and wellies are recommended. Walk down there till you reach a T junction **3** and turn left along North Drove. Continue along North Drove - swans, cygnets, ducks and ducklings can be seen in the rhynes either side of the drove or in the rhynes leading into them - and turn left **4** through a gate immediately before the railway arch and follow that path through the next gate **5** and turn left along the main drain. Walk along there beside the main drain through three gates (they have been known to be tied shut) and then over the stile **6** or through the gate back into Pincombe Drove. I have seen 60 or more swans in the fields adjoining the drain and swimming on it. Swans nest there sometimes and can be seen with their cygnets. You are also likely to see herons and, if you are lucky cranes flying over. Turn right up there and back to Woodhill **2**. Turn right up the road and then first left **7** between the houses and climb the stile into a field **8**. Cross the field keeping to the hedge on the left and through a couple of bushes at the end, down some quite steep steps and into Dark Lane **9**. Turn left back down Dark Lane till you reach your starting point.

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