

Walk Number S1

SMARDEN BELL



Explorer Map 137

Distance – 5 miles

Times to complete – Aprox 2 hours

Not Dog Friendly

Parking – In pub car park with permission

This walk starts from the Smarden Bell Public House which is just outside Smarden in the small hamlet of Smarden Bell.

This walk is mainly across fields using fairly well defined footpaths. The going is quite easy although there are a number of stiles to cross, some of which are very challenging. For dog owners this can be a problem. Large dogs will find some of these very difficult to cross. A cautionary note on these stiles. Some are in a very bad state of repair so extreme care should be taken when climbing across them.

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From the Smarden Bell car park turn right and walk up the road. On your left you will see a small grave yard that appears to be the burial site for the Offen family dating back to 1802. Continue up the road until you come to a shed with a foot path on your left. Walk to the end of the path and cross the stile.



Head towards the brick build animal feed building. Stay between the building and the pond on your right. At second pond keep this to your left. Cross the next two stiles.



Continue to railway crossing. Extreme care should be taken. Stop, look and listen. Cross the railway tracks and following path to next stile. Cross this and bear immediately right and go through gap in the trees.

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Stay to the right of the pond and head towards the White house in far right hand corner of the field. Cross the stile and cross the road to the next stile. Stay to the right of the field and cross the next two stiles.



Cross the field and go through gap on hedge. Over the stile in the corner of the field. Stay to the right of field and look out for metal gate on your right. At gate turn left and cross field to next stile. Cross this and head towards the houses and oast houses. At end of field cross stile and turn left onto the road.



Continue along the road until you come to the Malthouse farm. Turn left through the gate and then immediately right to pick up the path on the other side of the hedge. Follow path around the pond to the barn keeping this to your left. Follow footpath signs.

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After stile turn right around field. In the right hand corner of field step down into ditch and go through gap in the hedge. Stay to the left of the field for about 300 yards and climb over stile on your left.

Head towards the railway. Cross again with extreme care. Cross next two stiles. Return across field heading towards the brick built animal feed building.

Continue past white house to stile in the corner of field.

Follow path to road and turn right returning to the Smarden Bell Public House.

Note: - Please follow the country code and ensure all gates are left closed and that dogs are kept on leads where farm animals are around.

When walking it is the walkers' responsibility to ensure they stay on public rights of way.