ROUTE 1: Stoke Clump

Paths through paddocks and open fields, over stiles and an easy climb onto the South Downs.

41/2 miles | allow 11/2 hours | an easy climb

1. Cross the road outside the Horse & Groom and turn right. 50 yards past the village notice board turn left onto the footpath. Continue to follow the path over three stiles until you reach Lye Lane. Cross the lane by East Ashling Nurseries and proceed on the path down the left hand side. Continue to follow the footpath in a straight line.

2. On reaching the tree line ahead of you, follow around the edge of the field and pass through the tree line at the metal gate and signpost. Turn immediately right over the stile to continue along the path to the left. Continue on this footpath, over one more stile and along the edge of the field. Follow the footpath around the corner of the field and turn right through the tree line to cross an arable field. On the other side of the field turn left onto the unmade lane.

3. After 200 yards you will reach West Stoke Road. Turn left and then turn right after 100 yards at the triangle green. 50 yards on your left take the bridleway up to Stoke Clump. Walk up the hill and continue on the path down to a bridleway crossroads. Turn left and continue along the footpath to the entrance to Kingley Vale Nature Reserve.

4. Turn left by the entrance to the nature reserve and walk for ³/₄ mile to the Kingley Vale car park. Cross the car park up to the road and continue to the right along the road (take care on the road).

5. Take the bridleway on the right through Stoke Wood heading South. Head straight on at the bridleway crossroads and then a left at the next turning. Upon reaching Stoke Road opposite the flint cottages dated 1700, turn right and walk south along the road (take care on the road). At the end of this road turn left and you will see the Horse & Groom ahead on the right.



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