



Route Information



Route Name

Route 02 - Witch Lane-Millhayes-Stockland

Route Summary

Total Distance

5.9mi (9.6km)

Walk

2h 48min

Elevation

237ft at lowest point

Run

52min

625ft at highest point

Cycle

28min

Total Ascent

804ft

Checkpoint

Elevation Profile



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Route Description

- Circular walk along quiet single track country lanes, just under 6 miles
- A few relatively short steep climbs but nothing too strenuous...
- Route loops back through Stockland village with highly recommended pub stop just over a mile from home
- Pub stop in Stockland is at the Kings Arms – find their contact details [here](#) to check hours and reserve a table

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- 1 Leave Ley Farm turning right out of the gate onto the lane (heading south). After a few minutes you'll reach a lane heading up the valley to your right - take this lane.
- 2 At checkpoint 2 where the lane starts to flatten, on a clear day you should have a great view looking back across Ley Farm up the Yarty Valley with Yarcombe village to the north. Keep to this lane which crosses the top of the hill, passing a small farm on the right (Wytch Farm) before falling steeply to a junction.
- 3 Turn left here along the lane with a brook running to the left. The lane bends through North Hill Farm, and after a few minutes you'll reach a junction with a lane turning off to the right.
- 4 Take this right turning. The lane will take a short rise then fall, passing through Lake Farm before a longer climb up the side of the valley. After the lane turns left it will start to level off and you'll reach a lane turning off to the left.
- 5 Ignore the left turning and keep to the lane which then falls and rises through a wooded area before reaching a crossroads.

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Here you have the option of cutting the route short by turning left and heading along the main road to Stockland (see map). Otherwise, head straight across the crossroads and follow the lane steeply downhill before winding through the hamlet of Millhayes. At the end of the lane (Millhayes junction) turn left, then soon after you'll arrive at a junction with turning to the right.

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Take this right turn, and after the lane bends left you'll head downhill crossing a small ford before rising again passing Higher Rodway Farm. At the top, head straight on at the cross roads (Rodway Cross) and shortly after you'll reach another junction.

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Take a left turning here heading downhill, passing the turning into Rakehill Farm, then passing Aller Farm before a short rise to a road junction (Cokers Elm Cross). Turn left here, heading uphill toward Stockland village. After the road levels you'll pass a small school (on your left), then Stockland village hall (on your right) before entering the village. When you get to the middle of the village you'll see an old telephone box, and opposite, a right turning uphill which is the route back to Ley Farm. However, The Kings Arms Inn is straight on in case refreshments are in order.

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Once done at the Kings Arms Inn, head back to the junction in the middle of the village and take the turning uphill signposted towards Yarcombe and Chard (opposite the old telephone box). After passing Battens Farm the road will curve left before you see a left turning with a white thatched house on the opposite side of the road (Road End Cross).

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Take this left turn continuing uphill a short way. Keep to this lane, first passing the track down to Lower Lye, then passing the lane you originally took near the beginning of the walk, eventually arriving back at Ley Farm



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