

A Countryside walk to Buckland Monachorum from Yelverton and back via The Garden House and Harrowbeer Airfield



This 6 mile walk starts at Yelverton Rock and uses mostly footpaths with just a small amount of minor road walking. If you are aiming to have a stop at The Drake Manor pub at Buckland its about 2 hours walk from the Rock.



Park in one of the dispersal bays backing on to the A386 and then turn left and start walking away from Yelverton along the airfield road.



Keep to the left of the Rock when you reach it and cross over the road next to the Queen Victoria Jubilee Monument then.....

...using the footpath next to the fence walk past all of the golf course greens on your right.



At the end of the golf course is this long since abandoned mine. Walk around to the other side.



Then carry on parallel with the A386 but a little further away .



When you reach Golf Links road go straight across in the same direction to take a path midway between the A386 and the trees on your right .

When you reach the next road go straight across again in the same direction but this time only for 100m.





**After about 100m
start to bend right .**

**If you look to the
horizon of trees you
will see a group of 5
quite distinctive
looking pine trees .**

**Stick to the paths
that take you
towards these trees.**



Eventually as you get close take a path that will leave the trees on your left.

Go past the boulders and turn right when you reach the little lane.





**Stay on the lane
first going
through the
gate...**

**...bearing left
when the lane
bends
sharply right.**



**Keep left to go past
Combe Farm.**

**Then just past the
farm turn right to
go through a
wrought iron gate.**





**Go over
the bridge
and fork
right....**

**...to go up the hill to
a gate in the corner
of the field**



**Go through the gate
and turn left**

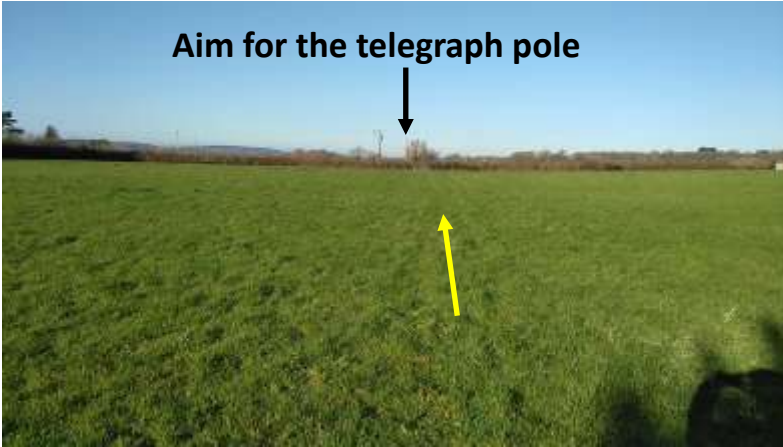
**...to go through this gate
which is quite heavy to open
and close.**





Initially keeping the hedge on your right follow the way markers until you reach a road.

Aim for the telegraph pole

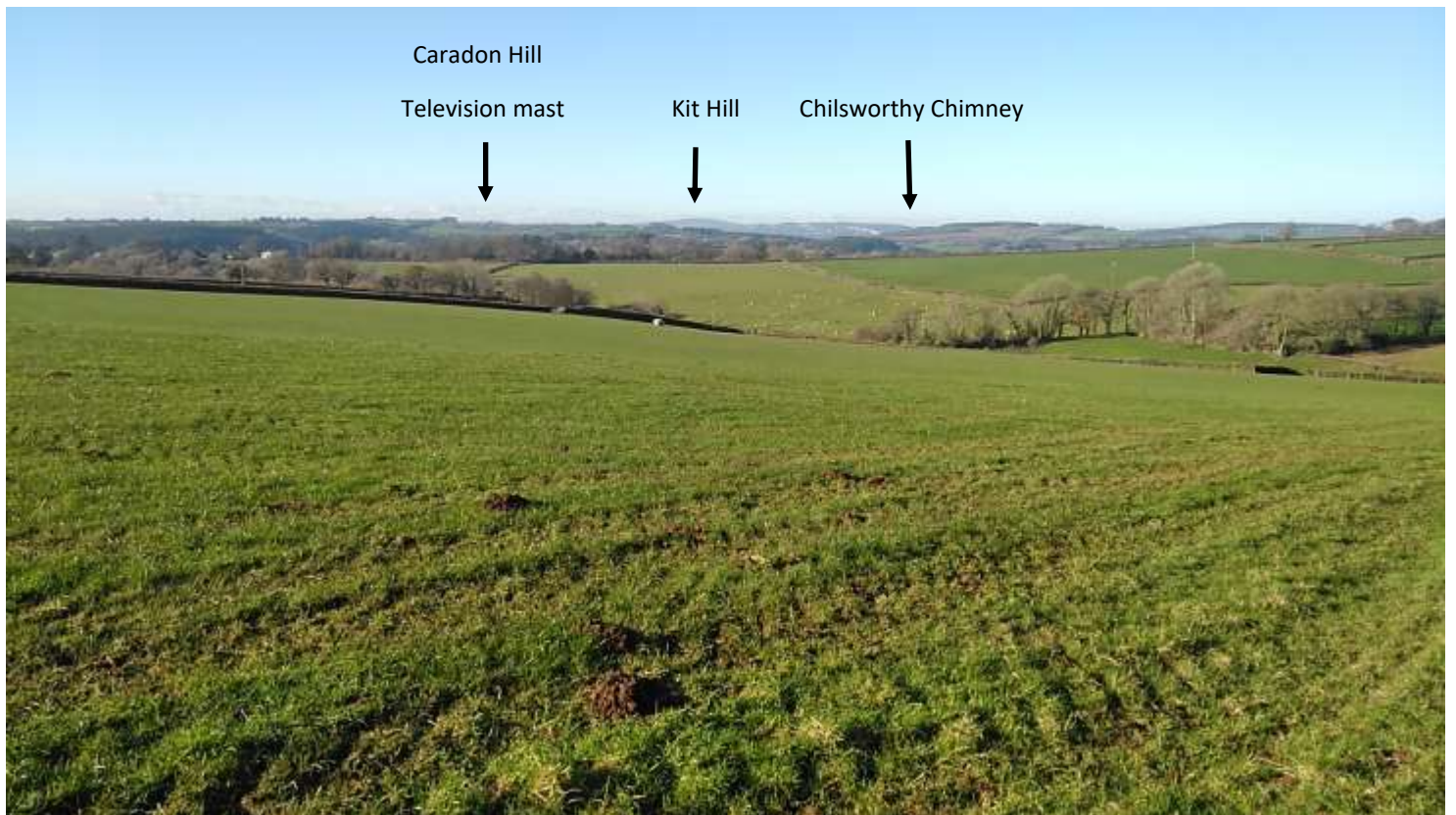


Go straight across the road and through the kissing gate....



...and walk down the field edge with the hedge on the right admiring the view on your left.

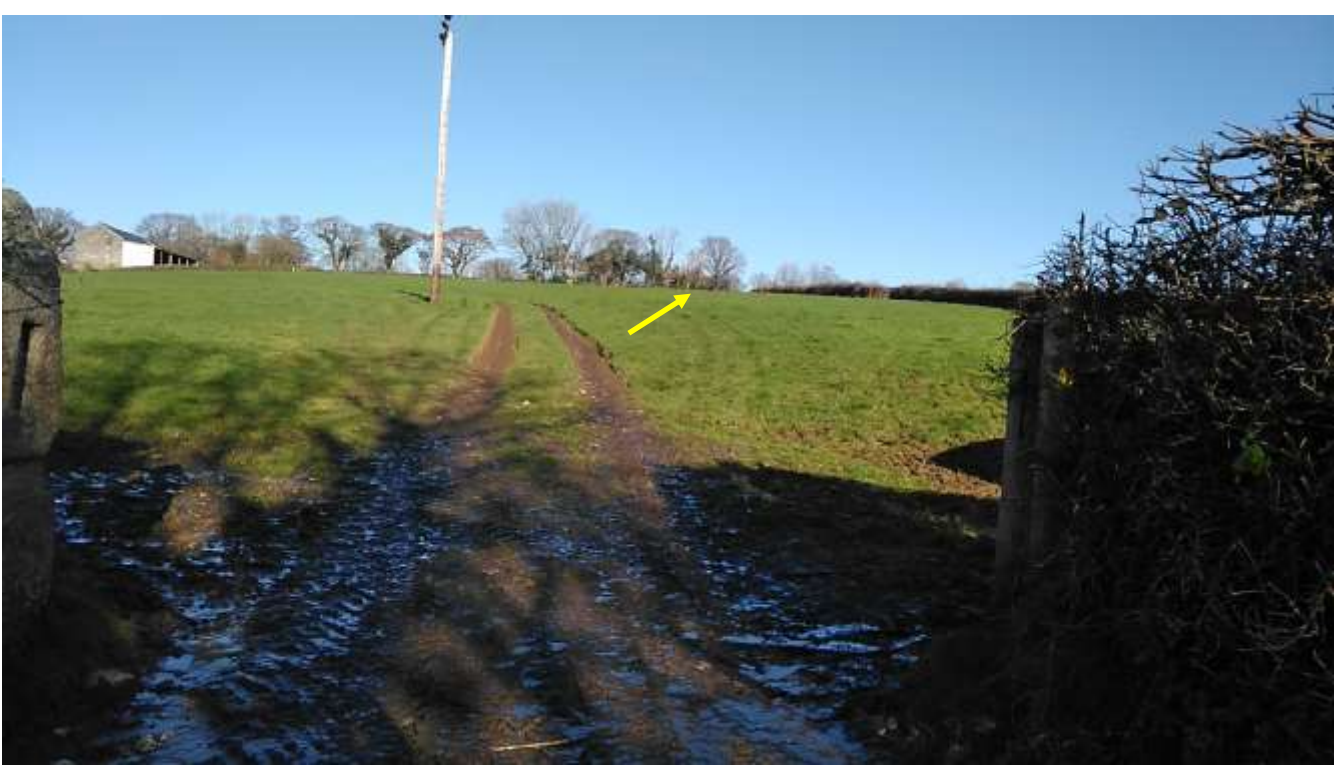




Go through the gate in the corner of the field and go diagonally left to a bridge across the stream

Turn right up the tractor track into a field and then into the next field.





Go up to the pole and fork diagonally right to head for the top corner of this quite damp field.

Go through the gate
(Which has been replaced by a metal one)



Then turn left to walk up Venton Lane.



When you reach the T junction go straight across through the gate and into the field with the hedge on your left.....

...and follow the tractor tracks all the way to and through this opening.



When you reach a private drive go straight across aiming for a prominent house in the distance.





Follow the wall and then hedge on your left all the way to a road..

..and turn left but take care stepping on to the road as cars cannot easily see you.



Before you reach any houses turn right through this gate and follow the hedge on the left all the way downhill

Turn right when you reach the stream but to visit the church or pub in Buckland Monachorum go over the bridge and left at a stone stile but then come back to this side of the stream.





From the bridge follow this well used path all the way through the grounds of The Garden House



Please keep to the path and follow the signs out through the car park to the road.....



.....or pay to go in and see the gardens. (Allow at least 2 hours)



When you reach the road go straight across and through the gate

...then in 50m turn left along a narrow path.



When you reach the Crapstone road turn right

...then first left into The Crescent.





Turn left at the T junction and then in just a few meters go around the cattle grid

...then immediately the other side of the cattle grid go right and walk into the airfield.



Go across the airfield towards this house.

Turn right next to the house and when the Rock comes in to view walk back to your car.



Useful links

Drake Manor Inn Buckland Monachorum

<http://drakemanorinn.co.uk/>

Harrowbeer Airfield

<https://rafharrowbeer-dartmoor.org.uk/>

The Garden House

<https://www.thegardenhouse.org.uk/>

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