

Walk 2 (one hour)

Leaving Holy Cross Church (1), cross the bridge over the brook and turn left passing Pike House Mews (41).

Turn Left opposite the Old Rectory (2) into Woodstock Lane. At the top of Woodstock Lane take the right fork up to the waymark post and here take the left bridleway and proceed all the way up the path part of which is a steep valley. Just where the path climbs out of the valley, pause for a while, look back, and admire one of the best views of Avening with Gatcombe Park on the left and Avening Park on the right. Proceed all the way up to the next waymark post then take the left hand footpath along the edge of the field crossing a waymarked stile, down a steep bank (known locally as the Monkey Bank as there used to be a Monkey Puzzle tree there) until you join the lane/ Turn left and follow the lane (West End) all the way back to the village and Holy Cross Church.

Alternatively, at Heron's Mead take the path across the field – see walk 1.