

Walk 3 (two and a half to three hours)

Leaving Holy Cross Church (1), Pass Avening School (40) on the right then right again up New Inn Lane, just past the Memorial Hall (39).

Proceed up New Inn Lane and fork right into Point Road and further up the hill, towards Church Farm (11).

After about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile the lane bears to the right by some farm buildings, but here take the left hand fork towards a cottage at the end of the track. Traverse the stile, pass through a gate and take the left hand waymark following the lower edge of the field.

The path then follows the boundary of the field passing through a number of waymarked gates and by Ledgemore Pond on the left.

From the pond, the path passes through lovely countryside with a mixture of open farmland and coverts until it reaches Shiptons Grave Lane.

Here, turn right and right again at Ruggers Green Wood and Oldfield Wood on the left until you reach a track – the old Avening to Nailsworth Road. Throughout the spring this area has many varieties of wild flowers, including Bluebells in the woods, and Cowslips and Primroses on the banks.

Cross the track and turn right to join the bridleway leading all the way down to Avening and Woodstock. Pause for a while before descending too far and enjoy views of Gatcombe Park to the left, Avening village ahead and Avening Park to the right.