

## Walk No. 2 VIEWS OF THREE COUNTIES

Circular walk: Parrocks Lodge - Wambrook -> Parrocks Lodge

About 3 hours: Easy going but waterproof footwear advisable in wet weather.

Take the footpath to the north side of Parrocks Lodge on the A358, passing evidence of a flood alleviation scheme on the right. Turn right at the footpath junction, continuing along the broad track and over the stile next to the field gate. Continue on to the double stile in the hedge. Turn left and keeping the hedge on your left follow the path around the field until you come to Paradise Lane.

Go over the stile, bear left into Paradise Lane and immediately take the lane directly opposite. Take time to admire the good views along the lane over Chard to the Windwhistle ridge. In the middle distance the scantily tree-topped hill is Herne Hill near Ilminster.

At the next junction bear left into Bounds Lane, passing Edencote Farm on your left.

Follow Bounds Lane until you come to a 'T' junction. Go through the metal field gate opposite waymarked 'Green Lane Cotley'. Cross this field leaving the shrubby earth-works on your right until you come to a metal field gate in the hedgerow. Take time here to look back at the extensive views of Somerset and the Dorset hills. If you are lucky and the visibility is good, you will be able to see the Mendip Hills across the Somerset levels to your left.

Pass through the metal gate, keeping the hedge on your right. Ahead are the hills of Devon with the Stockland T.V. mast on the ridge and glimpses of Chardstock Church tower in the deep valley to your left. Cross this field through the wooden gate. Pass through the next field down the hill between two copses showing evidence of lime workings. Enter the third field through the metal gate following the yellow waymark arrow, keeping the hedge on your right.

Before turning right into Green Lane through the double wooden field gate, take time to look back at the fields you have crossed. Note the large gaps in the hedges. This is the site of the Cotley Point-to-Point, held every May Day Bank Holiday.

When the Green Lane bears to the right, continue straight ahead following the blue waymark along the bridleway to Wambrook.

Turn left into the lane after walking down a steep gully with glimpses of Wambrook Church on your left. Proceed down the lane to the Cotley Inn.

Stay awhile at the Cotley Inn – a Free House where bar snack, sandwiches and refreshing drinks are served every day. After suitable refreshment, turn right into the lane.

Take the first lane on your left passing a row of thatched cottages to Lodge Farm. Fork left along a concrete track through a wooden field gate. Pass through the farmyard. Fork left again following the concrete track up the hill around a sharp left hand bend. Pass the silage pits and continue up the gravel track. The track climbs up the hill with a hedge on your left and a sheep netting fence on your right.

At the top of the track turn right on to a bridleway back to Green Lane. Retrace your steps to the A358 and Tatworth Church.

You will have walked through two parishes, our own and Wambrook and enjoyed views of three counties.