

# Roughay, Stakes Lane and Woodcote

Distance: 7.1km 4.4mi



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Park at the recreation ground. There are four stiles on the walk, all passable by dogs. There are sometimes cattle in two fields.

Leave the recreation ground, turn right onto the road and as it goes downhill take a path on the left. Follow the path through the trees and down the field edge. At a tee junction turn left to go into The Rookery and follow a wide path between two fences. At a tee junction turn right.

Go through a kissing gate, down the field edge, through another kissing gate and then across a stile. Cross the field (there may be cattle) on a well-defined path towards the far left hand corner and cross another stile. Turn left.

Continue ahead on a grass track, Rowhay Lane, to follow the field edge to a cottage on the right, Sweet Briar Cottage. Pass the cottage and continue on the track to a road, still Rowhay Lane. Follow the road turning left into Popes Lane ignoring a track to the right. After going uphill for a short distance cross a stile on the right. Bear left going away from the road to a field gate ahead at the end of a hedge with a fence to its right. Go through and follow the hedge on the left to another gate. Go through this and another gate onto a driveway and then to a road, Upham Street. Cross the road.

Following the path cross two more stiles and keeping to the field edge on the left (there may be cattle) continue to a kissing gate. Go through and onto a track, turn right. Follow the track to the end where there are two gates and a stile. Turn through the gate on the right and continue along a path to a road, Stakes Lane. Turn left.

Follow the road past a turning to the right and continue ahead at the triangle. Continue along the road to a bend where there is a field bar gate on the left. Go through the gap turning right to follow the path which runs parallel to the road. Continue along the second field edge until the path drops down and follow the path with fenced woodland on the right to a tee junction. Turn left.

Go ahead to return to the recreation ground