

Get Walking ...

Join us for a free, gentle stroll on Sunday, September 10, starting at 10.30.

Compton, Brook, Shippards Chine 6.3 miles

Start: National Trust Car Park (free) at Compton Farm, Grid ref SZ 370852.

Description: Downland, forest and cliff paths with extensive views of the coastline.

Access information: Mainly gated walk, some hills.

Refreshments: Pub at Hulverstone.

Toilets: Public toilets at Shippards chine NT car park.

Rambles
around the Island
in association with the IW Ramblers



Route: From the car park (1) go to the right along the track to Compton Farm. Passing the farmhouse on your left, go over a stile and bear right up the byway F55. At the top, by a bench (2) walk with a fence on your right. Where the path comes to a gate into an open field, walk ahead.

Then pass through a bridle gate and walk straight on with a rough copse to your left. At a junction of tracks continue ahead on byway BS89 with the wood on your right and continue up through a seven-bar farm gate onto access land at Brook Down. Follow the track as it bears up to the right under electricity wires. Through the gate at the bottom proceed to the road (3). Turn right and cross the road to the Tennyson Trail, through a five-bar gate into Mottistone Down and in a short distance reach a main crossing track. Here go right and immediately left (4) onto a marked public bridleway. Presently this path descends to a bridle gate and continues on through the edge of woodland to a T-junction beyond a bridle gate (5).

Turn right along the stony track which curves left and right around the open common.

In about half a mile enter the woodland and then a Ramblers gate. In a few yards turn left (6) on a little path that winds down quite steeply through private woodland. Cross the stile at the bottom of the wood, straight over the first field and Ramblers gate. Go straight ahead beside the field then through a gate along a narrow length of path to another Ramblers gate at the road at Hulverstone opposite The Sun pub.

Turn left along the road for 50 yards, and cross to walk along the lane opposite passing the Old School. Just past the Old School property cross the low stone wall on your right to follow a path BS 47 (gravel at first) down the side of the garden of 'Westwards', keeping the boundary on your right. Halfway along the garden the boundary angles left to the stile in the next corner.

In the field, continue with the fence on your right to reach a pond on your left walking at the



bottom of the embankment. Continue over stiles with the hedge and ditch on your right presently passing down an enclosed path between hedges to join a track just past a cottage. Turn right along the track to Brook village. When you reach the road, turn left for 100 yards, and then go right along Coastguard Lane (7).

Just past the coastguard cottages continue straight ahead

between hedges, and reach a pond on your left. Continue to the right of Compton Grange then follow footpath F57 to reach the Military Road. Turn left and cross the road to reach the Coastal Path by way of the car park (8). Turn right along the path which follows the top of the low eroded cliffs.

Shortly after the stile, go through a kissing gate to cross the road to the National Trust car park.

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