

WOODCHURCH FOOTPATH WALKS



Walk 5 Cole Wood

Approx. 3 miles
Allow 1 ½ hours

Woodland and arable walk, using stiles and gates.

Lovely in springtime for primroses and bluebells, and butterflies in the summer.

Directions

1. You can start this walk from the village green. Head towards the cross roads with Lower Road, Place Lane and Georges Hill. Turn left onto Place Lane and proceed carefully on the road (Walking on the right facing oncoming traffic) until you come to footpath 207 on the right. Follow the clear path through two fields and then it enters Cole Wood. Continue through the wood. The path is criss-crossed with smaller paths so keep going straight. Look out for some yellow way markers.

2. The wood ends and you come to a track way. Turn right then left over a stile into a field Footpath 193. Follow the path to the hedge through a gate then over a bridge into another field. Head diagonally left towards the hedge and walk along with the hedge on your left until the stile. Over the stile and continue with the Rye fishing Ponds on your right. Continue until you reach the gate leading onto the lane. (The gate has been securely tied, so it may be necessary to climb over!)



3. Turn right onto the road and continue round the first bend. At the next bend take to road signed to Warehorne. On this junction there is a track way and on the left of this is Footpath 206 going into the wood. Enter the wood and continue along the wide, sometimes muddy path. The footpath continues over a stile in the fence, not through the wood. Follow the tractor-tyre ruts through the trees out into a field with the wood on your right. The path re-enters the wood over another stile on your right which is tucked in under the trees (marked ** on map). Follow the path through the wood passing through a gap in a fence. With the fence on your left continue to the next stile leaving the wood. Walk down hill with trees (leylandii) and Mount Pleasant on your left to the stile and road.

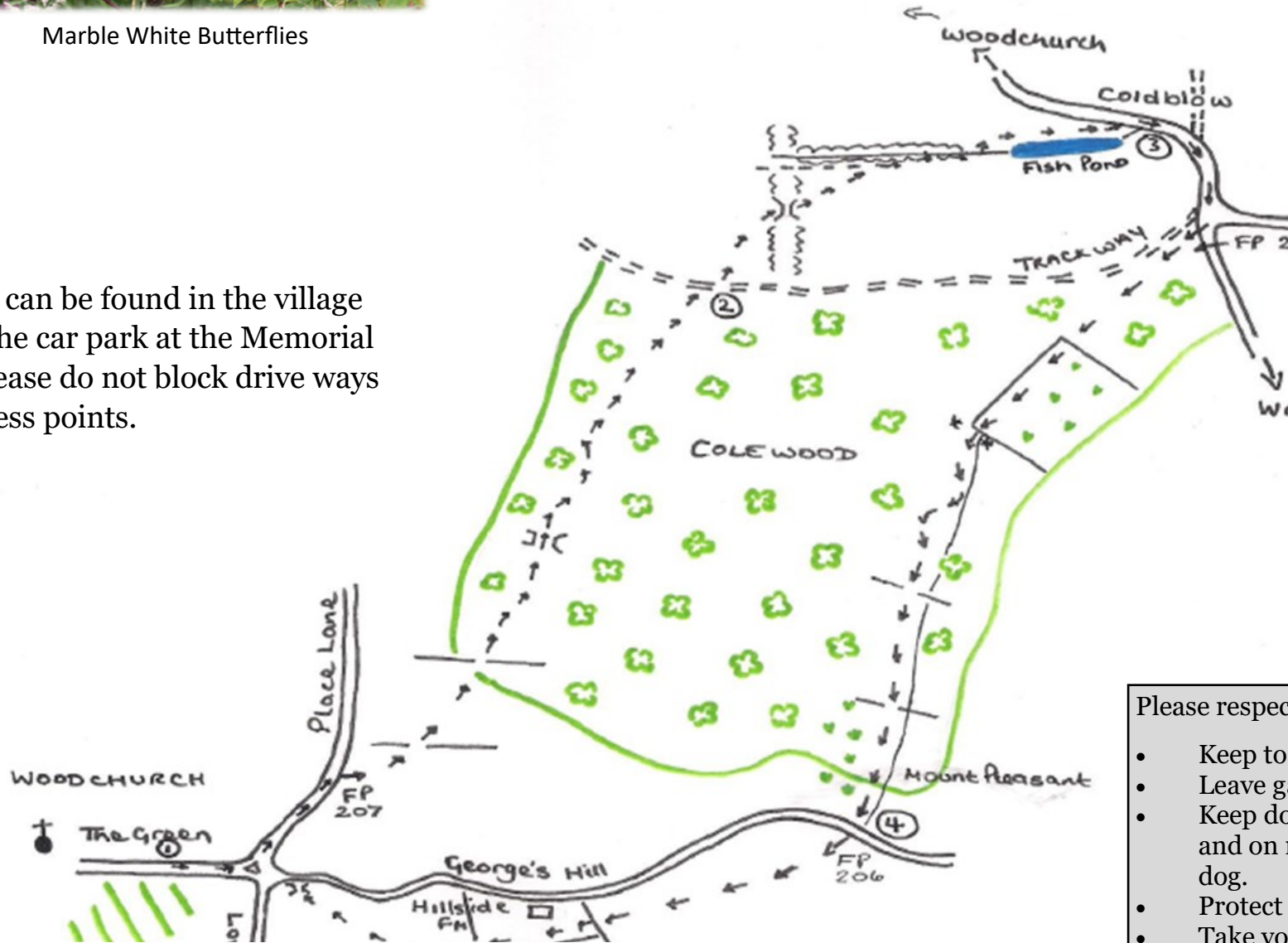
4. Cross over George's Hill and continue straight on over the stile (Footpath 206) into an orchard of cobnuts. The path is wide and easy to follow to the next stile with Hillside farm on your right. Head slightly left diagonal to next gate/stile. Pause a while, there are lovely views of Shirely Moor and Woodchurch from Hillside Farm. Now head downhill, diagonally right to the stile at the start of Georges Hill turn left back to the village green.

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Marble White Butterflies

Parking can be found in the village and in the car park at the Memorial Hall. Please do not block drive ways and access points.



- Please respect the countryside code:
- Keep to paths
 - Leave gates as you find them
 - Keep dogs on lead near farm stock and on roads. Clean up after your dog.
 - Protect wild flowers and wildlife
 - Take your litter home
 - Guard against all risk of fire
 - Take care on country roads