



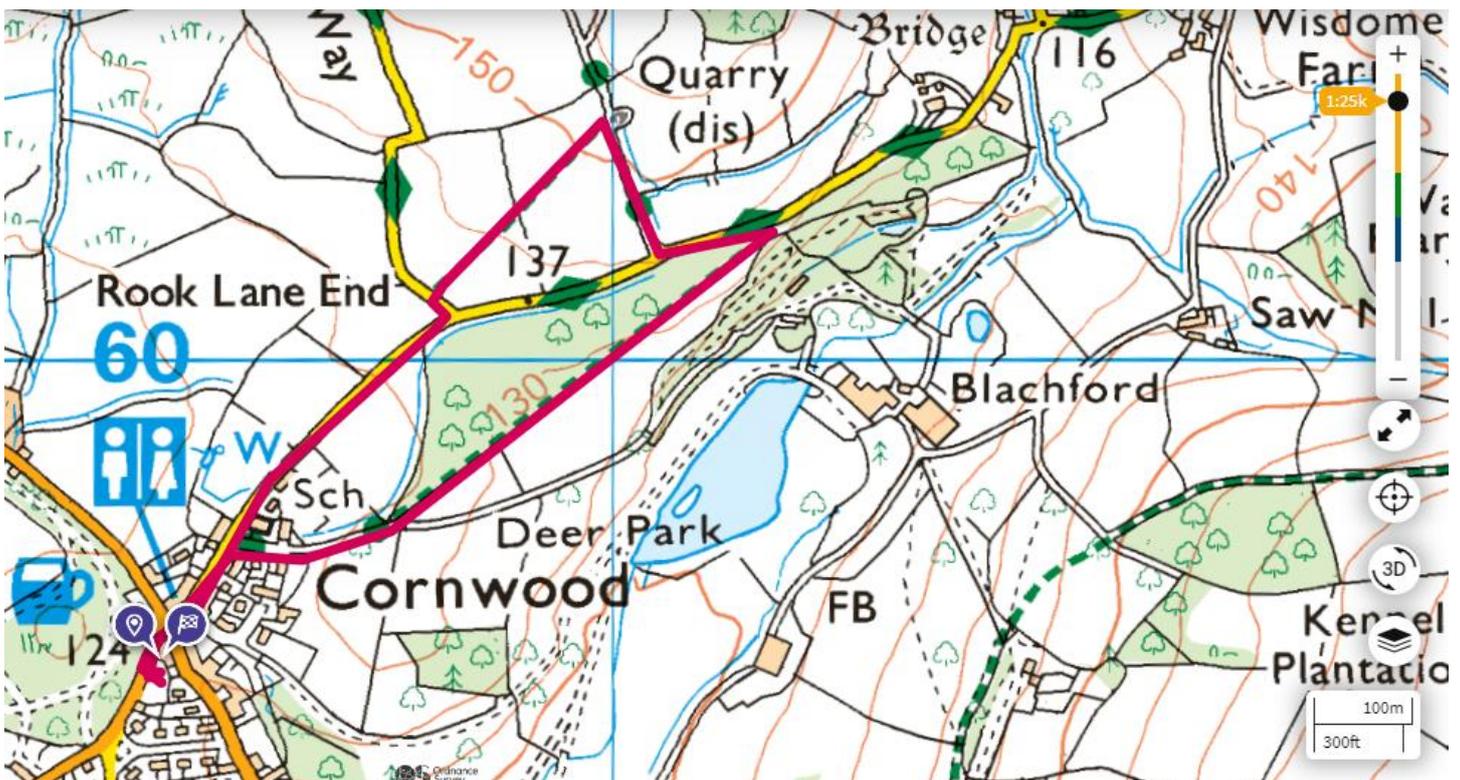
Walk 1 – 1½ miles: Cornwood Square to Vicarage Hill returning through fields

Circular with gentle gradients, paths and quiet road, through the square, past the school & village hall and enjoying local views

Walks are undertaken at your own risk. **Please follow the countryside code and leave no trace. It is the responsibility of the walker not to trespass, cause damage or upset livestock.** Remember that livestock are kept in the open fields and dogs should be kept on leads. Some pathways can be muddy and therefore suitable footwear should be worn. But don't worry if you do get muddy shoes/boots, muddy boots are still welcome in the Cornwood Inn.... and it will clean off! We recommend you carry OS Explorer map 28 (Dartmoor) or have the OS app on your phone if venturing off the roads and onto the moor.

Summary

This walk starts in the village square, opposite Cornwood Inn, The Square, Cornwood PL21 9PU and continues up to School Lane, past Cornwood C of E Primary School and the Village Public Hall car park. A footpath then leads to Vicarage Hill. After 100 metres on the road, turn right up the track (an old drove road) for approximately 200 metres and then left onto footpath that leads back across 2 fields to the lane leading to East Rook and then back to Cornwood. Total distance is approximately 1½ miles. Walkers are advised that the two fields crossed are used for grazing; **all dogs must be kept on leads** when livestock are on the land. All gates used should be secured. Care is required in descending steps down to the road at Vicarage Hill. QR code links to description and map on [explore.OSmaps.com](https://www.explore.OSmaps.com)





Walk Description

From Cornwood Square opposite the Cornwood Inn, continue along Fore Street, passing the stone cross and Cornwood Store, turning right into School Lane towards Cornwood Primary school. Continue past the School and the Village Hall into a narrow lane. At the top of this lane is a signpost saying 'Public Footpath Road at Glebe House'. This path is approximately 500 metres long and well defined. The Blachford estate, one of the four estates in Cornwood Parish, lies to the right of the path and part of Blachford House and lake can be glimpsed between the trees. At the far end of the path, 5 steps lead down to Vicarage Hill - the road that leads from Cornwood to Tor and Harford.



Turn left up Vicarage Hill, walk for approximately 100 metres and turn up a narrow, unmarked, lane on the right. The lane is known locally as Watery Lane for obvious reasons as water has considerably damaged the lane surface, lifting the concrete and tarmac. This lane is likely to be an old 'drove road' used for bringing stock off the moor lane and it eventually leads to South Hele Farm. However, for this route, only go up the lane for approximately 200 metres then take the Public Footpath on the left.

Over the stile through the hedge, the path crosses the first of two fields. The view from here is panoramic from Hanger Down on the left, around to Cornwood ahead and then Gibb Park Wood above Delamore estate and around to Headon Down clay works on the right.



The stile on the opposite side of this field is negotiable, but not so dog-friendly. A gate, further up in the same hedge, also leads into the second field and this is a much easier way to access the next field. Directly across the second field is a stile marked with a signpost. This leads into a lane which goes to East Rook (Farm and gate). After the stile, turn left and a few metres further on is the junction with the Cornwood Road. Walk along this road back to Cornwood Square where you will find yourself facing the Cornwood Inn.

Hopefully you have timed your walk so the pub is open to welcome you in and refresh you!

