



Route from Corfe Castle to Renscombe Farm and the Event Site on 4th June

The length of the route is just over 3 miles. There are numerous stiles and some sustained uphill sections.

After visiting St Edward The Martyr Church in West Street, walk out of Corfe Castle in a southerly direction all the way to the end of West Street where you meet a bridleway running left and right just before the National Trust sign at Corfe Common. Turn left on to the public bridleway, go through a metal gate and then, bearing right, walk across the edge of Corfe Common. Keep to the right of distant houses bordering the Common. Eventually you reach the B3069 where there is a Purbeck Way sign. Note also a small sign warning of fast traffic on road.

Cross road and shortly afterwards at first fork in path, bear right and downhill across open heathland in a southerly direction. This is indicated on a small concrete post near some gorse bushes. NB! DO NOT go as far as second fork immediately in front of the tumuli! From the small concrete post continue downhill, aiming for wooden finger post at the bottom marked Purbeck Way, and two wooden footbridges. Cross the footbridges and follow direction signs carefully around right hand side of farm buildings. (**Note requests to avoid disturbing livestock and keep any dogs firmly on a lead at this point**). After walking a short distance (about 50 yds) with field boundary on your left, turn left over a stile, footbridge and further stile to enter another field. The stile has a Purbeck Heritage marker. Turn right when you enter field and start walking with hedge and narrow strip of woodland on your right. This soon becomes a sustained uphill climb. Continue uphill until you come to a stile surrounded by large stones and junction of paths. There is an overgrown copse directly ahead. Look for broad, muddy track going off to the left. CARE IS NEEDED AT THIS POINT.

Climb over the stony-based stile and turn immediately left along the broad muddy track. In about 60 yards climb two further stiles on right-hand side of track to reach stony track/bridleway leading uphill to the right. (Both stiles are marked Purbeck Heritage). Turn right and follow stony track/bridleway uphill for about 0.5 mile, eventually rejoining B3069 opposite Afflington Lookout Barn (GR 969 791). There is a wooden finger post marked Purbeck Way on both sides of the road. From here, there are stunning views to Corfe Castle.

Cross B3069 and follow the Purbeck Way signs to Coombe Bottom. In Coombe Bottom follow track as it turns right and continue along steep sided gully/bottom, eventually passing through metal gate. Shortly after the metal gate ignore footpath sign on the left pointing to Worth. Continue in direction of Purbeck Way and Coast Path. Continue to point where the gully opens out and turn left on to metalled road which goes steeply uphill and around right-hand bend to reach Renscombe Farm. The Event Site and car park are nearby.

Estimate of Parish Numbers for 4th June

Your Name Tel No

Name of your Parish

Estimate of Number attending

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