



“The Signet Stroll”

5.5k (3.5 miles)

The Country Code

- Please keep to the path
- Take litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Please clean up after your dog
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals

This is a pleasant and easy walk around the lanes and paths around The Retreat. The walk is flat and easy to follow (you could even run it if you like!) and there are some nice views of the North Wessex Downs to the south.

1. Head out of The Retreat via the top (right hand) entrance and turn right on the road for about 400 metres passing Elcot Farmhouse and following the road around to the left past a byway sign pointing right. Turn right on a lane signposted **Lower Farm** and **Hill View** and go past these properties and straight on as the road turns into a track. **NOTE: Elcot Farmhouse and farmyard are private property. Please do not enter.**

2. Continue on path between hedges for about 5 minutes or so until you reach a clear junction of paths, turn left following a footpath sign along the right edge of a large field. At the end of this field continue through gap onto right edge of next field all the way to a road.

3. Cross over and follow the road opposite, passing the vineyard of **Orpenham Farm** on your left and two houses. Continue on the road as it bears sharp left, opposite a footpath sign, continue for approximately 800m to the T junction by the post box and turn left. You will soon see a couple of cottages on the left and there is a track between them, signposted **Orchard Cottage**. Follow this track.

4. Follow the track briefly and you will soon see a footpath sign pointing right, follow this to a path running along the left edge of a large field. At the end follow a narrow path to a stile and cross this one and the one on the other side of the lane, following footpath sign along left edge of narrow field. Go straight on, following footpath sign onto a long wide path. Keep straight on between fence and hedge and then left onto the road. Follow the road all the way past **Elcot Farm** and back to **The Retreat**.