

THE PIG-near Bath - Walk 3

The Wollard Way

Approx. 7.6 miles (210 minutes)



Starting at the hotel, walk down the drive and turn left down the road into Hunstrete Village. Turn right beside Cottage No. 5 and following the footpath sign, cross the field to a stile that takes you into Common Wood. Continue along the track ahead, past a paintball sports area and follow the track around to the right where it crosses a stream as it bends left, keep left and take the footpath on the right that rises to the top of the wood.

Once out of the wood, take a left and keep the hedge on your left until it ends and you're looking out over a large field. The footpath continues straight ahead and passes through the hedge underneath the large house in the distance. Over the stile, continue walking downhill towards the collection of houses to join a lane at Marksbury Vale.

Turn left towards Court Farm; just before the buildings turn right over a stile and take the right-hand track for a short while to a stile on your left. Pass to the right-hand side of the farm buildings to an enclosed track following Bathford Brook. Continue heading along this path downstream until you reach a road at Tuckingmill.

Turn left over the cattle grid and follow the track past a handsome, 18th-century manor house to a ford. Cross the footbridge and turn right, walking alongside the stream, which is again the line of an underwater byway - re-join the byway as it emerges from the water and continue along this byway until you reach a road. Turn left and follow the road for 700yds (640m) to Compton Dando.

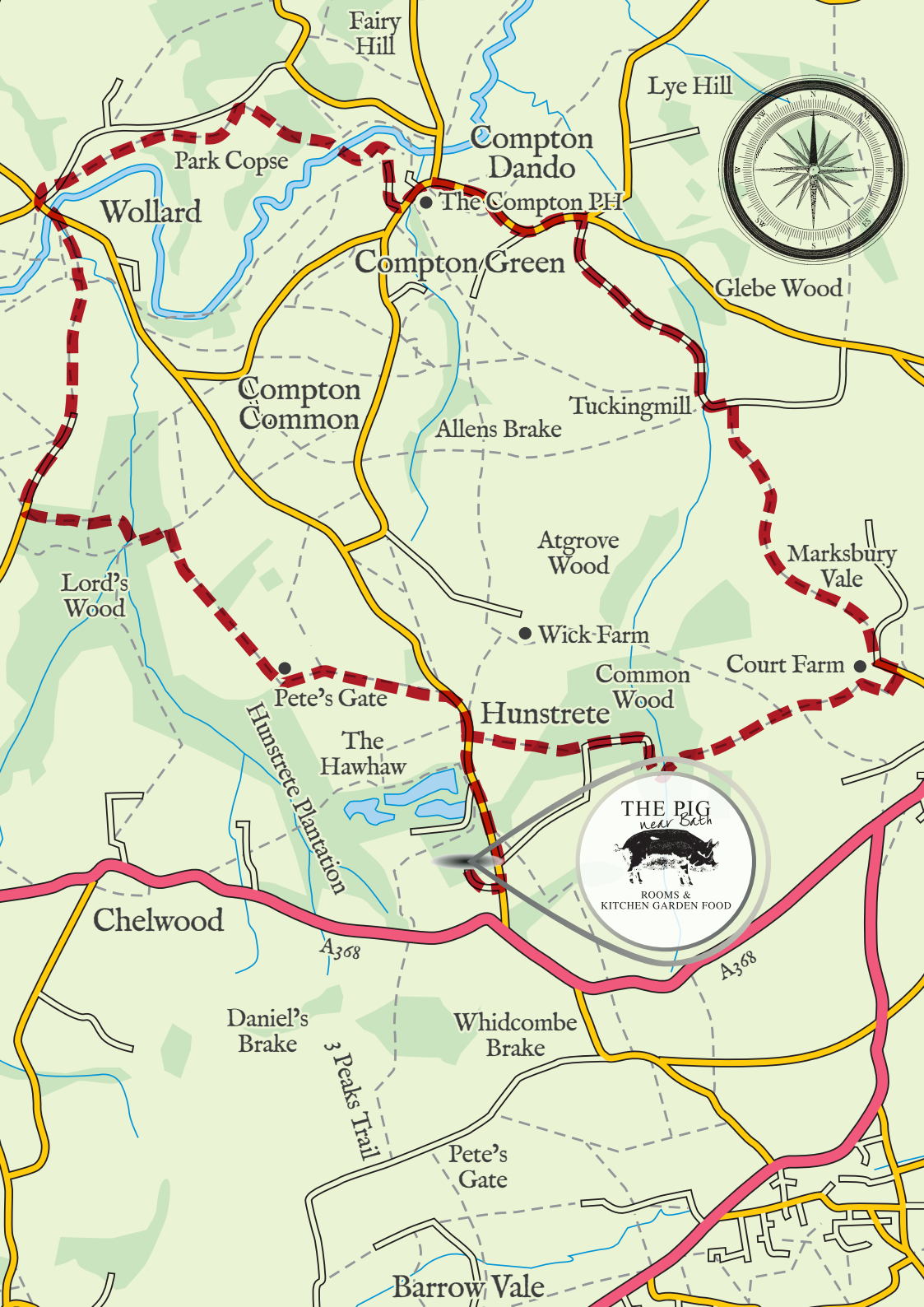
Turn left at the T-junction, passing the Compton Inn on your left hand side and turn right into Church Lane. Take the path through the graveyard and on the other side, step over a stile that leads down steps, one of which is a 17th-century gravestone. Turn left after the Mill House and pass to the left of the mill pond, to reach a footbridge over the River Chew.

Once over the bridge, bear slightly left over the field to a stile that leads into woodland known as Park Copse. At its top you may have to walk around the edge of the field round to a stile at your 2pm. In the lane beyond turn left; it becomes a hedged track and runs alongside a tiny gorge as it descends to Woollard. Once you reach the road at Woollard, turn left and left again over the bridge, taking the footpath on the right after the first house.

Walk over the concrete footbridge and take a left through the gate keeping the hedge on your left until you get to a wooden bridge (on the opposite side of the field under the trees is a great wild swimming spot!). Over the bridge continue along the path on your right, ignore the first stile on the left and carry on walking as the footpath becomes a lane and you reach a stile on the left into Lords Wood on a path marked "Three Peaks Walk".

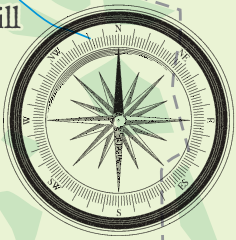
Follow the path to a crossroads and go straight over until you get to a pond. Half-way around the pond, turn left at the signpost following the 3 Peaks Walk, straight up the hill ahead until you reach a gate at the edge of the wood. Turn Right over the gate and drop to a hidden footbridge under the trees.

Continue over the field ahead, to the corner of the wood and head uphill, with the edge of the plantation on your left and continue straight ahead once in the field to Pete's Gate beside another corner of Hunstrete Plantation. Turn left at the gate keeping the hedge on your right to an old field gate. The footpath follows the right-hand hedge of the next field, passing through it half way down and then diagonally to a gate with the road in the far corner. Once over the gate turn right into Hunstrete and follow the road back to THE PIG.



Fairy Hill

Lye Hill



Wollard

Park Copse

Compton Dando

The Compton PH

Compton Green

Glebe Wood

Compton Common

Allens Brake

Tuckingmill

Lord's Wood

Atgrove Wood

Marksbury Vale

Pete's Gate

Wick Farm

Common Wood

Court Farm

Hunstrete

The Hawhaw

Hunstrete Plantation



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3 Peaks Trail

Pete's Gate

Barrow Vale