

Main Walk

1. Walk South down Overstone Road, just past start of pavement on left climb bank and thro' k/g. Cross field down to church, thro' p/g and thro' churchyard to cross bridge. T/R to Main St. & Pheasant.
2. T/R up Main Street for 200m, & thro' k/g on left, opposite Overstone Rd. Cross-field with its ups & downs, keeping parallel with hedge on left aiming for gate. Over culvert into next field, fwd cross the next two fields via culverts, cross & exit the next field via a s/b & k/g near top right corner & then in 20m T/R thro' p/g, over s/b and stile. Thro' vegetation, (usually boggy) & T/L at top of bank to reach ranch fence. Thro' p/g & T/L down to road via p/g.
3. T/R along road. T/L opp. farm & go thro' gap beside f/g. Go fwd cross-field towards hedgerow on far side. Look, and aim for tall WMP ahead. On reaching field boundary and WMP, with pools up on right, pass into next field, keep right, with hg/bank right follow round and over f/b. Fwd past gap right along field edge, and as it bears right, follow to meet lane. T/L down lane passing Hopsford Hall on right, follow on under the railway & then Hopsford Aqueduct. When lane turns left, fwd cross-field to outward hedge corner. Fwd keeping hg-right onto road.
(Route A see below).
4. T/R up road for 20m, x-stile on left, next to gate, H/L cross-field to hedge opposite, T/R, hg-left, up field to outward hedge corner then exit thro' k/g (right of gate). Fwd over canal bridge thro' p/g, up enclosed path to road. T/L along road, on pavement, to reach Rose & Castle.
5. Thro' k/g opposite the Rose & Castle. H/L down field passing telegraph post to canal side via 2 stiles. Fwd canal left, thro' three k/g's & under motorway bridge (M69). Exit thro' k/g, T/R & up to go thro' k/g in hedge ahead. Keep motorway right up into field corner. T/L, hg-right continue up to corner & x-stile next to field gate just off field corner. Fwd hg-right, via k/g & s/b to road.
6. T/L & after 130m enter drive to Barnacle Hall & continue up drive to pass hall on right, across concrete yard. Thro' f/g ahead, aim for house opposite & skirt pool on your right to go thro' k/g to road.

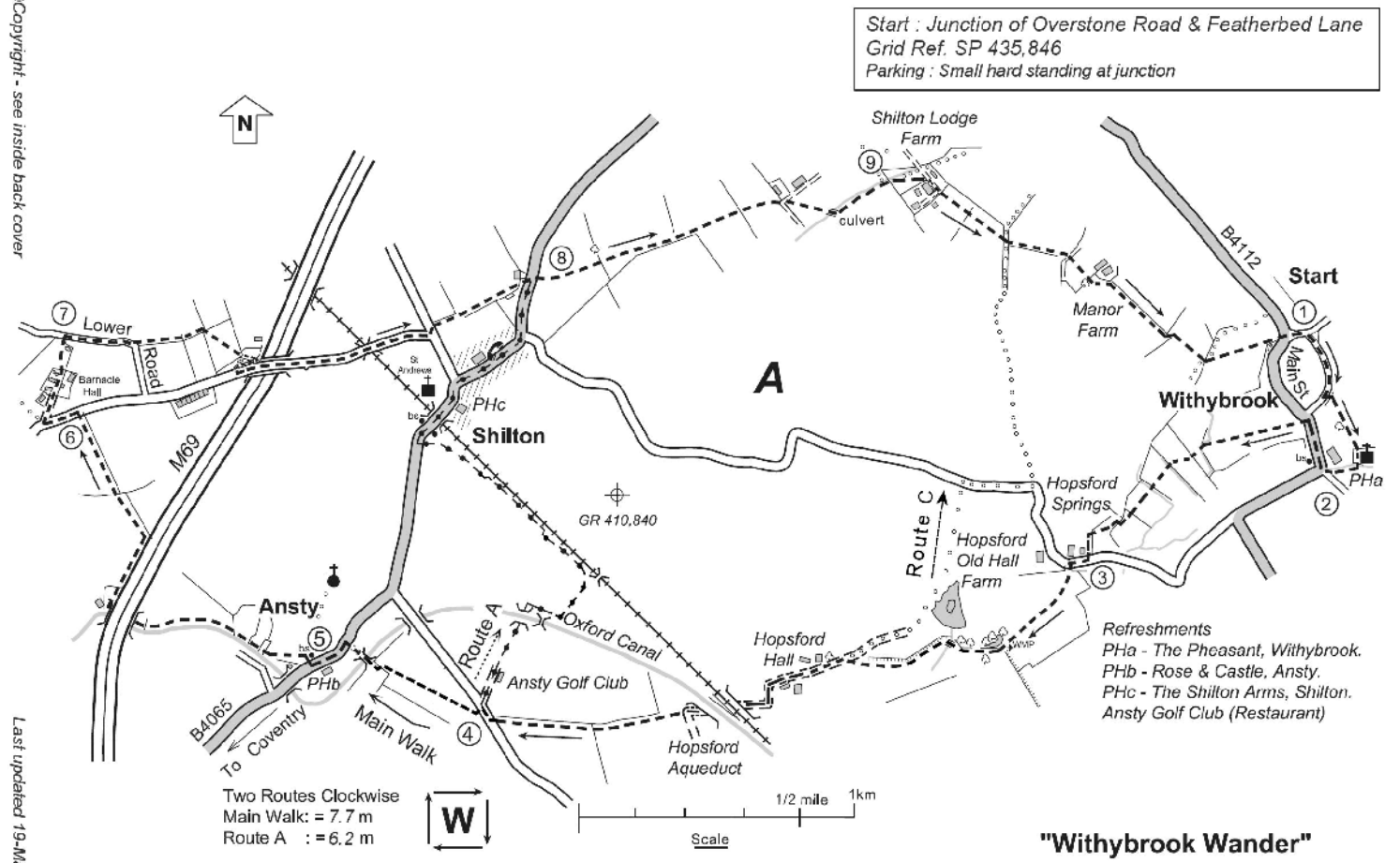
7. T/R down road & when road turns right fwd over stile. Hg-right to hedge end, thro' gap on right. H/L cross-field to opposite corner. X-stile into garden, keep conifer hedge right to go thro' p/g onto farm track. T/R along track & follow round to main road. T/L, along road for 650m going over motorway to T- junction. Thro' k/g to the left of Jasmine Cottage on opposite side of road. Hg-left & thro' k/g, fwd hg-right followed by fc-right to just before barn. Thro' k/g on right, cross muddy field to go thro' f/g ahead onto road. X-stile over road on the right.
8. H/L cross-field thro' k/g, right of lone tree (or farm house). Fwd to pick up hg-right until hedge turns right. Fwd cross-field to x-stile & s/b. Fwd towards right side of farm buildings and corner of farm track. H/R, (or round field edge), down to stream, & go over culvert. T/L, stream left, to field corner.
9. Fwd over s/b & thro' p/g. V/R cross-field, aiming for left of farm buildings ahead. Thro' p/g, T/R & fwd on drive to go thro' p/g (in f/g) ahead. Fwd cross field to go thro' k/g ahead. V/L cross field to go thro' another k/g. Fwd over bridle path, thro' gap, to continue hg-right. Over track to x-stile ahead. Fwd cross-field thro' two k/g's & over s/b. H/L to pick up hg-left to reach field corner. Thro' k/g & continue on the same line as last field, down cross-field to reach p/g's. Thro' gates to go up cross-field keeping parallel to hedge on near right, aim for left of bungalows. Thro' k/g directly onto road, pavement to right, cross into Overstone Rd, fwd to parking area.

Route A At the end of Note 3 T/R up road to enter Ansty Golf Club on right. Fwd up drive and straight on passing clubhouse on right to go under canal bridge. T/R, canal embankment right for approx. 150m past bridge on right to WMP. T/L across course to reach & T/L at railway, keep as near as is practical to fence on right for 700m. Exit course via stile off corner, up walkway and x-stile onto road. T/R along main road, 250m after Withybrook junction x-stile on right. Continue with Note 8

Route C Shorter (3.9mi) using drive to Hopsford Hall to NE then North.

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