

# Morton Stanley Park to Elcock's Brook and Ham Green Walk

A walk through local paths including parts of the Monarch's way. This walk has some challenges in terms of difficult stiles and can get very muddy. In some places I had to take an alternative route due to flooding of the path.

## Summary

Total distance 5.2 miles (8.4km)

Time approx 2h 30 mins to 3 hours

These instructions are a summary only, I suggest using a proper walking map such as the OS Explorer map or download the GPX information from my website: [www.daysoutdiary.co.uk/walks](http://www.daysoutdiary.co.uk/walks)

## Start

Free parking is available at Morton Stanley Park. There are two car parks, either can be used. The start shown here is of the main car park on B4504 Windmill Drive Redditch. B97 5GE. The alternative is on Green Lane B97 5YS which may be quieter during busy periods.

OS Grid Ref: SP 029 653

Latitude: 52° 17' 9" N

Longitude: 1° 57' 28" W

## Directions

1. Start by walking through Morton Stanley Park towards the football fields and Green Lane Car Park located at the west of the park. Exit the park and the path starts on the track opposite.

2. Follow the path through to Norgrove Lane.

3. On the road take a slight left turn and then the path is on the right over a small bridge.

4. You will see Norgrove house to your right. Continue until you reach the driveway then turn left and follow the driveway onto the road.



5. There are two bridges that take you across the streams before walking across the fields towards Sillins Lane.

6. The footpath continues at the opposite side of the road (slightly to the right). The path follows the edge of the field. Please stick to the footpath and avoid the temptation to shortcut across the field. You will be rewarded at the top of the small hill by amazing views across the area.



7. Turn right on the road and follow it until the path on the left.

8. The driveway is marked as private and the footpath is located at the left. This is up a steep slope. The footpath is through a narrow fenced route as it passes around the house.

9. When you emerge onto the road there is a footpath going across the road. This goes through the garden of the house. The owner was most pleasant considering the footpath went through his garden. However further down the path was very muddy and flooded, so I did not continue down the footpath in winter (or wellies recommended). See the photo below. If you follow that that then you will need to take a left turn to rejoin the instructions at 11.



**Instead I recommend turning left along the road.**

10. [Assuming road route]

Follow the track which goes down to the right. This ends at a farm. There is a footpath to the left of the farm driveway, unfortunately when I went this was completely blocked by the farm gate and a roadwork sign, but that route should be taken if possible. Then turn right along the road.



11. Walk along the road. On the right is the footpath where you would emerge if you take the footpath explained in 9. Further down the road there is a footpath on the left. This path goes up the hill, veering to the right and then left.

12. This will bring you out through a stile onto Callow Hill Lane. This photo shows the stile which is leaning towards you making it very difficult to climb over. Unfortunately this is typical of many of the stiles on this route.



Immediately on the right is a bridle path. This can get extremely muddy. The alternative is to follow the road, but you will miss out on more breathtaking views.

13. Walk down the bridle path until you reach a footpath on the left, which is another section of the Monarch Way.

The route goes directly up the hill, which is very steep. It is however worth it with the view from the top.



14. The footpath emerges on to the road at the left of the farm house. Turn right along the road and take the road on the left.

15. Take the path on the left through Walkwood Coppice. This will eventually emerge onto a path in Morton Stanley Park.



16. Turn right to follow the path, which emerges near to the main car park.

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