

Walk 6 (one and a half hours)

Leaving Holy Cross Church (1), cross the bridge over the brook and at the main road cross over to Rectory Lane. On the left up the hill is Old Quarries (3). Bear left into Steps Lane and enjoy this section of the walk through Gatcombe Park with beautiful views in all directions. Note Steps Barn on the right, and further along on the left, Woodhouse Barn.

When Steps Lane meets the main road proceed for about twenty five yards and look out for the footpath sign on the right. Cross the stone stile and follow the direction of the path towards Minchinhampton Golf Club. This is a clearly defined, and crosses a number of stone straddle stiles. Follow the public path across the fields and then the golf course towards the clubhouse.

Pass the clubhouse on the left and follow the waymarks across another section of the course to Nom's Tump. Exit the golf course across the stile and drop down the field to join the Nags Head lane towards Avening through a wrought iron stile (care, this has a steep drop). Proceed left along the main road up towards the Cross Inn but look out for Old Hill (29-33) on the right.

Descend the High Street and look out for the lane on the right that takes you to the old Avening Mill building (37). Proceed down the High Street returning to Holy Cross Church.