

### Walk: Hoddington Arms to Weston Patrick and Hunts Farm Approximately 3 miles / 1 hour 10 mins

1. From the Hoddington Arms, turn left towards the red telephone box and village pond. You may like to stop at the telephone box, which details the history of Upton Grey village.
2. Continue along the Bidden Road past the 18<sup>th</sup> century Grade II listed Pond House, and the pretty village pond.
3. Keep walking along this road for about 8 minutes until you come to a footpath sign and gate on your left, almost opposite Weston Close.
4. Turn left into the field and follow the footpath up the left hand side of the field. There are sometimes sheep grazing in the field, if you have a dog with you please ensure it is on a lead and under control. After about 200 yards at the top of field go through the gate.
5. Follow the path through the middle of the grassed / wooded area to the next gate. Go through this gate and continue along the footpath until you reach the field.
6. Follow the path along the left hand side of the field and then continue to follow the track round as it bears to the left.
7. The track will then open up and in addition to a splendid view, you will have three options (left, ahead or right). Take the right hand path into the field. Then, turn immediately left and walk along the left hand side of this field.
8. The field will go down a slight hill and then back up.



9. At the top of the field follow the track which continues between the trees into the next field.



10. You will see a footpath sign as you enter the next field, turn right here and walk along the edge of the field. When you come to the end of the field, continue straight along the path into the wooded area.



11. As you approach the woodland you will see a wire gate and fence (or possibly only a post and the remainder of a damaged / knocked down wire fence / gate). Proceed through / over the gate and follow the track straight into the woods. Please note that pheasants and deer may be found in this area. Please keep dogs on leads and stick to the footpath.



12. As the track forks, take the left hand path through the woodland.



13. After a pleasant stroll through the woodland, you will go down a slight hill where another track crosses your path. Continue straight over this crossroad on your current path through the trees.

14. You will now come to the edge of the woodland, an electricity pylon can be seen in front of you. Follow the footpath through the middle of the field.



15. You will come out onto a gravel lane, continue straight down the lane into a farmyard.

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16. Walk through the centre of the farmyard. You will see a gate opposite you, in front of a church. You should be able to walk around the right hand side of the gate and exit the farmyard.

17. Follow the road round to the front of the church, you are now in Weston Patrick village. The church of St Lawrence dates from the 12th century.



18. Look out for the memorial plaque dedicated to the Spitfire pilot who crash landed close by.

19. From the church, follow the road around to the left in Weston Patrick. When the road splits, proceed to the right.



20. At the end of this road, turn right and start to walk back towards Upton Grey and the Hoddington Arms pub.

21. Along your way you will pass Hunts Farm, where there are likely to be free-range chickens and sheep roaming. You may wish to stop here to pick up some farm fresh eggs!



22. Continue along Weston Road until you reach Upton Grey village, pass the village pond and perhaps visit the village shop (turn left at the pond if you wish to stop off, otherwise continue straight). Pass the red telephone box and return to the Hoddington Arms for a well deserved spot of lunch and some refreshments!