

WALK 14

Start Point: Village Hall.

Finish Point: Village Hall

Parking: Village Hall

Distance: 4.5 Miles

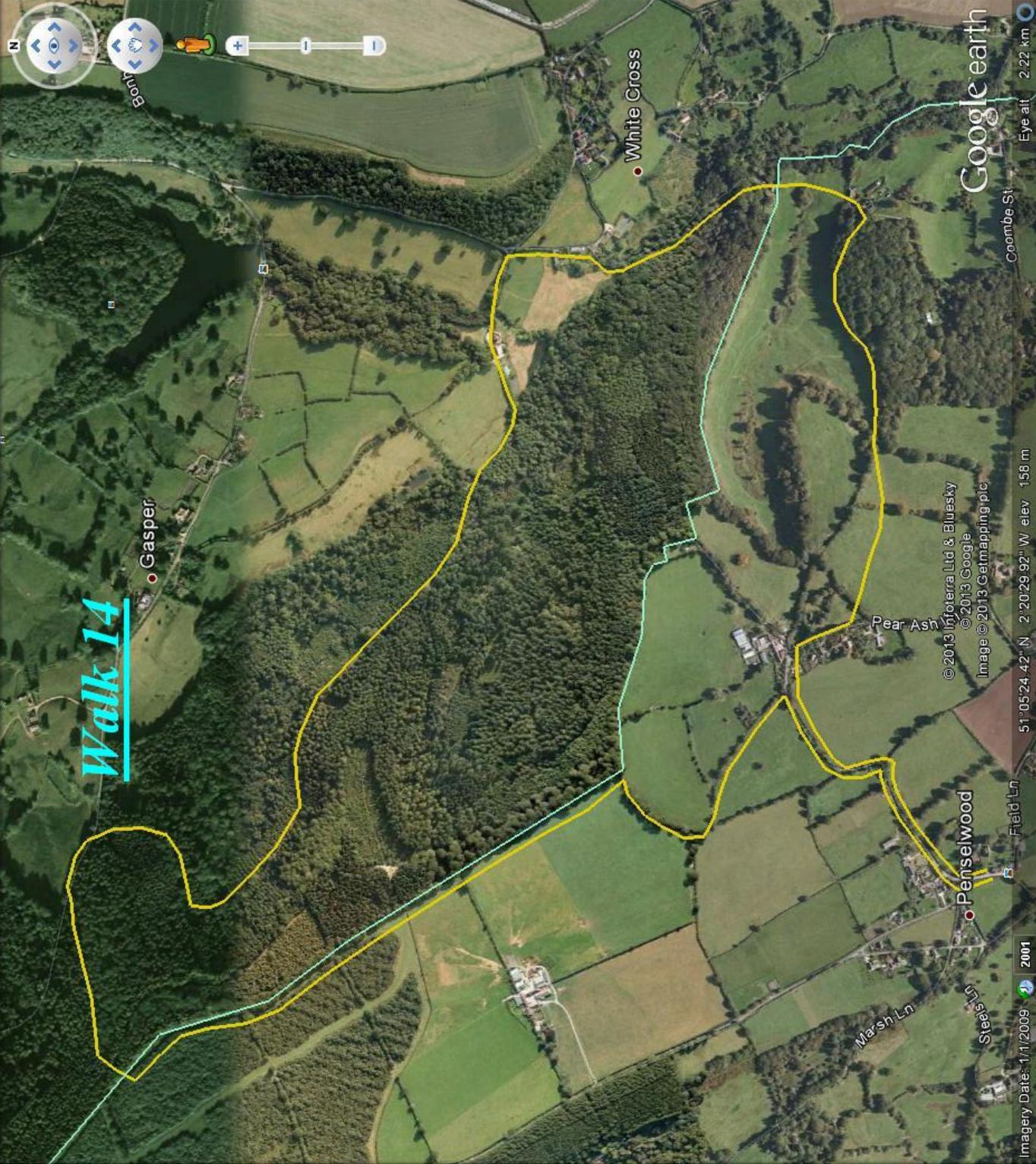
Description:

1. From the village hall go N to a seat on a triangle where **turn right** into Pear ash Lane.
2. Approaching Pear Ash Farm after 600m **turn left** (1) onto a signed footpath. After 3 field gates go through a wooden pedestrian gate. **Turn right** (2) along a hedge to reach the corner of the field where there is a woodland entrance gate. **Turn NNW** (3) along a straight field running beside the woodland. After ½ Km and 3 stiles reach an area of open gallops and copses. (*nb 1:25000 maps show this area incorrectly.*)
3. Continue straight ahead alongside the woodland margin for a further ½ Km and then **turn right** (4) between holly bushes onto a woodland track. This track is unsigned. It lies after a stepped viewing platform and just before a prominent oak tree.
4. Follow the track E. steeply downhill to reach the Gasper road. Lovely views towards Stourhead. **Turn right** on the road and after 200 m **turn right** (7) slightly downhill. After 300m reach a grass triangle and turn steeply downhill to a ford. Cross the wooden bridge and proceed directly through the white gates. (*no right of way signs here but do not be deterred!*) keep to the drive lined with rhododendrons. Topping a rise after 250m see thatched house ahead. Turn sharply back and steeply down a **small unmarked path** (8) Almost immediately reach another path **turn right** – where it can be muddy – to reach a stile leading to a delightful open combe.
5. Go steeply down and cross a small stream on stepping stones – a lovely picnic spot in the summer. Continue uphill and cross a stile to a path between an interesting garden and a wood. Cross another stile into a beech wood and after 100m **turn Right** (9) onto a well marked path. Follow this path which runs just inside the woodland for ½ km. After a small wooden gate soon reach a stile leading into a field. Cross this field to reach a double stile. Now swing **slightly right (ENE)** across the next field to find a field gate by a large oak. Cross a small paddock and go into pear Ash Lane. Here **turn right** and follow the lane back to your starting point.

Alternative Routes:

At point (3) it is possible to divert through the gate into the woodland and follow the route just inside the woodland instead of through the horse fields. Rejoin the main route after ½ Km

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Google earth
Eye alt 2.22 km

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51°05'24.42"N 2°20'29.92"W elev 158 m

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