

The Ramsdown Ramble

This recommended walk of about 5 miles will take you through the water meadows of the river Medina, with its varied wild life, then up on to the downs with superb views over the island countryside, returning via the water meadows of the wilderness.

Cross the road in front of The Chequers and walk down the track.

SIGN - Public Bridleway GL5 to Lower Rill and Chillerton.

At Rookley Farm House turn LEFT to pass in front of garden.

SIGN - Public Bridleway G18 to Rill.

Cross the young River Medina by way of the footbridge and head straight across the field to a metal gate, continue along the track until you join a lane.

Turn RIGHT walk up the slope to join a second lane where you again turn RIGHT.

This new lane swings north almost immediately and to your right through a gateway glimpse the pub, already a mile away.

Ignore the footpath to your left on the brow of the hill, continue along lane to pass Loverstone Farm, and then shortly after, at the top of a slope turn LEFT onto a track that climbs steeply across a field.

SIGN - Bridleway G15 to Ramsdown.

At the top on entering the second field turn LEFT and keeping the hedge close on your left-hand side follow the path up the field. After passing through a gateway you will enter onto Ramsdown a large area of arable downland.

The well defined path runs close to the hedge for the length of this field and is crossed at one point by Bridleway 16a to Chillerton. - See if you can spot the small gate set in the hedgerow.

On the other side of the hedge at this point is an underground reservoir.

Away to the right is Chillerton Down with its tall mast. Built for Southern TV it is now used for various communication links. The village of Chillerton lies in the valley below.

On reaching the top corner of the field you meet the Shepherds Trail coming up from Hollow Lane to your right and going along the hillside ahead. You are at the highest point on the walk, so have a break, and enjoy the panorama (Can you spot The Chequers?) before swinging LEFT down the track through Ramsdown Farm to join a small lane.

Turn LEFT down the lane.

You are now walking part of the Worsley Trail that runs from Shanklin in the east, to Brighstone Down where it joins the Tennyson Trail to going west to The Needles.

At the bottom of the hill turn RIGHT to Roslin.

After passing the first barn turn LEFT into gravelled yard between barn and farmhouse.

SIGN - Public Bridleway G14 to Lower Rill and Cridmore.

This wide path known to the locals as Sandy Lane goes through the farmhouse garden then up into a field where it follows the hedge line to a gate then turns Right and meets a lane just before Cridmore Farm.

Walk past the farm and keep to the lane as it bends sharply left to pass in front of the farmhouse and open fronted barns. SIGN - Public Bridleway G24 to Bleak Down.

Then leaving the lane go straight ahead up a track between hedges to a gate, the track drops downhill to another gate and then ends in an open field. Walk down the field keeping the fence close on your right-hand side.

Passing through the next gate turn RIGHT and follow the fence line to yet another gateway. Take a diagonal course across this smaller field to the footbridge and cross the river Medina once again.

Now walk round the meadow with the hedge on your left to a gate. - This is where we leave the Worsley Trail Go through the gate, up the tree lined path to the road at East Appleford, turn LEFT and walk with care the last few yards to the Chequers.

Enter and refresh.

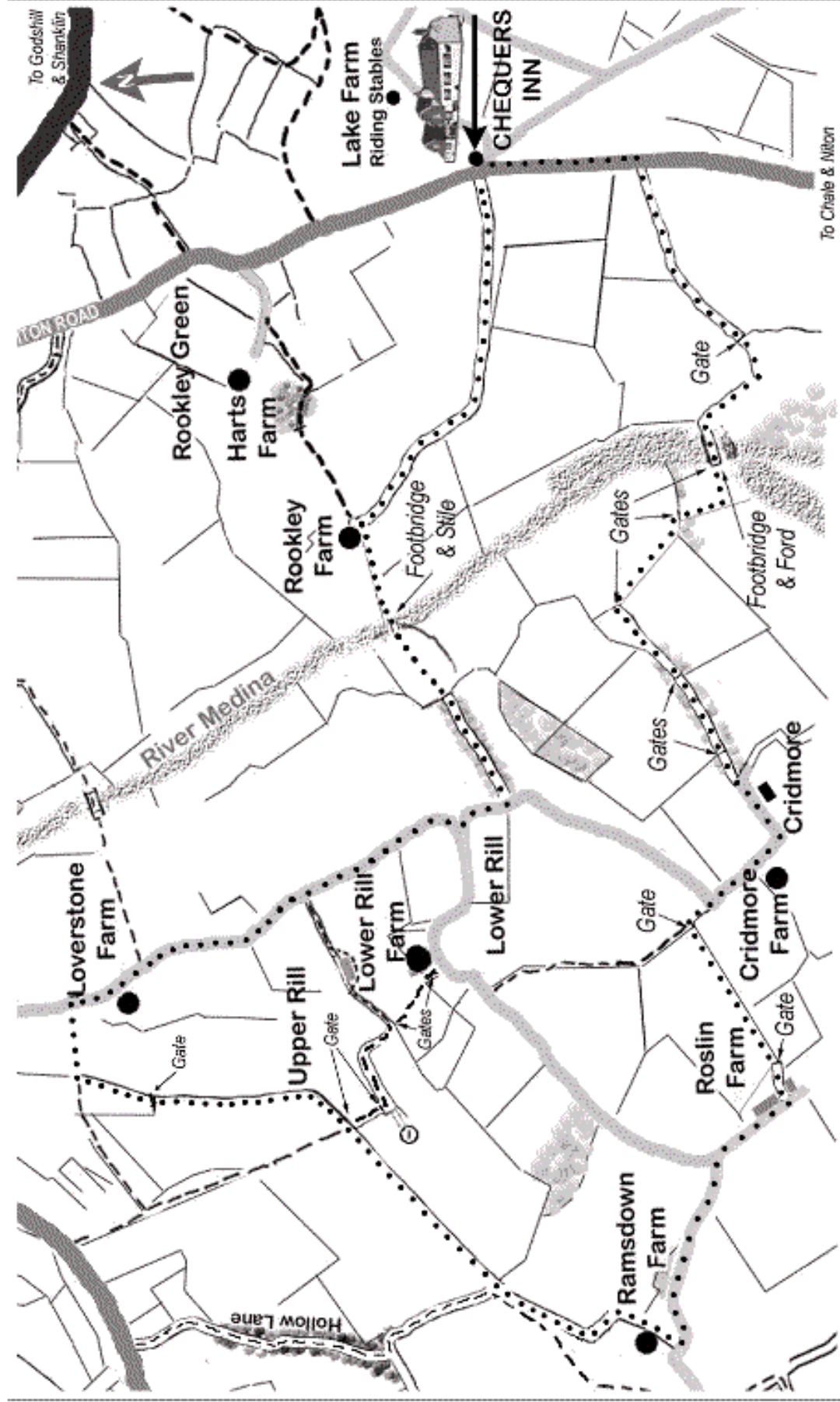
NOTE. This walk is suitable for regular walkers; there are some steep hills.

Where possible we have used public footpaths or bridleways which can become muddy after wet weather, so wear the appropriate shoes/boots. A spare clean pair in the car is a good idea.

Some road walking is inevitable, and although the country lanes are quiet, walk on the right in single file and keep alert for approaching motor vehicles. Please observe the Country Code.

Enjoy!!!

THE CHEQUERS INN Ramsdown Ramble Distance about 5 Miles / 2 Hours



-  Major Road
-  Minor Road
-  Lane
-  Tracks
-  Footpaths
-  Ramsdown Walk