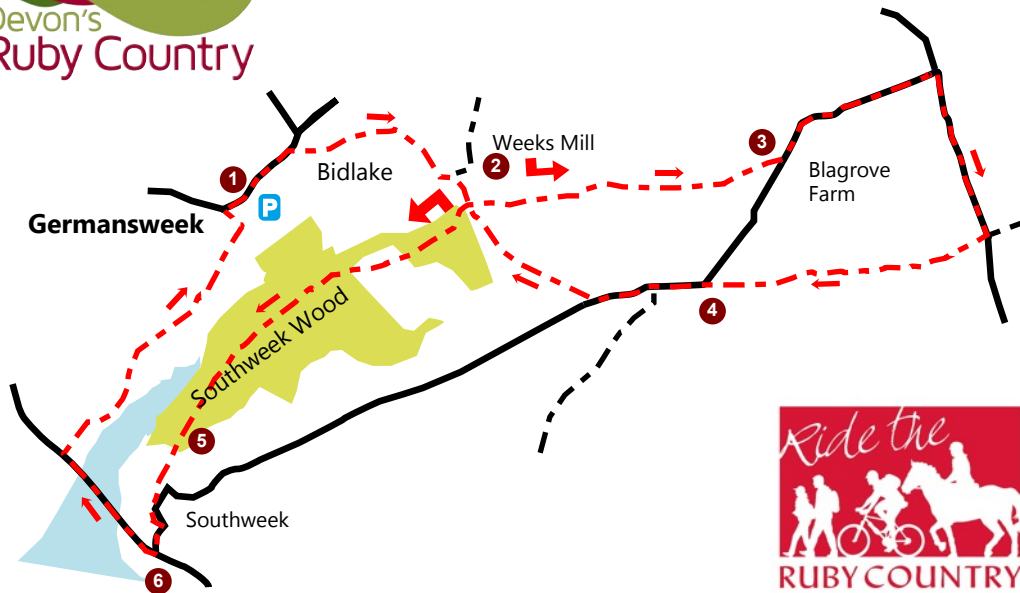


Germansweek and Blagrove - Roadford Lake



Directions - Germansweek and Blagrove

DISTANCE	5.2 miles	TIME	2 to 3 hours
PATHS	Woodland and farmland walk, using quiet country lanes and public rights of way		
MAP	OS Explorer 112, or Landranger 190		
START/FINISH	Grid reference SX439943		
PARKING	In Germansweek opposite the Parish Hall		
FACILITIES	Clovelly Inn in Bratton Clovelly, Village Inn and shop in Ashwater, Lakeside Cafe and Bistro at Roadford Lake.		

1. The walk starts from outside Germansweek Parish Hall and heads past the War Memorial turning right along the road. Upon reaching the Old Chapel turn right down the lane past Chapel Cottage. Follow this track until the River Wolfe is reached. This is the main inlet into Roadford Lake. As you face the river, there is a wooden bridge on your left. Cross this bridge.

2. At the fourway junction on the track, take the immediate turning left. Follow this track, pass through a gate and look out for a gate on the left into a wooded area. Go through this gate. Keep the fence to your left for a short while. Upon entering another block of woodland, the fence will now be on your right. This section of the walk can be soft and muddy. Pass through a gate into a field and then through a second gate into a larger field. Cross this field and head uphill.

Cross 2 stiles and a wooden bridge into another wood, again wet in places and carry on across the next field.. Pass over another stile and cross the field, heading slightly to the right, and enter the next wood over another stile. The following section can become overgrown and the path may be difficult to follow. Keep going more or less straight on . After a short distance you will see a bungalow ahead and you emerge onto a road on the right.

3. When you reach the road, turn left passing the bungalow and other buildings, called Blagrove. Keep on this road to the next junction and turn right. At the brow of the hill look out for a Public Footpath sign taking you through a gate to your right onto a narrow track. This track emerges into a field. Cross this field keeping the hedge on the left. Keep on until a road is reached, then turn left.

4. After about 300 metres there is a gate on the right with a sign showing the footpath crossing a field. Cross a stile into a wood and follow the path down hill. Upon reaching a four way junction, take the left fork through a gate and follow the track uphill. Pass through a gate into a field and cross the field keeping the fence on your right. Follow the path through another gate keeping straight ahead.

5. Germansweek can now be seen to your right. Head to the far right hand corner of this field then crossing a stile into a wood. Follow the path straight ahead. Pass through a gate into a field, cross this field with the fence on the right. Roadford Lake is now visible straight ahead. Towards the end of this field there is a gate on the left through which a road is reached. Turn right and right again at the junction.

6. Cross the viaduct over Roadford Lake. Look out for a stile and gate on the right into a small wood. Carry on along the footpath until another gate is reached. Pass into a field and head uphill and slightly right until a stile is reached. Cross the stile and follow the track. This track may be wet and muddy. You will emerge close to Germansweek church. Turn right when you reach a road and continue until you arrive back at the start point.