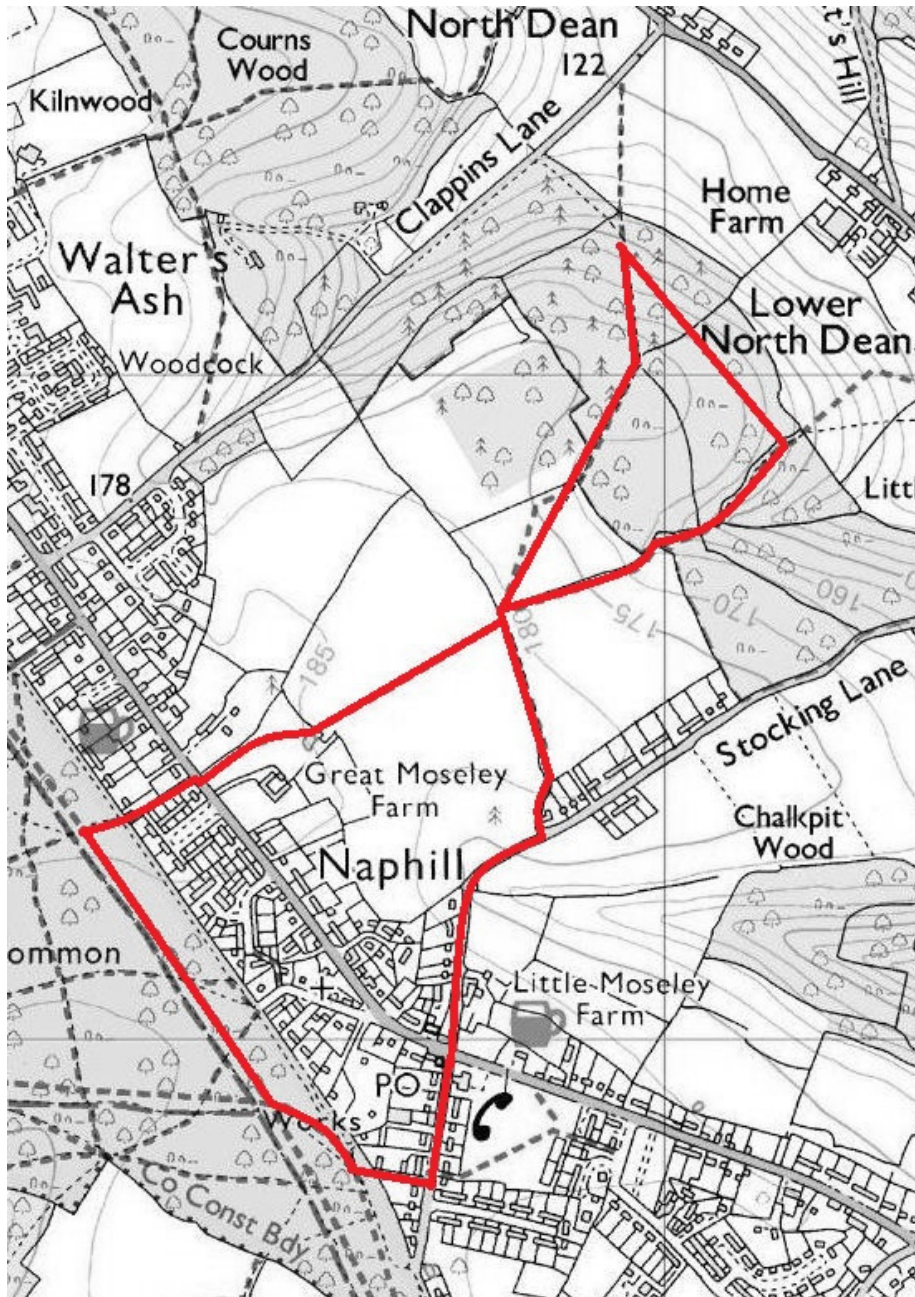


Friends of Naphill Common – Short Walk 2 – Stocking Wood



Starting from the Village Hall, walk down Downley Road and take the footpath on your right between two houses. On reaching the common, you have a choice of following the obvious path to the right and walking along the edge of the common or (for the more adventurous, the path is often muddy, even at dry times of the year) continue into the common and turn right onto H12 (the [footpath map](#) on the FoNC web site shows the numbers of the various paths through the common). Turn right onto footpath H1, which again runs between houses and leads onto Main Road.

Paying attention to oncoming traffic, cross Main Road to a kissing gate and follow the path to the stile at the far corner of the field, by the pond that belongs to Gt Moseley Farm. Cross the further field and pass through the wide gap in the hedge. Beyond the hedge our path crosses another track, we will return here shortly! Continue in the same direction and follow the path that runs with the hedge on your left and the backs of the houses along Stocking Lane visible on your right. This leads to another kissing gate that takes you into Stocking Wood.

Inside the wood, follow the path downhill until it takes a left turn (clearly marked by arrows) and goes uphill (ignore the continuation of the path downhill towards TRADA, this is not an official footpath). It is worth following this path to where it leaves Stocking Wood over a stile, since this offers fine views over North Dean towards Piggots*. It does, however, mean we have gone a few yards too far and we need to retrace our steps slightly to the footpath that turns left (or right if you're retracing your steps) – this isn't an official footpath either, but is well trodden.

Follow the path to a junction where there is another stile leaving the wood visible on your right. Turn sharp left and proceed uphill along the footpath. This takes you out of the wood over a stile and diagonally across a field to the point where it crosses over the footpath we travelled earlier. Continue, keeping the hedge on your right and, passing through the kissing gate, follow the path with an orchard on your right. At the end, turn right onto Stocking Lane and follow the road back to the Village Hall.

* If a longer walk is desired, it is possible to continue across the field, cross the road and walk up to the woods behind North Dean. You can then descend back to North Dean by another footpath and return to Stocking Wood by the footpath that leads off Clappins Lane.