

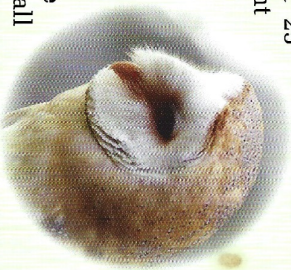
EASTON FARM TO VILLA FARM

Level walk - 2.5 miles

Drive out from the village hall car park, turn left long the A359, go past the church and turn right into Rimpston Road. After about 0.5 miles go over the railway bridge and continue for another 0.25 miles, past Marston Tractors and park by Easton Farm on the right. The bridleway starts at the gate opposite the farm. This can be extremely muddy in winter. There is an alternative "permissive" footpath through a stile 130 metres to the east of the gate. Re-join the main path at the signpost. Wildlife is frequently seen on this walk. Roe deer, buzzard, common snipe, pheasant and other birds and mammals often lend enchantment to the view.

Go through gate (1) and walk on through gates (2) and (3). Turn right over a ditch and go through gate (4) just a few metres away. Cross the large field in a N.E. direction towards Cadbury Castle, the large elevated earthworks which can be seen in the distance. Leave the field through gate (5), cross the farm track and go through the opposite gate (6) into another field which should be crossed diagonally heading towards Cadbury Castle. This leads to an open gateway (7), bearing a yellow waymark. Turn right through the gateway and follow the right hand hedge as it bends left, right, left, right. About 25 metres from the last right

bend, look out for stile (8) hidden in the hedge on your right. Cross this stile and using the right hand waymark, head straight across the field more or less due south. Ahead is a small



gap in the hedge. Go through this using the plank **(9)** to cross the ditch. Continue across the next field in the same direction towards a large oak tree in the opposite hedge. Just to the right of the tree, a bridge with a stile at each end crosses a stream at **(10)**. Use this and walk almost parallel to the hedge on the left towards the far corner of the field. Here, go over stile **(11)** and left onto a farm track. Follow the track to farm buildings (Villa Farm) on the left and go through a metal gate. Shortly before the next metal gate turn right to cross a ditch by a double stile **(12)** and go into the field. Turn immediately left and go over stile **(13)** to follow a path along the hedge on the left. Cross stile **(14)** to reach the Marston Magna road. Turn right along the road back to the starting point at Easton Farm.

