

Miles Without Stiles

Salperton



Raspberry Brake, Poison Meadow and Coronation Copse - three names to inspire the imagination on this walk around the village of Hazelton

Distance: 7km/4.3miles (2.5 hours) with ups and downs of 137m or 449ft. Short route 5.6km /3.5miles (2 hours) with ups and downs of 94m or 308ft

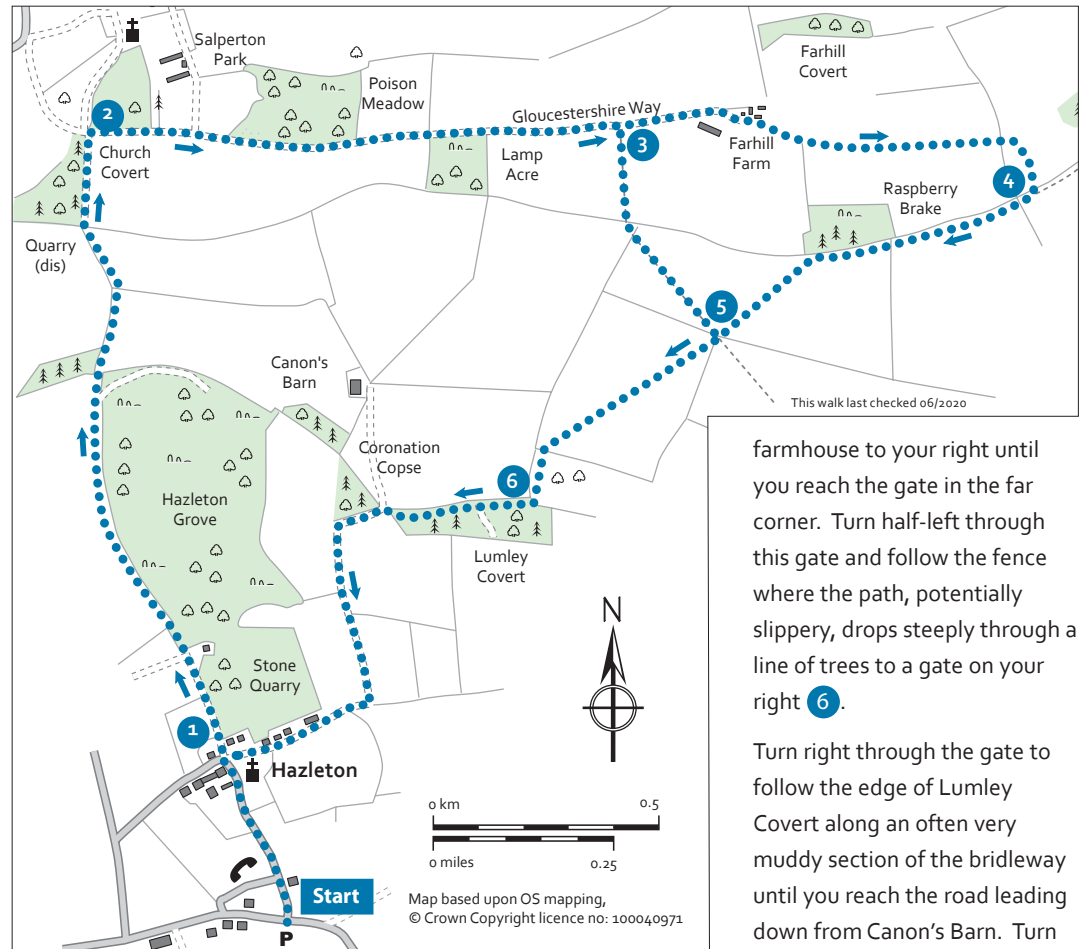
Start: Keep to the main route through the village until you see a sign pointing to St Andrew's Church. Before the sign there is a small area for parking off the road. SP 080/182

Route:

Walk up the road to the church. From the "Sabrina Way" sign on the bus stop post **1** the bridleway heads north, alongside Hazelton Grove, to Church Covert. Follow this bridleway as it switchbacks alongside the grove, then climbs through two fields, eventually reaching a large gate marked "Salperton". Go through the gate between two stone walls, with a row of giant beech trees on your left. When you reach a T junction **2**, turn right along the bridleway towards Farhill Farm.

Ignore the public footpath finger post **3** on the right, about 250 metres before the farm and continue past the right hand side of the farmhouse, going straight ahead down the bridleway at the point where the farm road turns hard left into the farmyard.

Go through a farm gate and



follow the bridleway as it curves left in the dip between the slopes to your left and right, then straightens out leading to a farm gate in the hedge ahead. Go through the gate, cross the valley bottom, then turn right (at the foot of the bank). Bear left past a solitary half-dead tree, go through the gate ahead **4**, and turn right.

Follow the fence to the gate in the field corner, pass through, and carry on up the bridleway by

the side of a stone wall towards the south-east corner of Raspberry Brake. Continue through a gate alongside the wood to the SW corner then turn half-left (south-west) to cross the middle of the large field ahead, making for the waymarker post in the field boundary wall **5**.

Go straight ahead on the bridleway past the tree to cross the middle of the large field ahead (downhill) keep the

farmhouse to your right until you reach the gate in the far corner. Turn half-left through this gate and follow the fence where the path, potentially slippery, drops steeply through a line of trees to a gate on your right **6**.

Turn right through the gate to follow the edge of Lumley Covert along an often very muddy section of the bridleway until you reach the road leading down from Canon's Barn. Turn left over a cattle grid and go up this road to the top of the hill where it bears right into Hazelton.

Shorter Hazelton route:

At **3** turn right and head for the telegraph pole. Bear half-left and pass through a gate ahead, clipping the corner of the next field until another gate is reached. Go through and follow the path till you reach the remains of the gate at **5**. Turn right and follow the main route instructions from here.