

THE LIZ JONES SERIES OF COMMEMORATIVE WALKS



WALK No.4 - Rousdon and Combpyne

A country and village walk including the Peek Estate (previously Allhallows School) and the village of Combpyne. When the school closed the estate was developed for residential use with many old buildings being converted. It is a pleasant quiet development with its own private beach.

LENGTH OF WALK - 4.6miles (Allow 2 ¼ to 2 ¾ hours.) **DIFFICULTY RATING** -

DIRECTIONS FROM LYME REGIS - From Broad Street in Lyme Regis fork left onto A3052 Sidmouth and Exeter road for three miles to Rousdon. Go past the Rousdon Estate gates on the left and the entrance to the Dower House Hotel on the right and immediately turn left into a country lane. Follow the lane for 0.7 of a mile and park in a small lay-by on the left with Dowlands House ahead of you.

OS maps	Explorer 116, Landranger 193
OS Grid reference	OS Grid Reference SY 287 904
Post Code	DT7 3XP
GPS Point	GPS 50.7094 - 3.0100



LOCAL AMENITIES - No local amenities.

For details of all the walks go to www.lymeregis.org/walking.aspx
OR <https://www.whatsoninlyme.co.uk/U3A.htm> (walks)

Walk	Name	Difficulty	Length (Miles)	Description
1	Lyme Regis		5	Delightful walk including River Lym, Uplyme and great views from Ware Cliffs.
2	Charmouth		4.6	Country and village walk, featuring riverside, wildflower meadows and views.
3	Catherston Leweston		4.5	Country walk with sea and country views and walk along the River Char.
4	Rousdon		4.6	Country & village walk including the Peek Estate and the village of Combpyne.
5	Axmouh		5	Walk along the Axe Estuary, through Axmouth and with amazing sea views.
6	Battleford Hall		4.4	A varied country and village walk with good views and bluebells in season.
7	Lamberts Castle		6	Longish walk around Iron Age fort. Stunning views of countryside.
8	Eype & Eype Down		3.4	Varied scenic walk including coast and country views. Bluebells in season.
9	Membury		3.1	Country views and charming village of Membury and hamlet of Rock.
10	Bettiscombe		4	Country walk with outstanding views of Marshwood Vale to the sea.
11	Offwell		4.3	Country views, woodland and interesting buildings. Bluebells in season.
12	Barnes Surges		4.8	Countryside and woodland walk with good views and wild flowers.

The walk is easy; on the level and with few or no stiles.

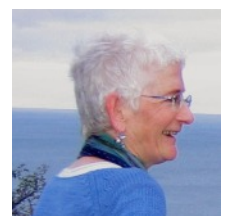
A little more difficult with more stiles and hills.

More demanding -there may be some steep hills and more stiles, but the walk should be easily achieved by anyone in reasonable health who is used to walking 4 or 5 miles.

Unexpected snags? If you come across any unexpected obstructions during your walk, please let us know- we would like to keep the instructions up to date. Please send your comments to: walks@lru3a.org

Liz Jones loved walking and sourced over seventy circular walks in the area. For several years she and her husband David led the U3A Walking Group and after she died in April 2013 members of this group decided to make some of her walks available to a wider audience as a tribute.

The Group would like to thank David Jones for his leadership and all his support for this project - rewalking each route and checking our efforts. Our thanks also go to Susie Gambie for creating the model for the walk maps, Sue Wilson for her layouts and technical expertise and Maurice Liddiard for coordinating the project



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Walk up the road for a few yards towards Dowlands House and turn left in front of the house along a narrow road passing St. Anthony's on the left. Follow the road to the first lodge house of the Rousdon Estate and enter through the black gate and archway into the road ahead. Keep on this road when passing through the estate.

Continue past converted farm buildings on the left and church on the right. Near the main house is a map of the estate on the right. Keep straight passing the main house. And at the second lodge house go through the archway and on to a grassy bridleway ahead.

Follow this between hedges until it emerges on to a road at a hamlet called Charton. Pass through this to a road junction and turn left to a crossroads. Go straight over and follow for about half a mile before turning left into a country lane signposted Combpyne. Follow this road for a total of one mile and you will arrive at Combpyne.

At the road junction you can turn right to admire the attractive buildings and the church before turning round after about 200 yards at the pond on the left and walking back to the junction. Take the road signposted Rousdon $\frac{3}{4}$. After about 50 yards, you will see on the right the wooden gates to a very tall house. Follow the grassy path ahead (footpath sign), through a metal gate into a field. Cross the field to the left along a visible path, bearing right and uphill at an apparent fork, through a hedge along a short path through a metal gate into a field.

Follow the left-hand hedge until you come to a second gap (low wooden building visible to the right), go through the gap and turn right (footpath marker) and follow right-hand

hedge down to metal gate leading on to a road, entrances to Westhayes and Pinewood on the right.

Go straight across this busy road at Heathfield Cross and into country road ahead. Follow this and as you pass Vastings Meadow Stables, take the bridlepath on your left which becomes grassy between hedges. Follow this until you meet a road on a sharp bend. Go straight ahead onto the road until you come to a T junction (Dowlands). Turn left here and walk the remaining few yards back to Dowlands House and the car.

