

Dorset Area of the Ramblers: Favourite Walks

Title of walk	Grimstone Down to include Jackman's Cross and Bushes Barn
Why this walk is a favourite	Nice views, quiet
Linear or circular walk	Circular
Start and finish point(s)	Grid Ref is SY650937
Distance in miles	9.5
Key viewpoints	View from Jackman Cross.
Parking/public transport	Park in side roads at Stratton near church and pub
Level Easy/Moderate/Hard	Moderate
Accessibility	Not suitable for wheelchairs.
Map or brief description	<p>Walk across the Stratton bypass with care, then across level crossing if no trains are due. Walk up to Jackman s cross, skirting the open access land of Grimstone Down with tumuli and settlement. Keep to Crete Hill Ridge then down via open access land, to Bushes Barn, where the bell can tolled. After walking along Pond Bottom, climb up and over Crete Hill and down into Godmanstone.</p> <p>Walk alongside the River Cerne on its East bank to Forston Farm. Cross the main road there and then walk back via Stratton downs. Go down the hill to Stratton Dairy, where the track goes under the railway and bypass and back along the old Dorchester Rd through Stratton village to where you have parked your car.</p>