



## The Signet Stroll

5.5k (3.5 miles)

This is a pleasant and easy walk around the lanes and paths around The Retreat. The walk is flat and easy to follow (you could even run it if you like!) and there are some nice views of the North Wessex Downs to the south and you'll pass our local vineyard.

1. Leave The Retreat via the top (right hand) entrance and turn right on the road for about 400 metres passing Elcot Farmhouse and following the road around to the left past a byway sign pointing right. Turn right on a lane signposted Lower Farm and Hill View and go past these properties and straight on as the road turns into a track.
2. Continue on the path between hedges for about 5 minutes or so until you reach a clear junction of paths, turn left following a footpath sign along the right edge of a large field. At the end of this field continue through gap onto right edge of next field all the way to a road.
3. Cross over and follow the road opposite, passing the vineyard of Orpenham Farm on your left and two houses. Continue on the road as it bears sharp left, opposite a footpath sign, then left again at a road T-junction. You will soon see a couple of cottages on the left and there is a track between them, signposted Orchard Cottage. Follow this track.
4. Follow the track briefly and you will soon see a footpath sign pointing right, follow this to a path running along the left edge of a large field. At the end follow a narrow path through the gate, with another at the other side of the lane, following the footpath sign along left edge of the narrow field. Go straight on, following the footpath sign onto a long wide path. Keep straight on between the fence and the hedge and then left onto the road. Follow the road all the way past Elcot Farm and back to The Retreat.