



CIRCULAR WALK 6

HUNTERS LODGE: Walks take approximately 1 ½ hrs to 2 ¼ hrs.

Parking/Start - Hunters Lodge (Park at the far end of the car park. Call in for a drink or meal, or there is a donation tin for parking on the bar.)

Terrain - Gradual inclines with one or two short steeper sections. Mostly good tracks. Dog Friendly, as long as in control or on a lead.

Refreshments - Pub, Hunter's Lodge

COUNTRYSIDE CODE

Respect other people:

Consider the local community, farming practices & other people enjoying the outdoors

Leave gates and property as you find them and keep to the paths

Give farm animals/horses plenty of space

Protect the natural environment:

Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home

Keep dogs under effective control and wormed regularly. Clear up after them

Enjoy the outdoors:

Plan ahead and be prepared

Follow advice and local signs

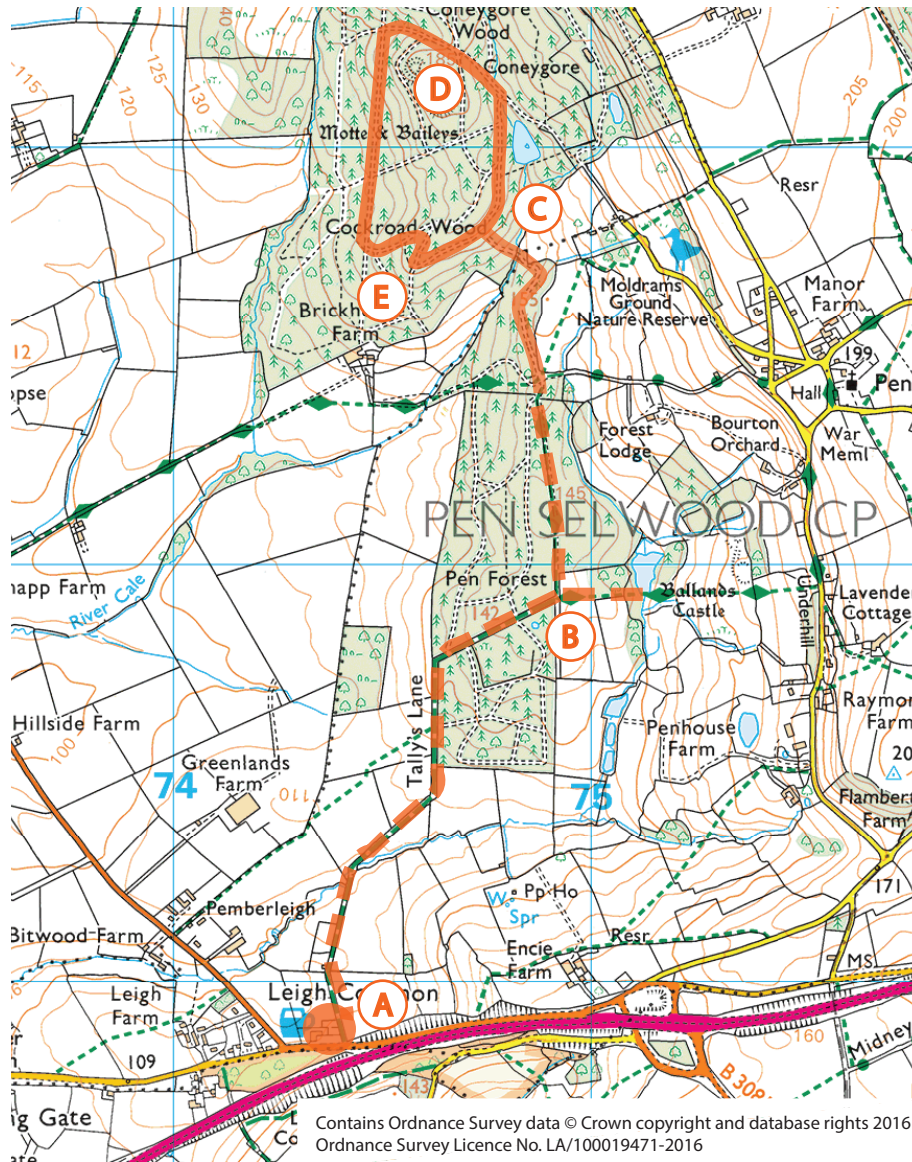
Produced by 'The Walkers, Riders and Cyclists Group' - a working group of the Parish Council

People walk at their own risk. The Parish cannot be held responsible. No Liability can be accepted in the event of any loss or accident and/or injury however caused. The representation on this map of any road, track or path is no evidence of the existence of a right of way

All use of Stavordale permissive routes is at the users own risk

If there are any problems on Stavordale Estate permissive paths please contact the Estate Manager Kenny Howell on 07970 297038

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A Go through the small gate in the hedge at the far edge of the car park, to Tally's Lane, and turn left. Follow the track up into the woods. After 10 minutes step over a low bar with a pedestrian gate near a Stavordale Estate information board. Please keep to the path and keep dogs under control. Follow the track up a gradual incline and after another 10 minutes, when the track levels off, there is a footpath sign straight ahead.

B If you want to visit the first lake go right, past the Stavordale Estate sign and out through a gate. Turn immediately left over a stile. Follow the footpath down, over a few stiles until you get to a footbridge and the lake. This is near to Ballands Castle at Penselwood. Re-trace your steps to return.

If you don't want to go to the first lake, bend left and follow the track. After 10 minutes a track joins from the left. Bear right and follow the track round to the left. You are now on a permissive route courtesy of the Stavordale Estate. Please keep dogs under close control and keep to the waymarked paths. There is an information board on the left and this route is now marked with green and white arrows. After 5 minutes the track goes steeply downhill and up the other side.

C At the top turn right onto another track and you shortly reach the new Stavordale Estate private lake on the right hand side. If you wish to return now, retrace your steps back to the car.

For a longer walk, carry on with the lake on your right hand side and at the end of the lake, just before the track goes downhill, with a lifebuoy on your right, turn left and follow the track uphill.

D At the top there is an information board on the left for Cockroad Wood and the Motte & Bailey castle. Carry on down the track to the left, quite steeply downhill. In 2 - 300 yards turn left (there is a gate across the track straight ahead of you).

E After another 10 minutes there is a tin hut on the right and the track bends immediately round to the left uphill. After a short steep incline the track levels off. Before you return to the lake there is a track on the right which is where you came up at point **C**. Turn right and retrace your steps back to Tally's Lane and the car park.

The Hunters Lodge is sited on the former London road (A303) and was built between 1842 and 1851.