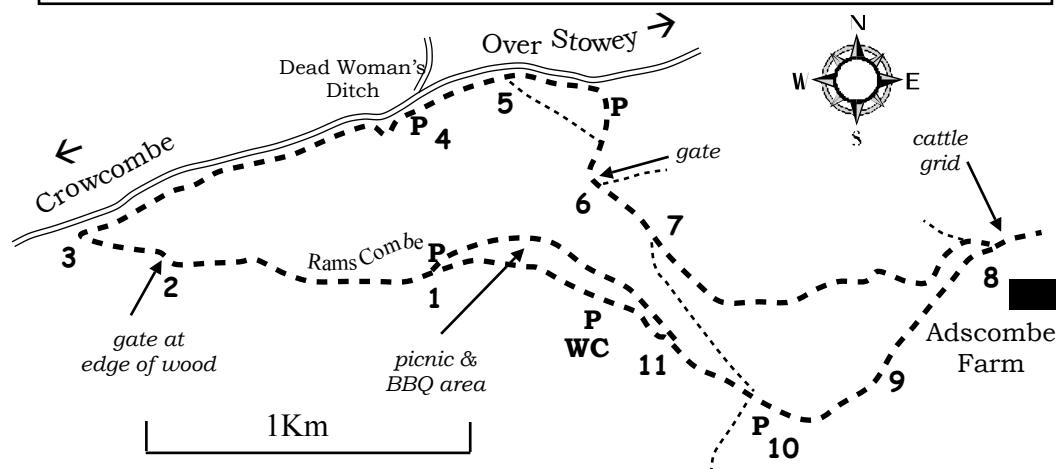


Ramscombe Circular no. 1

4.4 miles (7Km), total ascent 883' (269m)
approx 1 ½ hrs

Note: during summer 2009 the barrier at Adscombe Farm will be closed between 10pm & 7am



For good reason Ramscombe is a very popular picnic area. There is a large open clearing bordered by a shallow stream, several permanent barbeques and space for games - excellent for families. But it can get very busy during good weather. Mustn't forget, it also boasts one of the very few public conveniences on the Quantocks.

Most of the walk is along forestry tracks and is suitable for mountain bikes. There are some good views from the path running alongside the road at the top of the hill, which you may well share with ponies and sheep. The uphill bit is between points 1 & 3, levelling off between 3 & 4. The rest is downhill, or pretty flat. No signposts, but navigation is straightforward.

The walk can be started either from Dead Woman's Ditch car park, at the top of the hill, or from the BBQ area in Ramscombe, at the bottom.

Click on the links for Google maps of the two car parks
[Ramscombe](#) [Dead Woman's Ditch](#)

Car parking at
Ramscombe ST 165 378
(1 on the map)
Dead Woman's Ditch ST 162 382
(4 on the map)

1 Head west into the woods, further into the combe than the car park. Ignore any forks or turnings in the track. Keep the stream on your left

2 Go through the gate at edge of the wood and follow the path in the same direction towards the road. If there is no traffic you will not see the road until you are nearly on it.

3 Just before the road turn right, in a north-easterly direction, and follow the path which runs parallel to the road. In just over 1km you will come to the car park at Dead Woman's Ditch. There is an information board in the car park.

4 Walk through the car park and continue following the path next to the road.

5 Just after some woods you can either continue following the path by the road to a small car park or, take the path that forks right. These paths meet at the edge of a wood. Heading south, follow the main path into the wood until you reach a gate.

6 Go through the gate. Head in a south-westerly direction along the right-hand path. Just after the gate

there is a fenced off water tank set into the ground, this should be on your left. Ignore any small paths turning off.

7 After about ½ Km there is a wide, obvious fork in the path. Keep straight on (left fork) for the full walk, or head downhill towards the right if you would like to shorten the walk.

Taking the short-cut does miss out a pleasant walk along a nice woodland path between 7 & 8. However, on dry summer's day, if the cars were throwing up dust as you drove into Ramscombe, I might be tempted to take this as you will be walking along that forest track between 8 & 10.

At the end of the track turn right and head down to the cattle grid.

8 At the cattle grid turn right, just opposite Adscombe Farm.

9 Passing Great Wood camp - Christian study centre on the left.

10 Where short-cut comes out.

11 Take either path if you are on foot. One way system, so bike to the left - also the way to the toilets.

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