Sixpenny Handley Roundwalk

Distance: 6 miles / 9.6km
Terrain: Mix of farmland tracks, grassy footpaths and quiet lanes
Hills: 2 short climbs
Stiles: 13

**Route 1**

**Start - Church Farm campsite, Sixpenny Handley, SP5 5ND**

Lat 50°57′19.9″N Long 2°0′27.3″W

Grid Ref: OS Explorer 118 995 173

This route is signposted with red and white waymarker arrows.

Starting from the campsite field, facing the church, turn **R** and walk to the hedge and follow **R** along another hedge. Turn **R** through a gate then go **L** for 20m to another a gate. Go diagonally **R** across the field to another hedge (the path is well worn). Carry on along a fence to the road. Turn **L** and walk along for 200m to a bridleway track also on the **L**. Walk up this good, wide track for about 500m to a junction with a tarmac lane.

**Footpath junction**

Lat 50°58′16.5″N Long 2°1′41.2″W

Distance from start 2.6 miles / 4.4km

N.B *For a shorter loop option turn R here and follow track into Deanland and rejoin from point 5.

Go straight on up the quite steep incline into Chase Woods and follow the obvious pathway through. Soon a field will appear on the left, carry on for about ¼ mile. The path bends around to the right, to a large house. Follow the path down to the road and the footpath, Byway and bridleway junction.

**Bridleway junction**

Lat 50°57′35.4″N Long 2°1′05.3″W

Distance from start 0.9 miles / 1.4km

Turn **R** here and continue on this farm lane past Barbers Close Farm and Hunt Corner Farm to a metal 5 bar gate. Go straight on and head towards the wood along the farm track, (this can get muddy near the woods). About 250m into the wood is a footpath junction. Turn **R** here up the small incline following between the wooded areas, keeping the deer fencing on your left and the coppice wood on your right. The path descends downhill and arrives at another footpath junction.

**Footpath junction**: 

Lat 50°58′19.9″N Long 2°0′07.3″W

Distance from start 3.2 miles / 5km

The route to take is straight on past the telegraph pole following the Waymarker arrow, up another quite steep incline. Again the path is quite obvious through the wood. This is the edge of Mistleberry Wood and soon fields on the left appear. The path is called Shire Rack, the boundary between Dorset and Wiltshire. Walk on for another kilometre following the fence line to the road. Turn **R** into Garston Wood RSPB Nature Reserve car park. (For an add on to your walk take the opportunity to explore the reserve and look out for the bird life) Walk through a kissing gate and follow the path up through the trees to the 2nd kissing gate and the edge of a field. Head across the field towards a hedge corner and pass a bridleway to the left. Carry straight along field edge to a stile and walk on down to the road.

**Footpath /road junction Deanland:**

Lat 50°58′08.3″N Long 2°0′50.9″W

Distance from start 5.1 miles / 8.2km

*Join here from short loop and turn R.

Turn **L** and walk through the hamlet of Deanland down the lane. Walk on for ½ mile. 200m past the bridleway sign turn **R** onto the footpath and then **L** when in the field. Go on, through the hedge, then diagonally **R** up to the next hedge. Go through the swing gate, along, through the next gate on the **R** and back towards the church and campsite to finish.