

A Suggested Abbreviation of Walk Three for Families

An abbreviated Walk Three makes it more suitable for families; it will be shorter, mostly downhill and most of it is off-road.

It starts in Whitford Village and sets off for the Downing Estate down Downing Road. You enter the estate and walk down through forest before following the signpost and turning right over a stream and up one of the two uphill parts; this can be muddy.

At the top you again follow instructions and turn left, past the ruins of Downing Hall and down the old carriage-way to the Bottom Lodge, outside which are two massive Wellingtonia trees, one either side of the gateway.

Turn right, past the creature sign, then left and and on your right will be the Forest Hill Fisheries. Here you can get a hot or cold drink and a snack. The children will love to feed the trout and see the water boil!! You can buy trout, of course, plus a range of frozen food and pickles, etc.

Then follow Walk Three up the hill and turn right up to the Kennels, across the fields, with a great view of the coast, and onto the Kinsale Golf Course. Walk straight ahead until you are directed to turn left and down.

This is where you deviate from the main Route Three. Instead of turning right across fields, etc., you follow the tarmac road which brings people to the golf course and special school, downhill, out onto the road, and a short distance right brings you onto the main road at the bottom.

Here you cross this road and go into the Abakhan Craft and Mill compound, where you will find a new safe play area for the children, an excellent coffeeshop and gift shop, and lots of other materials for hobbies, etc. You will also have arranged for some-one to have parked your car here, or to be there to meet you; the parking is free.

The main Walk Three goes to the sea, then back up to Bottom Lodge, and back to Whitford. .But this walk should offer the family lots of opportunities for enjoyment of Pennant Country.

Credits:-

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