

Walk 2 – Marshwood Vale View – Description

Start and finish: The walk starts on Ryam Lane **(A)**, opposite Knapp Farmhouse, next to Knapp Cottage. Parking can be found on the road in Corscombe village just a short walk away.

Ryam Lane to Main Road Dorchester/Crewkerne (A356): Proceed along Ryam Lane, a moderately steep slope, with deep ruts, and very muddy at times, all the way to the top of the hill, to point **(B)** on the main road (A356)

Marshwood Vale View Circuit:

At the end of Ryam Lane turn left onto the Main Road (A356) for 100m, then taking care crossing the road, go through the first gate on the right **(C)** to enter a field onto a bridleway. The route takes in some of the best views from the West Dorset escarpment, across the Brit valley to Marshwood Vale. Follow the edge of the field to the corner **(D)** where there is a commemorative board for a WW2 airstrip planned, but never built, for this site. Then



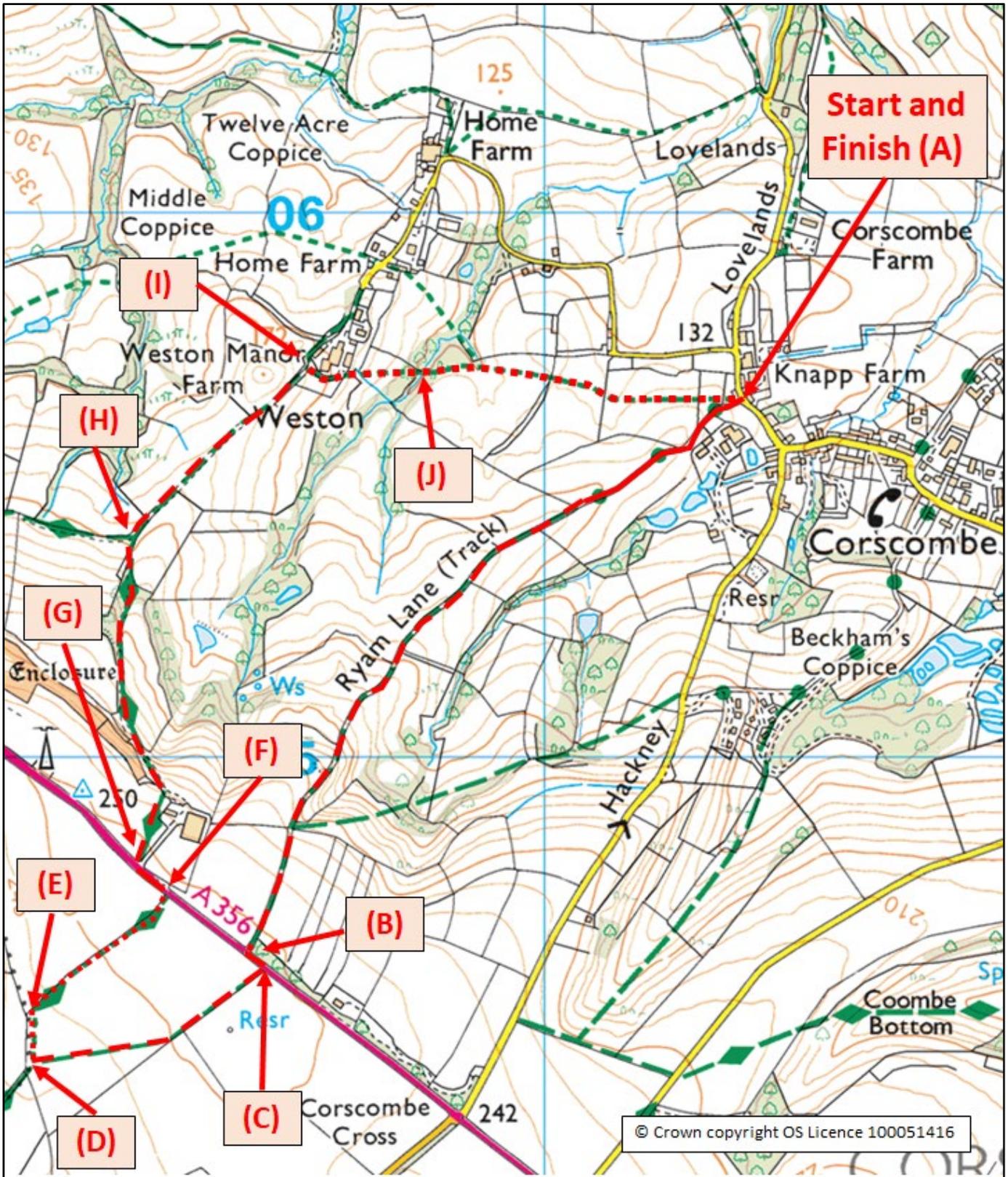
turn right along the hedge to point **(E)**, over a stile, turn right continuing to follow the footpath, part of the Monarch's Way, back to the A356 road **(F)**. Again, take care crossing the main road and walk left 200m to the next gate on the right at Eweleaze Farm, **(G)** following the fingerpost to continue along the Monarch's Way.

Eweleaze Farm to Weston Manor Farm: Just left of Eweleaze farmhouse go through the gate, keeping left and continue ahead downhill and through another gate ahead. Follow the tree lined path until it opens into a field, keep right of the trees until the path dips to the left into a sunken lane. Follow this to **(H)** where the Monarch's Way continues up to the left. Instead, turn right onto a broad track to Weston Manor Farm. **(I)** .

Weston Manor Farm to finish: Immediately before the house, opposite a gate where the bridleway goes off the left, turn right onto a footpath. Go through two small wooden gates and follow the waymarks to the right of the farm and down through a sloping field to a bridge over a stream **(J)**, Pass through the small copse and a gate into an open field. Continue straight ahead towards a gate in the middle of the hedge. Once through the hedge continue through a series of gates until reaching the back of some houses. Aim for another gate to the right of the thatched cottage, returning to the start of the walk **(A)**.

Walk 2 – Marshwood Vale View – Map

Distance – 4.5km. Total Ascent – 150m. Duration – 1.5hrs. Difficulty – Moderate climb.
Clothing – Some sections seasonally muddy, with a rutted and stony lane.
History – WW2 Airfield. **Connecting Routes –** Monarch's Way.



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