

Walk 8 – Winyard’s Gap – Description

Start and finish: Parking is available at the Winyard’s Gap Inn, point **(A)**, the start and finish for the walk. Please let the Inn know if using their car park during opening times and have some refreshments at the Inn on the return from the walk.

Winyard’s Gap Inn to Weston: On leaving the Inn, turn right onto the A356, walk up the road, watching for traffic, for about 200m, to the waymarked driveway on the left, a section of the Monarch’s Way **(B)**. At the house, keep to the grass below the tree line on the right, past the row of garages and through a gate into a field. Keeping the fence to the left-hand side, pass a headstone beside a line of ash trees on the right. At the next gate leave the bridleway and take the footpath left **(C)**, descend past the ruins of a piggery and through a gate between two copses at the southern end of the aptly named Pig’s Moor Coppice **(D)**. Proceed downhill, with a pond on the right **(E)**. Head for a line of trees, walk left to find a gateway, then cross the stream **(F)**. Bear left towards another line of trees, crossing the stile into Middle Coppice. Continue downhill over a stream and then bear left up to a stile **(G)** to exit the coppice. Proceed uphill, then through the gate with the farm buildings beyond. Ignore the path straight ahead, but veer right up the hill through a waymarked gate to the road, passing between the Home Farm farmhouse and a pond **(H)**.

Weston to Crook Hill: Turn right up the hill to Weston Manor Farm, skirting the buildings along the waymarked bridleway to the right, then immediately past the house, ignoring the bridleway on the right, keep left along a footpath. Go through two small wooden gates then immediately left to follow the waymarks down to a bridge over a stream **(I)**, then continue through four fields to the road in Corscombe village. Turn left and opposite Knapp Farm **(J)** take the no-through road to "Weston only". Continue to a left-hand bend facing the farm barns, **(K)** turn right along the bridleway, round the end barn and out into the field **(L)**. Head towards the lower left-hand side of this field, picking up a cart track which crosses a small stream. Keep left through a gate into the next field **(M)**. Follow the right-hand edge of this field, continuing uphill leaving Twelve Acre Coppice to the left. Pass through two gates and continue up the hill to reach the road **(N)**. Look back to enjoy the view!

Crook Hill to Finish: Walk left past the National Trust’s Crook Hill, and if feeling energetic, take a path to the top of the hill. Follow the road to the A356 opposite Winyard’s Gap Inn where the walk started **(A)**. While here, consider visiting the War Memorial on top of the hill behind the pub. It is dedicated to the 43rd Wessex Division, and is one of four identical memorials, the other three being at Rough Tor in Cornwall, Mere in Wiltshire and Hill 112 in Caen, France.



Walk 8 – Winyard’s Gap – Map

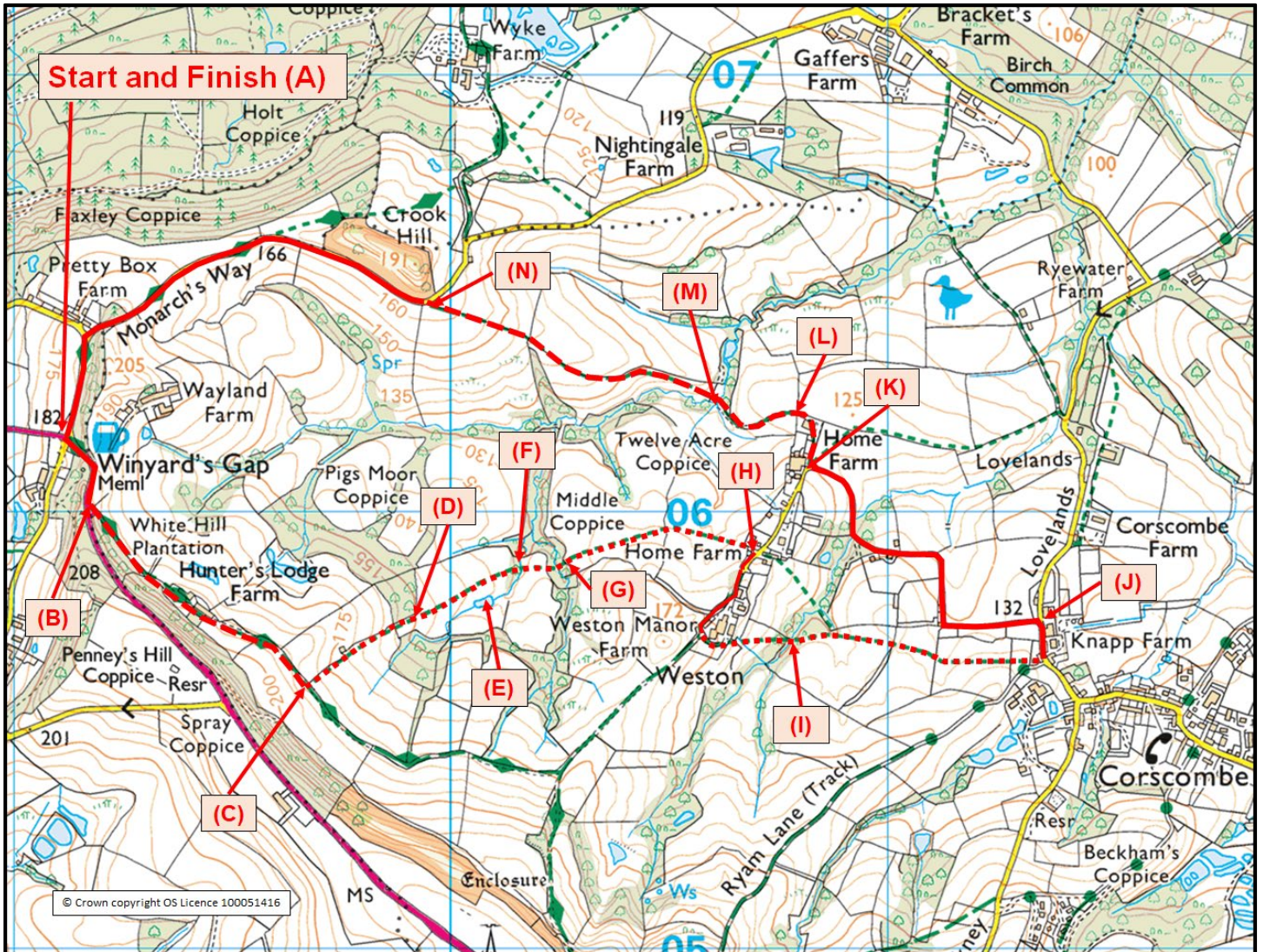
Distance – 6km. **Total Ascent** – 170m. **Duration** – 2hrs. **Difficulty** – Easy.

Clothing – Some sections seasonally muddy.

Refreshments - <https://www.winyardsgap.com/>

History – Winyard’s Gap, War Memorial 43rd Wessex Division.

Connecting Long Distance Paths – The Monarch’s Way.



<https://osmaps.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/route/11726580/Walk-8-Winyards-Gap>