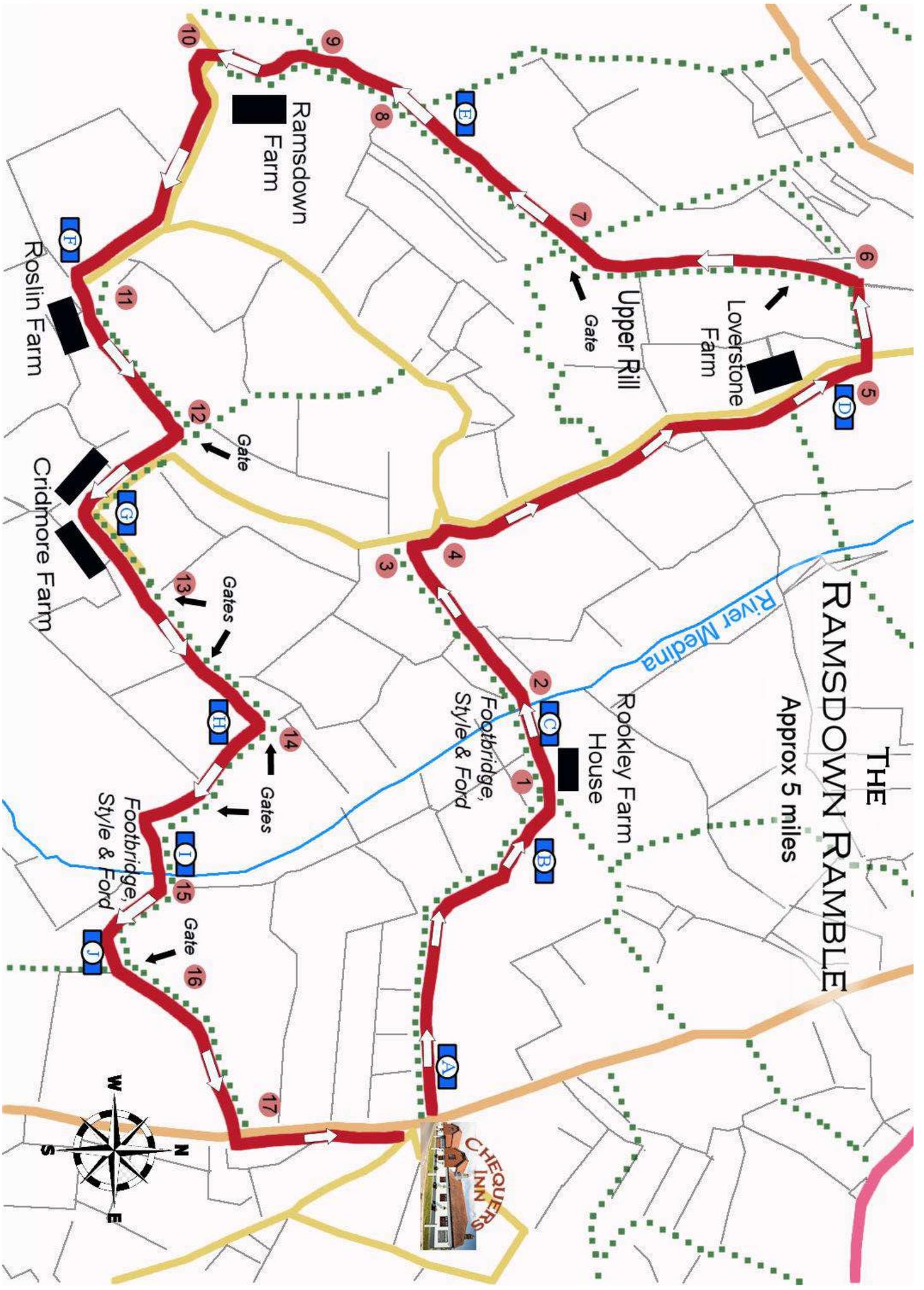


THE RAMSDOWN RAMBLE

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This recommended walk of about 5 miles will take you through the water meadows of the river Medina, with its varied wild life, then up on to the downs with superb views over the island countryside, returning via the water meadows of the wilderness.

START: Cross the road in front of The Chequers and walk down the track .

SIGN - Public Bridleway GL5 to Lower Rill and Chillerton.

At Rookley Farm House turn **LEFT** to pass in front of garden **(1)**.

SIGN - Public Bridleway G18 to Rill.

Cross the young River Medina by way of the footbridge **(2)** and head straight across the field to a metal gate, continue along the track until you join a lane **(3)**.

Turn **RIGHT** walk up the slope to join a second lane **(4)** where you again turn **RIGHT**. This is Loverstone Lane. Ignore the footpath to your left on the brow

of the hill, continue along lane.

Pass Loverstone Farm, and then, shortly after, at the top of a slope turn **LEFT (5)** onto a track that climbs steeply across a field. **SIGN** - Bridleway G15 to Berry Lane.

At the top on entering the second field turn **LEFT (6)** and keeping the hedge close on your left-hand side follow the path up the field.

After passing through a gateway **(7)** you will enter onto Ramsdown a large area of arable downland. The well defined path runs close to the hedge for the length of this field and is crossed at one point by **SIGN Bridleway 16a to Chillerton**.

On reaching the top corner of the field you meet the Shepherds Trail coming up from Hollow Lane on your right **(8)**. Proceed until the path splits **(9)**. Take the path on the left of the hedge.

Follow the track through Ramsdown Farm to join a narrow road. Turn **LEFT (10)** and the bear **RIGHT** at the junction to Roslin.

After passing the first barn **(11)** turn **LEFT** into gravelled yard between barn and farmhouse. **SIGN** - Public Bridleway G14 to Lower Rill and Cridmore.

This wide path known to the locals as Sandy Lane goes through the farmhouse garden then up into a field where it follows the hedge line to a gate **(12)** then turns **RIGHT** and meets a lane just before Cridmore Farm.

Walk past the farm and keep to the lane as it bends sharply left to pass in front of the farmhouse and open fronted barns.

SIGN - Public Bridleway G24 to Bleak Down.

Then leaving the lane go straight ahead along a track between hedges to a gate **(13)**. The track drops downhill to another gate and then ends in an open field **(14)**.

Walk down the field keeping the fence close on your right-hand side. Passing through the next gate turn **RIGHT** and follow the fence line to yet another gateway. Take a diagonal course across this smaller field to the footbridge and cross the river Medina once again **(15)**.

Now walk round the meadow with the hedge on your left to a gate **(16)**.

Go through the gate, up the tree lined path to the road at East Appleford **(17)**.

Turn **LEFT** and walk with care the last few yards to the Chequers.

Enter and refresh!

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NOTE. This walk is suitable for regular walkers; there are some steep hills. Where possible we have used public footpaths or bridleways which can become muddy after wet weather, so wear the appropriate shoes/boots. A spare clean pair in the car is a good idea. Some road walking is inevitable, and although the country lanes are quiet, walk on the right in single file and keep alert for approaching motor vehicles.

Please observe the Country Code