








## Walk: Tollard Royal

**Length of Walk**  
5 miles (8km)

**Ordnance Survey map:** Explorer 118  
**Walk Start:** ST 923 204

### Key

-  Walk route with waypoint
-  Parking
-  Pub
-  Place to eat
-  Historic Site
-  Nature Reserve
-  Point of Interest

**Distance:** 5 miles (8km)

**Time:** Allow 2.5 hours

**Terrain:** Mostly tracks, hilly with one very steep section

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Suitable for:** All

**Start:** Car Park at Win Green

**Start Grid Reference:**

**X :** 392300

**Y :** 120400

**Latitude :** 50.982953

**Longitude :** -2.11064

**OS Explorer Map (1:25 000)**

Shaftesbury & Cranborne chase  
(Map No 118)

**Notes & Refreshments:**

King John Inn, Tollard Royal

Stunning views from Win Green and the Ox Drove and a circuit of the historic Ashcombe Estate make this a bracing classic Downland Walk

1. Turn right from the carpark along the Ox Drove crossing over the cattle grid. Alternatively use the wooden gate to access Wyn Green and the trig point rejoining the Ox Drove on the far side of the clump of trees through another gate. There are expansive views south with the Needles on the Isle of Wight visible on a clear day.

2. At a meeting of tracks at a widening of the road leave the Ox Drove following the right hand track southwards over Berwick Down and then downwards for over 2km, as you go down the track it becomes increasingly treelined.

3. At the bottom of the track continue ahead for a detour to the King John Inn (you will reach the road at Tollard Pond, turn right and walk 2 minutes up the hill to find the pub on the right), alternatively turn right along a track which leads through several fields to emerge at the base of Ashcombe Bottom.

4. Go through the wooden gate and take the right hand track which leads along Ashcombe bottom (ignoring a steep track and footpath straight on). The track slopes gently uphill past a cottage towards Ashcombe House.

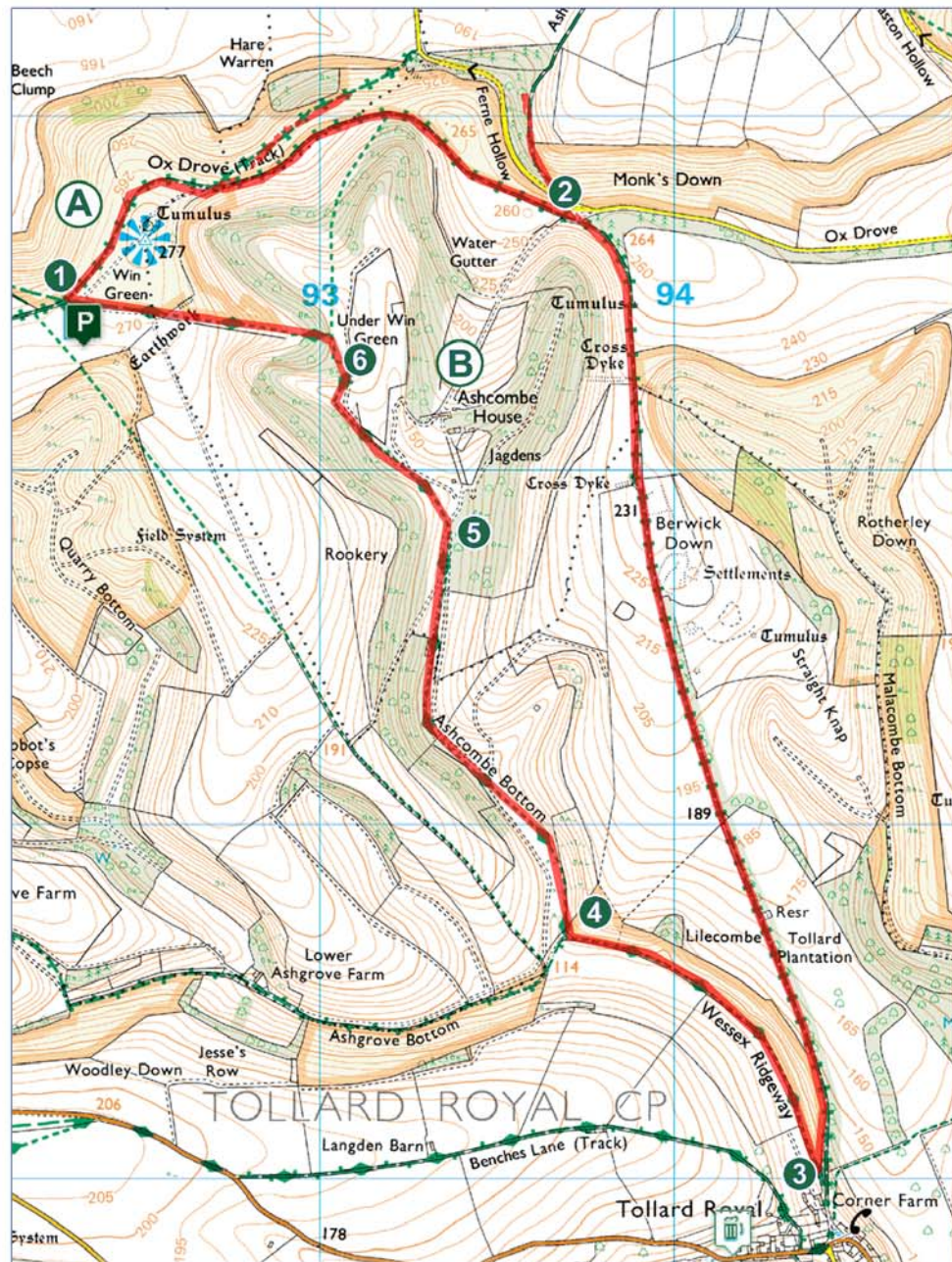
5. Just before the house at a CCTV pole take the waymarked left hand track which bears left away from the house, leading to a steep up hill section after 400 m

6. After the hill look out for a waymarked footpath left up through the trees away from the track, this emerges onto the hillside below Wyn Green. Follow the left hand field boundary steeply up hill over a stile to emerge eventually through a gate onto the top of Wyn Green, The Car Park is directly ahead.

### Points of Interest

**A Win Green Nature Reserve** - The highest point in the Cranborne Chase provides panoramic views from the Isle of Wight and Purbeck Hills to Blackmore Vale and Salisbury Plain. Win Green is crowned by beech trees growing on a Bronze Age bowl barrow with a distinctive ridge around the edge. The Ox-drove was a long distance driving route along which cattle were herded from Devon and Somerset to the Hampshire ports. This rich downland habitat supports a wide range of plants and animals. A few years ago grazing was reintroduced which has resulted in an increase in the number of flowers found here.

**B Ashcombe House** - Former home of the photographer Cecil Beaton



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