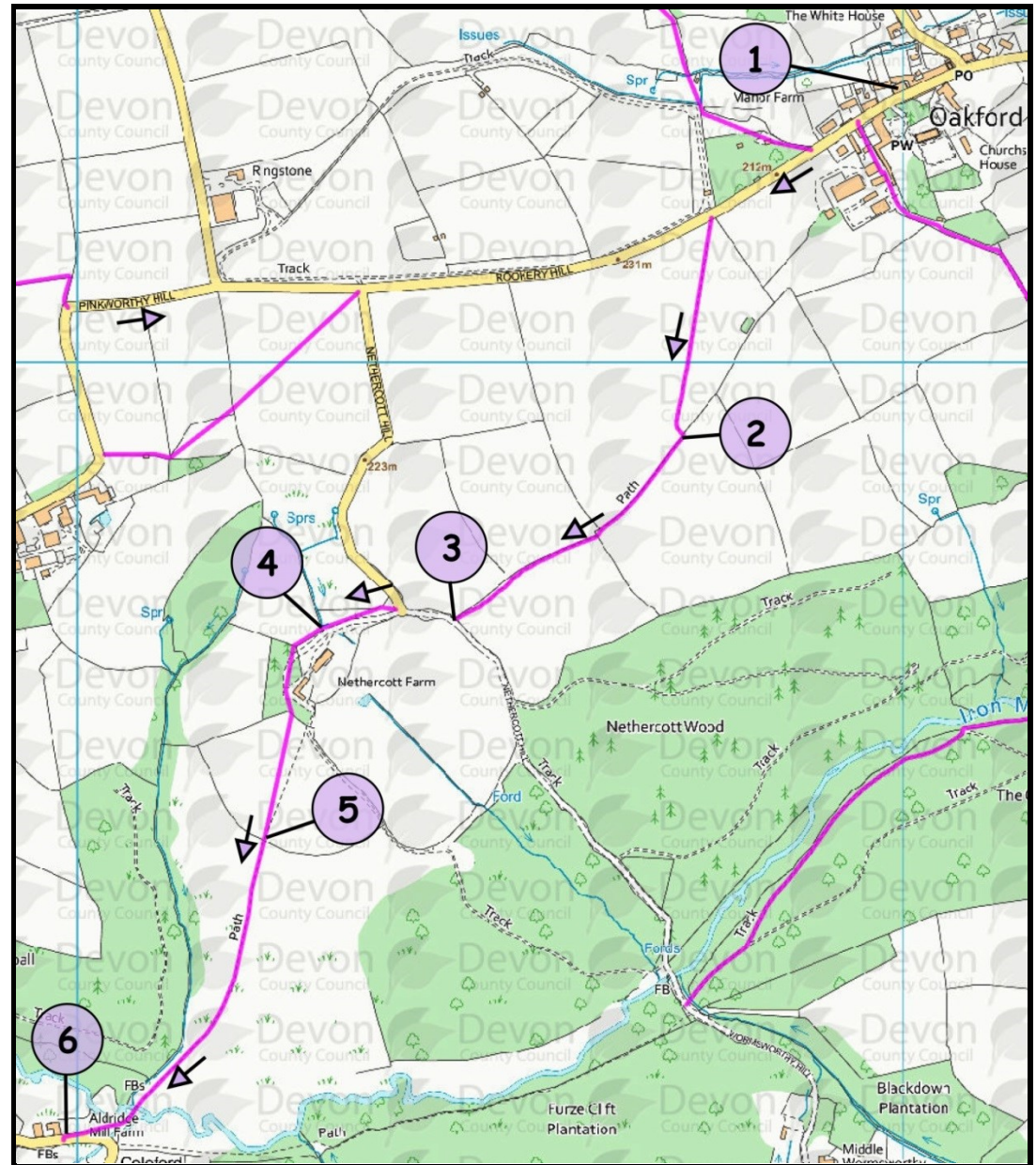


Walk 3

Time 90 minutes Distance 5.3km (3.3 miles)

This walk also has a fairly steep walk down a field, and a little bit of road. But be warned that there are over 100 steps to negotiate near the end of the walk, when going through Spurway wood.

1. On coming out of the **Red Lion** ①, turn right. Go up the road, passing **Manor Farm**, until you get to a kissing gate on the left into a field, which has a footpath sign. Go into the field and go across it diagonally right to the gate about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the way along the far edge of the field.
2. Go through this gate ② and turn immediately right, following the hedge on your right. Go through the next gate, still keeping the hedge on your right, and at the end of the field there is a gate going into a lane ③.
3. Go right in this lane, and after a few yards you cross the driveway to **Nethercott Farm** and follow the waymarks up a few steps and through two gates into a field. Go left across the field, which tends to be rather boggy and through the gap in the field boundary where there was formerly a double stile ④.
4. Cross the next field, and go through another gate on to a lane. Go down the lane for a few yards, keeping the buildings to your left, and look out for the next gate ahead and slightly on your right, which is often almost hidden in the trees. Go through this gate into the field and straight across to another gate ⑤.
5. Go through that gate and straight on down the field between clumps of gorse until you reach a bridge at the bottom right hand corner of the field. Cross that and the next footbridge, and follow the track towards an old barn. It is another very boggy area.



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6. Go out of the gate **⑥** onto the road and turn right. Go up the road, past **Aldridge Mill** and **Bellbrook Fish Farm** until you get to another road junction. Go half right and when you get over the bridge, turn left, where there is a “no through” road sign.
7. Go past the house with the post box in its wall **⑦**, and soon you come to a fork in the track. Take the right fork and follow the track past the back of a cottage and up through the trees until you get nearly to the top, where you can see the gate into a field. Just before the gate is a way marker where you turn right down the steep hill through the trees to **Combe Water** **⑧**, which you can usually hear before you get to it.
8. Go over the bridge into an area which has been replanted with mixed deciduous trees. Keep going towards the flights of steps straight ahead. The first flight of about ten steps takes you to a forest track. Cross this track, going left for a few yards. You now have a long climb up the “hundred steps” to the edge of the wood. At the top of the long flight, cross another forest track, climb ten more steps and continue upwards to a gate at the top of the woods **⑨**.
9. Go into the field and go across it slightly to the left, aiming for the second electricity pole from the right, with a small tree to the left of it, until you reach the far hedge. If you have got your angle right you should find a marked gate, go through and keep to the right hand side of the field, until you reach another gate in the right hand hedge. Go through it, follow the left hand hedge for a few yards and go through the gate on the road. Turn left and go up the road, to **Pinkworthy Cross**, where you take the right hand fork. Carry on along the road until you get back to the village and the **Red Lion**.

