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Leaving the Church car park turn right slightly uphill then right again up tarmac track rising past 'Sunny Bank' on right. Walk straight through field with hedge on right reaching field corner. Bear right then left keeping hedge on left reaching field corner. Walk straight into next field reaching stile in opposite wooded boundary. Enter 'Athelstan Wood' walking downhill on indistinct path until reaching a track. Turn left (ignore right hand path) then right down wooden steps. Go straight descending to footbridge, cross stream and climb to track.

Turn left then after 60m turn right up hardcore track. After about 200m turn 1/2 right onto footpath through woodland reaching exit stile. Cross into field and keep left next to woodland. At field corner reach stile and cross into woodland following path downhill reaching stile on right. Cross and continue straight downhill to a stream. Cross culvert and walk straight uphill crossing stile in fence line on the right. Turn left passing house on left reaching stile in field corner. Cross onto hardcore road and turn right passing Church then left down hardcore track. Bear 1/2 right walking towards agricultural buildings turning right before reaching them and enter field. Walk straight keeping hedge on left reaching opposite field corner. Go through metal gate onto lane, turn left down narrow sunken lane (ignoring path to the right) descending to opening joining 2 fields.

Continue to walk straight down sunken lane eventually reaching stream and bear left to foot bridge. Cross and walk up obvious path in sunken lane rising over natural rock steps reaching tarmac lane. Turn right and after 50m turn left over stile crossing into field keeping hedge on right. Reach stile in opposite corner, cross and walk down fenced corridor reaching wooden steps on right. Climb steps, pass through gate walking straight with hedge on left. At opposite field corner turn left through small gate descending wooden steps to road. Walk up steps on opposite side passing through small gate then bearing right to second gate. Go through and turn left keeping hedge on left reaching opening. Bear left then immediately right down track keeping fence on right. Go through into next field walking straight with hedge on left. Reach double stile in opposite corner cross and bear left keeping hedge on left reaching stile in opposite corner. Cross lane to second stile, cross and bear left across field to wooden gate in opposite hedge. Go through walking straight to metal gate in opposite hedge.

Pass into next field walking straight keeping Oak trees then hedge on right, reaching gate in field corner. Pass into lane reaching tarmac road turning left downhill crossing stream and after 70m right into 'New Mills Farm'. Walk between buildings then left through wooden gate between buildings (unmarked at time of writing) then bear left to corner of garden passing through gap between hedge and wooden fence. Walk up field with hedge on left reaching gap in field corner. Go through and bear right towards obvious pylon exiting onto a tarmac road. Turn right and descend steeply into bottom and bear right over stream then uphill to 'Altwynt Farm'. When road bends to the left walk straight on taking left hand track uphill (do not go downhill through farm yard) heading up to field above. Go through gate into field and turn right keeping agricultural barn then hedge on right. Reach gateway in opposite corner, go through and turn right through 2nd gateway onto track.

Turn left and follow track with hedge on left and drop down to stream. Before stream turn left then left up bank onto field. Turn right keeping hedge and stream on right. Reach stile, cross and go straight with treeline on right reaching stile in opposite corner. Cross and turn left up track reaching stile on right after short steep climb. Cross onto tarmac road and turn right towards Church and return to car park.