

Walk 2 – We’re Going on a Bear Hunt

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Length: 2 miles / 3km (1 hour, longer if stopping to play)

Grade: Easy-going

Good for: A short scenic nature walk whatever your age.

Description: Climb hills, stumble trip through the woods, and splish-splash along the stream on this family friendly adventure.

Advisory: This is generally a dog friendly route, but larger dogs may struggle to negotiate some of the stiles en-route.

1. Starting off from the Vauxhall Inn, walk past the large metal gate to the right of the pub and follow the track uphill until you reach Priory Wood. The path runs all the way round the clearing so you can take either direction until you reach a smaller path branching off to a wooden gate. Go through the gate and turn left, walking over the footbridge.
2. Pass through the metal kissing gate and then walk down the hill until you reach the stile at the bottom. Climb the stile and cross over Vauxhall Lane into Little Rook Wood.

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3. Follow the path through the wood until you reach another stile. Climb this and then follow the path to a big wooden bridge.
4. Continue across the bridge and walk up through the wood to the next stile. Cross over here and then walk up the field to where the stile crosses the railway line.
5. Cross the railway with care and then walk up the hill until you emerge into a clearing where the pylons cross the path.
6. Take an immediate left and follow the path into the woods. Keep going until you reach a fork in the path.
7. Take the path to your right and continue into the field, walking through the bramble bushes and then down into the little wood.
8. Cross the narrow footbridge, walk past the shed and then turn left when you reach the lane.
9. Take an immediate right, following the footpath sign. Walk past the drainage pond and then turn left past the big oak tree, following the road downhill until this meets Vauxhall Lane.
10. Cross over the road at the pelican crossing and walk under the flyover. Turn left at the end of the road, cross the road with care and you will see Vauxhall Inn up ahead of you to the left.

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