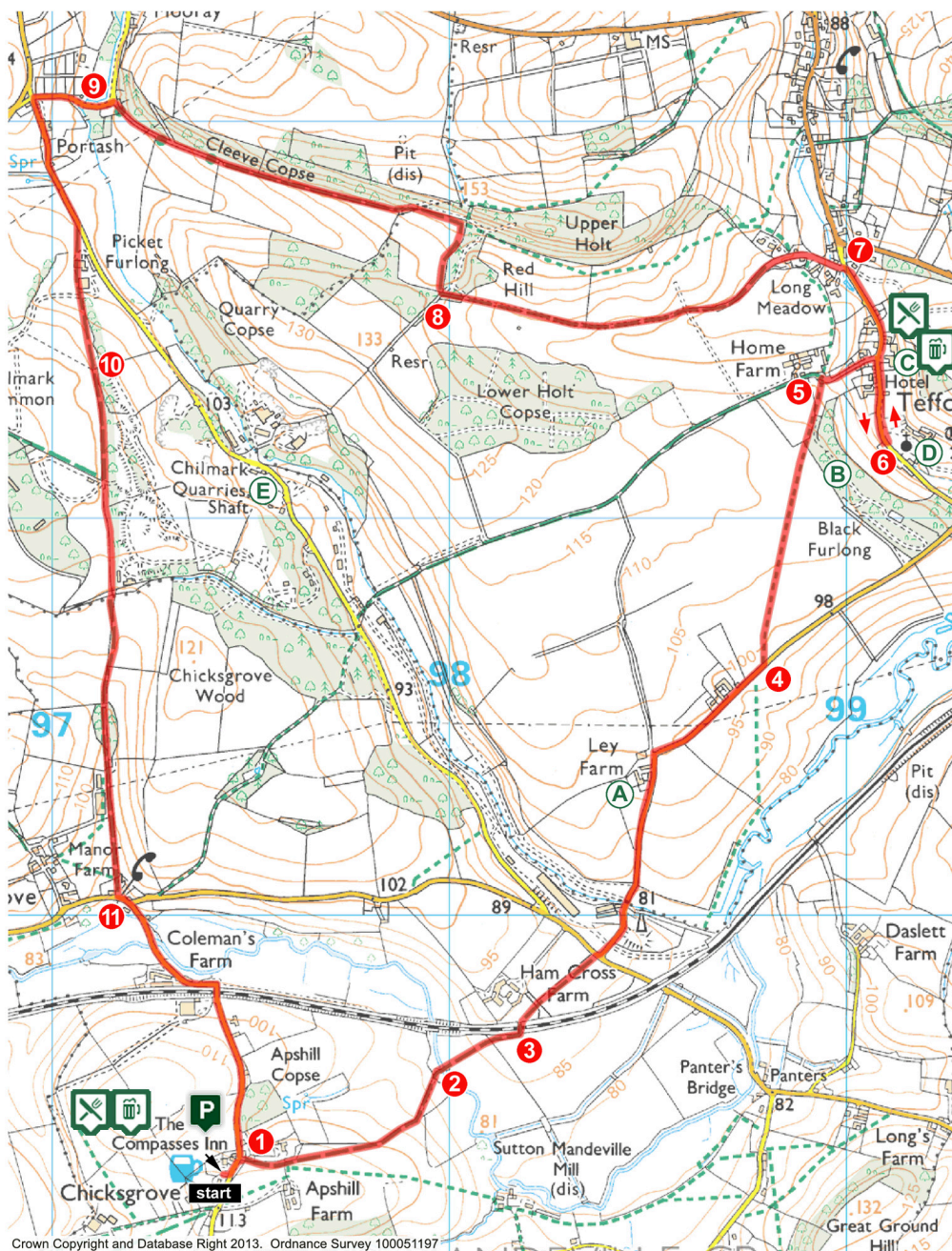


# Walk 7: Chicksgrove to Teffont Evias Walk

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

**Ordnance Survey map:** Explorer 118  
**Walk Start:** ST 97442 29373



## Key

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

**Distance:** 5 miles (8km)  
**Time:** Allow 3 hrs  
**Terrain:** Mixture of lanes, field tracks and paths. 1 stile.

**Start:** The Compasses Inn, Lower Chicksgrove, Tisbury, Salisbury SP3 6NB.  
Walking Groups; please notify pub well in advance

**Start Grid Reference:**  
**X :** 397442  
**Y :** 129373  
**Latitude :** 51.063690  
**Longitude :** -2.0378847  
ST 97442 29373  
**OS Explorer Map (1:25 000)**  
Shaftesbury & Cranborne Chase No. 118

**Notes & Refreshments:**  
The Compasses Inn located in Lower Chicksgrove and Howard's House Hotel in Teffont Evias.

On this circular walk, escape from the hustle and bustle of modern life to the splendid peaceful seclusion of the tiny village of Teffont Evias, one of Wiltshire's most idyllic villages with its local stone and thatched houses and sparkling chalk stream, admire the beautiful views and rich archaeology

1. Turn R downhill from the car-park of the Compasses Inn (a charming 14th Century thatched pub) and turn R at the brideway marker beside the barn on your R (there's also a sign for Apshill House). Continue alongside the fence through a field with Apshill Farm to your L. At the end of the field, turn L through a metal gate
2. Go straight ahead down a grassy path between fences and across a small footbridge and another grassy footbridge which crosses the River Nadder (a beautiful spot) and through a field gate. Continue uphill past two curious large stones, one once used as a gatepost. To the R, you can see lovely views of the church of St Michael and All Angels in Sutton Mandeville and Common Hill Wood in the distance. Bear L through another gate towards Ham Cross Farm.
3. Cross the bridge over the railway line and bear R. Continue through the small orchard of Ham Cross Farm through the gate in hedge, across another field and through another gate in the hedge onto the road. Please take care as this road can be busy - keep to the outside of bends. Continue straight ahead up the road heading towards Ley Farm and the picturesque village of Teffont Evias.
4. Follow the road around to the R and after Dairy Barn on the L, look for a way-mark up on the bank on the L (the bank is steep so take care). Head diagonally across the field towards the northern edge of Black Furlong Wood. At the edge of the wood, go through the gate and field heading towards Home Farm. Continue down through the field and bear R through the gate then bear L towards another gate and down some steps to the lane with Home Farm on the L.
5. Turn R into the beautiful village of Teffont Evias. Turn R and follow the clear babbling chalk stream past Howard's House Hotel (where you can stop for food and refreshments) on the R, to the charming Medieval church of St Michael and All Angels which is well worth a visit.
6. After visiting the church, retrace your steps back along the road through the village past Home Farm on L and carry on northwards.
7. Turn L over bridge just before Evias Cottage along single track which is a No Through Road. Follow this to the end (ignoring footpath signs on your L and then on your R) past pretty cottages dating back to the 17th Century and past Long Meadow, until the surfaced road becomes a brideway/track between fields with silted up cattle grids. This is Holt Lane, which once led to Teffont Evias Quarry.

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8. Continue to the end of the fields where the bridleway enters a belt of woodland. Turn R shortly after this and follow it uphill to the corner of the field and turn L. Follow the path along the fence at the edge of the field with the woodland (Cleeve Copse) to your R until you reach a gate into the woodland. Enter the woodland and follow the path still keeping the woodland to your R until you reach the cottages on the R.

9. At the cottages on woodland edge, turn L and go up the lane, past pheasant pens on your R. At the crossroads at the end of the lane by the cottage with a railway signal in its garden, turn L with caution, as this is a narrow lane with high hedges, passing Portash house on your L. Carry on approximately 100m and then go through the bridle gate on the R into a field. Keep towards the L around the barns and across Chilmark Common parallel to the lane. The track through the field is indistinct but if you keep the barns to your L and carry on over the crest of the hill, you will see a hedge on the hillside opposite. Keep this to your L and continue onwards looking for a metal gate on the L into woodland.

10. Enter the woodland through this gate and follow fenced-in route southwards through the trees. This section was re-opened after many years after the Ministry of Defence (MOD) cleared the route of anything hazardous so observe danger signs and keep strictly to the path itself! On your L is the disused Chilmark Quarry. Carry on downhill on the sunken path (take care as this path may be very overgrown depending on use and time of year) with farm buildings on your R to Stone Cross and phone box next to the main road at Lower Chicksgrove

11. Turn L, then R across main road then uphill along lane crossing the railway at Coleman's Farm to the village of Chicksgrove and back to the Compasses Inn for refreshments.

### Countryside Code

- **Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs**
- **Leave gates and property as you find them.**
- **Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home.**
- **Keep dogs under close control**
- **Consider other people**



### Points of Interest

**A Ley Farm.** This Farm was named after the Ley family who owned the Manor of Teffont Evias from 1545 to 1692. The farm was also an important site for flint production in the Mesolithic Period (8000-4000BC).

**B Black Furlong Wood and Teffont Evias Quarry.** This was the site of one of the largest Roman Cemeteries in Wiltshire with over 30 burials in stone coffins found, but destroyed by quarry workings in the 19th and 20th Centuries. Fossils have also been found here including fish, insects and even crocodile! Teffont Evias Quarry is now disused and has been designated as a geological Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

**C The Village of Teffont Evias.** This village has an air of timelessness about it - perhaps because there has been settlement here along the valley bottom since Saxon times and the remains of Roman settlement have also been found on higher ground. The name Teffont is derived from its stream location along The Teff which rises from its spring in the neighbouring village of Teffont Magna. The name Evias comes from Harold Ewyas of Hereford, powerful lord of the area in the 13th Century.

**D St Michael and All Angels Church.** In the north-east corner, is an impressive tomb in the form of three stone effigies in armour- Henry Ley who purchased the manor of Teffont Evias from King Henry VIII in 1545, together, with two of his six sons William and Matthew.

**E Chilmark Quarries and RAF Chilmark.** Chilmark Quarries once provided the stone for Salisbury Cathedral and many other distinguished buildings as well as local houses but closed in 1935 as demand for limestone fell due to increased use for concrete for building. The MOD purchased the land in 1937 as a Royal Air Force (RAF) base. RAF Chilmark's claim to fame is that it was the only underground ammunition depot to survive WWII. Chilmark Quarries is now designated as a geological Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).