

Germanweek and Roadford Reservoir walk



This 5 mile walk starts at the top end of Roadford reservoir and takes you to the village of Germanweek via farmland and woodland. You will walk next to the site of what may have been a Roman Villa and cross over the river Wolf. You may want to pause to look at the little church in Germanweek.

The walk starts a mile south of the village of Germanweek on the east side of the reservoir at the lay-by just up from the bridge.

EX21 5BB will get you to village and also the car park.

Bring binoculars.



With the bridge behind you walk back up the road for 50m and then fork right to walk down to a pair of gates.



The first gate you reach takes you down to a bird hide which we will visit later. Go through the gate on the left and follow the path around the edge of the reservoir.



After about a mile turn left when you reach this gate and finger post



**Go through the next gate and
fork left up the farm track**



**When you reach the road go straight
across and go through two gates
keeping the fence on your left.**



**Having gone through the
second gate keep close to the
fence and hedge on your right.**



After about 50m the fence makes a sharp right turn. Here keep straight on across the field to meet another fence this time on your left. Follow this fence all the way to the corner of the field and go through the gate into the next field.



Follow the hedge on your left to reach the gate in the corner of the field.



Go through the gate and for the next half mile keep the hedge on your left.



On your way you do get a magnificent view of the West Devon countryside



useful root seat at the base of an old oak tree to stop and have a snack.



When you reach the black plastic bags of silage the farmer has diverted the path around them.



Go through the gate turn right and follow farm track all the way to a road. In the field on your left there is a possible Roman Villa site.



When you reach the road turn left and walk up to the finger post you can see in the distance.



The finger post quite accurately shows the direction to walk.



When you reach the wood go over the stile, which is a bit hidden, and walk on down through the wood to a cross roads of paths.



Go straight across..



..and over the river Wolf bridge and walk up the track.



At the top of the hill go through the gate in front of you and walk 500m to the village of Germansweek.



On reaching the village turn left and walk on down the road passing the war memorial on your left



When the road bends sharply right turn left towards the church.



Go past the gate into the churchyard and continue along the footpath that becomes a delightful sunken lane.



But perhaps pause and visit the church before you go on.



When you reach a stile go straight ahead to walk diagonally across the field to a gate in the far corner. Go through the gate keep right and the path will take you out to the road.



Look left and you will see your car in the distance on the other side of the bridge.



As you walk over the bridge if you are lucky you may see a flotilla of Canada Geese going past

If you want to visit the bird hide take the gate on the right at the start of the walk and walk down the now disused road and you will soon get there.

