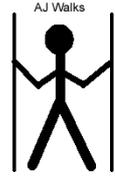




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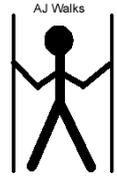
Essential information:

- Total distance: 5.7 miles (shortcut route = 2.5 miles)
 - Total ascent: 359 feet
 - Start at car park opposite "The Cricketers" pub in Berwick. Bus access not advised although Berwick Railway Station is one mile away.
 - A pleasant, short and flat walk. Ideal for children or for a summer stroll. The Cricketers is a particularly fine pub to visit. Two short diversions are available, one to Berwick Church and the other to the "Charleston Trust," for those interested in the activities of the Bloomsbury Group.
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1. Facing the pub, turn left to walk away from the A27. After 120 yards, the road bears around to the right. At this point you will see a sign pointing left to Berwick Church which, although not exactly on our route, is well worth a visit. Its interior walls were uniquely decorated by members of "the Bloomsbury Group". Having followed the road around to the right you will come to a very large grey barn on your right. Turn left at this point and follow the tarmaced road. After 600 yards the track bears sharply to the right. You are now on the Coach Road which goes all the way to Firle.
 2. 3/4 of a mile further on you will come to a triangular set of benches and a sign informing you that Firle is 3 miles away. At this point you may wish to take the shortcut by turning right into Alciston (see map). 700 yards after this junction brings you to Bo Peep Farmhouse. Cross over the tarmaced road at this point and continue in the same direction. Just over half a mile later you will pass a private house and very large flint walled barn. Just 200 yards later is a junction. On the right is a broad track with a direction post with two red arrows on one side and a blue arrow on the other. Follow the blue arrow down the track heading north.

Distance so far - 2.2 miles



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4. 500 yards later you will arrive at a hamlet called "Tilton". Follow the tarmaced road through the hamlet. Pass through Tilton Farm where the road bears around to the left. You will shortly come to a junction with a large sign for Charleston House. Immediately before this sign on the right is a wide metal farm gate next to a walker's gate. Pass through the walker's gate and head east.
5. 250 yards later you pass through another walker's gate. Head directly across the field. You should see the next gate about 400 yards ahead. Pass through another gate about 300 yards later and keep the wood close by on your right as you proceed and the path becomes a tarmaced road.
6. You will soon come to the road to Bo Peep which you crossed earlier. Turn left here and just 20m yards turn right following the yellow arrow on the direction post. About 300 yards later you arrive at a kissing gate. pass through the gate and cross the field headed towards the far right hand corner where you will see the next gate. In fact, there are two kissing gates. Take the one on the left. You will see the simple bridge which you need to cross over the brook and another kissing on the other side. You will soon arrive at the Alciston road. Turn right and pass through the village. Walk past the Rose Cottage, ignoring any signpost for Berwick until you arrive at the church.
4. You will see a signpost for Berwick, pointing left to the church. Follow this for just 100 yards and, immediately before the church, pass through the stile on the left to walk around the cemetery. Cross over the next stile and take a sharp right, followed almost immediately by a sharp left, keeping the hedge on your left.
5. 800 yards later you come to a direction post. Turn left keeping the hedge on your left. 200 yards later take the path which bears sharply to the right and heads towards Berwick. You will soon pass a farm on your right and come to the tarmaced road which takes you back to Berwick.



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