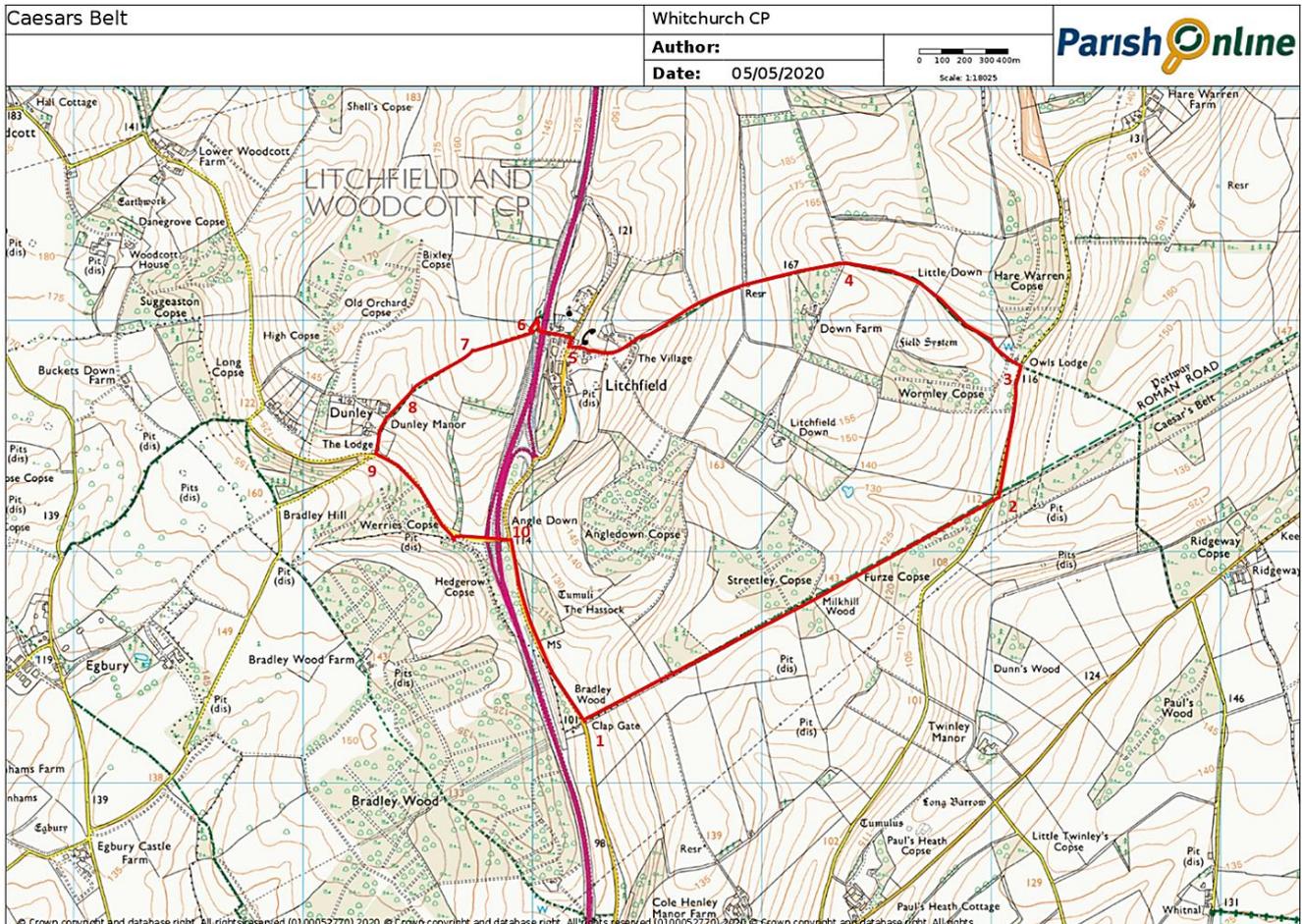




# Caesars Belt, Litchfield & Dunley

(5 miles, about 2 hours)



A circular walk along the Portway Roman Road (Caesars Belt), crossing rolling farmland with open vistas. The trail continues down into the pretty village of Litchfield, under the A34 to Dunley and then back to the start point at Clap Gate.

**Please Note that the last 0.6 miles of this walk are along an occasionally busy road, where you will need to be very careful.**

The start of the walk is at Clap Gate, 2.7 miles north of Whitchurch (1).

Drive to a layby on the right-hand side of the Newbury road, just after passing a layby on the left side of the road. This is where you can park your car.

Look for a path on the side where you have parked, which takes you up through a line of trees along Caesars Belt.

Carry on straight ahead, ignoring side turns until, after a long gentle downward stretch, you come to a lane (2).

Turn left along the lane until you reach a track going left through a gap between trees, opposite a hedgerow on the right where there is a fingerpost (3). Follow this wide track along until it comes to meet a lane rising with a wood on the left side (4).

Carry on up the lane and then down into Litchfield, keeping straight until you reach a T-junction (5) where you turn right for a short distance and then left to go under the A34.

The track goes up to the right, but shortly turns back left; 50 yards further on pass through a gap into a field on the right (6).

20 yards to the left you will see a broad path which climbs steeply up across the field, passing a telegraph pole which is in the middle of the path. At the top, continue straight ahead to find a gap in the hedgerow and go through to enter the next field (7).



[The path up from Clap Gate](#)



[A roe deer and pheasants in a field on the north side of Caesars Belt](#)

The footpath should take you diagonally across the field to the bottom corner but, if the path is not visible, you can skirt the field to the left and then follow the edge down to the right to reach the bottom corner (8).

A track takes you ahead until you reach a metalled road where you turn left before reaching a junction with a house on the right hand side (9).

Turn left here and follow the road, **taking care to look and listen out for vehicles.**

The road reaches a junction with slip roads up from, and down onto, the A34 – pass over the bridge across the A34 and you will come to a T junction on the other side.

From here, you turn right and follow this road back to your start point. **Please take care – this road can be quite busy!**

There is a verge along the right side of the road, so face the oncoming traffic and walk along the verge keeping a good distance from any passing traffic. When you are close to your start point at Clap Gate you can, using great care, cross to the other side of the road and return to your car.