

# Arnold and The Dumbles

**Distance: Walk A is four miles (6.5km)** past the Bottom Dumble. **Walk B is four-and-a-half miles (7.25 km)** past the Top Dumble. They both start from The Plains Estate in Arnold, out towards Woodborough, but returning past either the Top or Bottom Dumble from Lambley. Both offer a ramble over a little-used path, with a good view down into your chosen chasm. Horses and cows may be met on both routes. Mainly due to stiles, neither route is suitable for those with physical disabilities.



Parking area Eastham Road

**Start:** If arriving by car, park at the top of Eastham Road, off Ramsey Drive, by the shops (**Post Code NG5 6QX**). The **No. 56 and 57 City buses** stop on Ramsey Drive, conveniently close. The **No. 47 city bus** stops near the foot-path entrance on Spring Lane. (**Map Ref. SK603 449**)

From Eastham Road, pass the shops on your right to Davison Close, but turn right immediately down the wide jitty to Ramsey Drive — the bus stop is visible from the Arnold direction. Cross Ramsey, continuing on the jitty to Plains Road (B684) at the T-junction with Spring Lane.



Junction with Spring lane

Cross to the left side of Spring Lane, where the footpath is signed left. It is well-used and can be very muddy after heavy rain. Follow this path for three fields, but immediately after a **second** ditch, turn left at the sign post at **Point 1**, heading up the slope towards Catfoot Lane for 3 fields, with a hedgerow on your left. In April you may see it draped with the pretty white Common Mouse-Ear.



Turn left at the signpost

Before a wide gate to the road, bear right almost to the field corner, to find a metal kissing-gate to Catfoot Lane at **Point 2**.

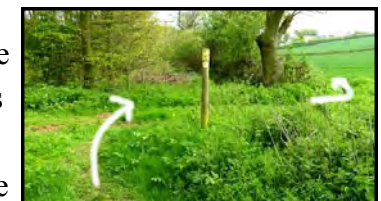


Draped with Common Mouse-Ear

Turn right for 100 yards (metres) to an unemployed stile on the left - pass through the gap on its left. In spring, the world may suddenly change to yellow as you pass down the path, where you turn sharp right, then left, into a field with the hedgerow now left. In the next field, a kissing-gate takes you left into a field



Sudden change to yellow



Sharp right, then left

to another gate opposite. Pass through and turn right along a clear path, hedgerow right, for about 350 yards (metres) until a signpost indicates left. Go the far side of the relevant hedgerow, uphill to the corner, turn right at the signpost, following the grassy path with the wood on your left until it dips into a hollow. A signpost here indicates straight on, uphill with hedgerow left



Signpost indicates left



Signpost indicates straight on

for two fields. In warmer weather, linger to catch a butterfly sunning itself on the path - or spot a tiny blue Speedwell at the edge.



Tortoise shell butterfly



Field Speedwell

After crossing a footbridge, turn right on to Hungerhill Lane, a wide bridle-way on which you may see horse-riders for the next half-mile (3/4 km).



Hungerhill Lane

Admire the fine view of Ploughman Wood over to your left, above Wood Barn Farm.



Green-veined white

In spring, butterflies like this Green-veined White will be skittering along among the wildflowers. Exit at a bend on Lingwood Lane at **Point 3** where you soon find (right) a metal gate. The path beyond takes you diagonally to a hedge corner. Bear right with the path, hedgerow on your right, for two more fields, with a farm and perhaps horses on your left. A gate in the hedgerow in front leads to a field where you may meet cows with calves. Give them a wide berth (especially if you have a dog with you) and you'll be OK. The sign on the gate at the far side warns of possible maternal aggression.



Exit to Lingwood Lane



The field with cows

The path left with a red telephone box will take you straight to The Woodlark, for welcome refreshment. Otherwise, cross this path down to a footbridge over Bottom Dumble, a surprisingly deep ravine, if you've not seen it before. Up steps the far side, to an informative display about these Dumbles. This is **Point 4**.



Informative display

**The shorter Walk A** goes sharp right here, a fence on your left, along a narrow path that is little used but well-maintained, running parallel to Catfoot Lane above left. Although it can become overgrown with vegetation, wildflowers, birds and butterflies are abundant. Eight stiles interrupt this half-mile stretch. The chasm of Bottom Dumble lurks down at your right all the way until the path turns left and climbs to Catfoot Lane almost opposite Floralands. Turn right for half-a-mile (3/4 km) along the road, to pick up the kissing-gate on your left at **Point 2** that you exited before. You can retrace your steps to your start-point, or continue on the road to the corner, turn left on the B684 Plains Road for the café at Brookfields Nurseries. From here, continue in the same way, past Coppice Road to Spring Lane for your **47 bus**, or turn right to Ramsey Drive for the **56 bus**, or continue down the jitty to your car - or even walk home!



Bottom Dumble

your left at **Point 2** that you exited before. You can retrace your steps to your start-point, or continue on the road to the corner, turn left on the B684 Plains Road for the café at Brookfields Nurseries. From here, continue in the same way, past Coppice Road to Spring Lane for your **47 bus**, or turn right to Ramsey Drive for the **56 bus**, or continue down the jitty to your car - or even walk home!

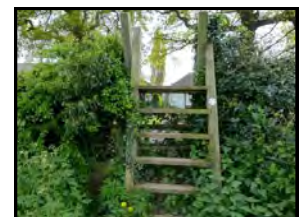


Path turns left and climbs



Up to Catfoot lane

**For the slightly longer Walk B**, continue straight on from the display at **Point 4** for a few yards (metres), then turn right on a path with the hedgerow right, then go with the bends up to Catfoot Lane and a tall ladder stile. Six steps up, hold on, turn round and four steps down - it's easy. Dogs and small children under left, but beware the bar at head height.

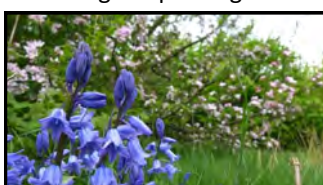


Ladder stile



To a signed path right

Left on the road for 100 yards (metres) to a signed path right. Over the stile on to a grassy path down half-right to a further stile that leads to the Lambley School playground. Over this, bearing right to the far right corner. One narrow path left leads down into the Top Dumble - worth having a look - but the main path continues through a hedgerow gap, along the field edge to Bonney



Weigela and bluebells

Doles. Bluebells and weigela blossom greet you in spring as you amble through to a footbridge over Top Dumble. For a better look at the ravine, go over the bridge and left (past another display) to the corner, where a path takes you in to the local children's favourite playground.





Full of cowslips

In April, the field outside here is full of cowslips, replaced by a glorious carpet of colourful wildflowers in summer.

Continue on the right field edge from the footbridge, crossing shortly and putting the hedgerow left. This clear path is followed for several fields, all with the hedgerow left, until you meet the point at which you

turned left near the start at **Point 1**.



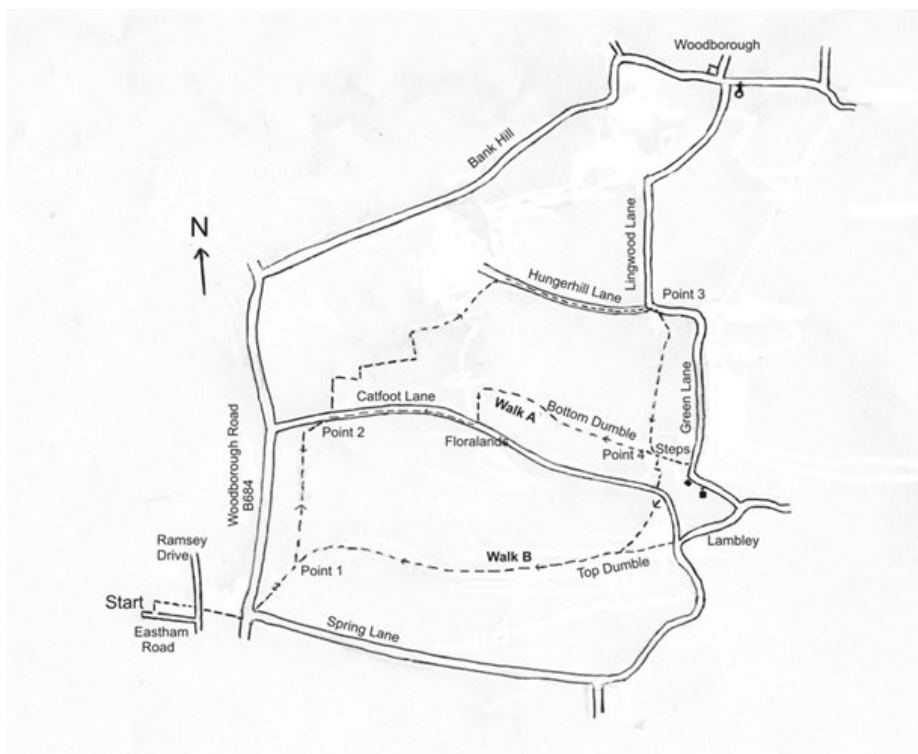
The point at which you turned left

Continue over the ditch boards in the opposite direction you came out, to exit on to Spring Lane. The **47 bus** stop is nearby. For Ramsey Drive, cross the busy Plains Road and retrace your steps up the jitty to the **56** and **57 bus** stop or your car on Eastham Road.

Footpaths are subject to alteration. Please notify Brian Cluff by email of any significant changes -

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Please check the web-site from time to time.



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