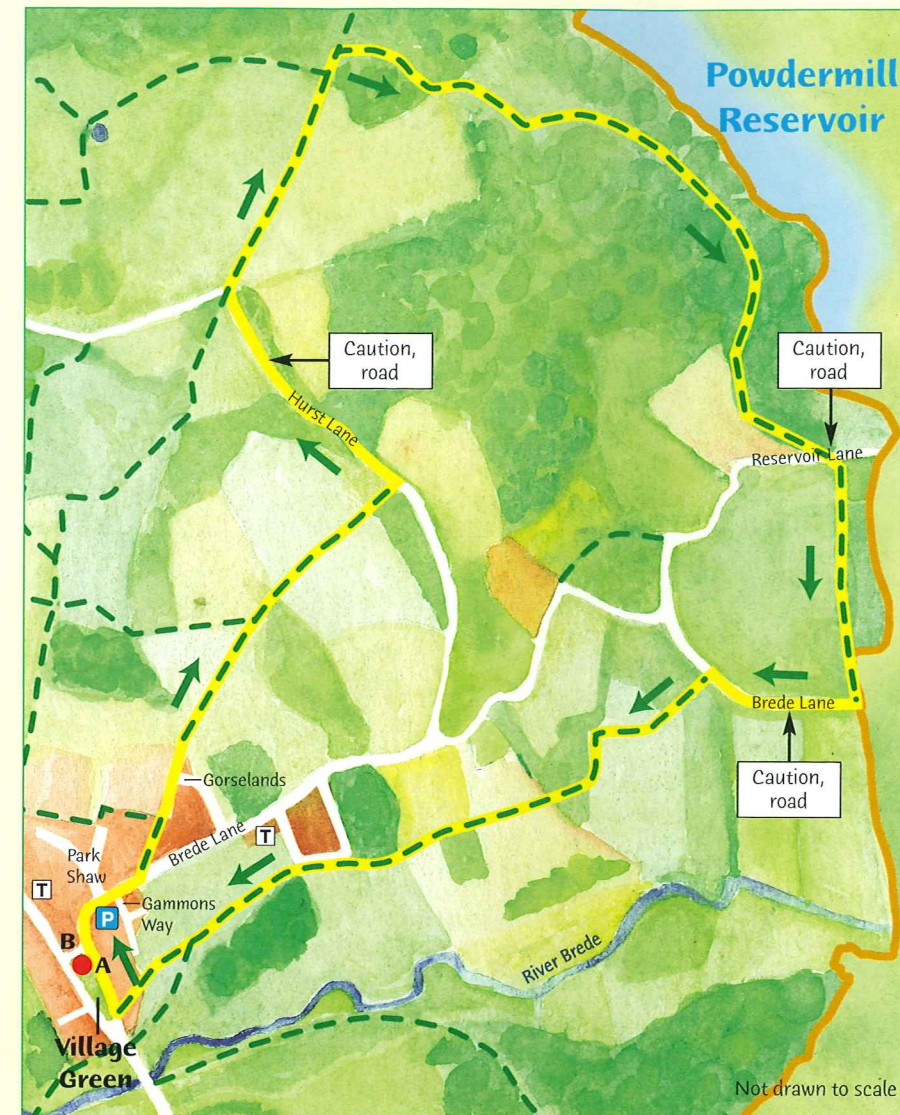
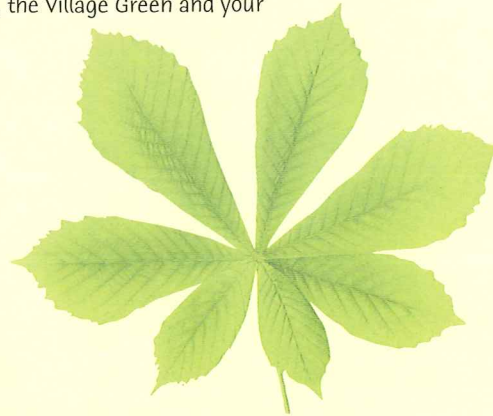


Reservoir Walk

A favourite walk through farmland and the woods surrounding Powdermill Reservoir.

- Starting from the Sedlescombe Village Green, turn right up Brede Lane. Soon after passing entrances on left and right to Park Shaw and Gammons Way, take the narrow footpath on the left to reach Gorselands estate. Walk ahead to the end of the cul-de-sac to cross the stile into a field.
- Following the direction of the waymark, walk diagonally across the field to cross the stile in the right-hand corner. Walk diagonally again across the field to a stile into a wood. This can best be found by walking in the direction of the white cottage on the hill opposite. The stile is not very conspicuous.
- On emerging from the wood, walk straight ahead up the field to cross the stile into Hurst Lane at the right-hand side of the white cottage. Turn left along the Lane and take the footpath on the right at a sharp bend. Go down the track, over the stile and into a field.
- Walk straight ahead keeping a row of trees on your left then, bear slightly right across the big field towards the woods.
- At the far side of the field, go along a track into the wood crossing a stile beside a gate. Soon, take the first path on the right and, after approximately 80 metres, fork right to take a small path beside a stream.
- Walk on through the wood to cross two sleeper bridges. Turn right just after the second bridge and walk on to reach a stile. Cross the stile, bear slightly left to another stile and continue ahead for some distance before crossing a substantial wooden bridge.
- Continue in the same direction to cross a plank bridge, then uphill to cross another stile.
- Continue roughly in the same direction and then over the next stile onto a track where turn left to follow the path to a stile in the hedge and the Lane.
- Turn left along the road and enter the first gateway on the right. Bearing slightly to the left, proceed across the field to the stream aiming to pass by the right hand point of a fenced-off square.
- Continue along the edge of a wood to cross a sleeper bridge and stile to Brede Lane. Here, turn right and, soon after passing some farm buildings, cross the stile on your left just before a wood.
- Follow the right hand side of the field to cross a stile and on for a short distance to cross a plank bridge and stile on the right. Walk on, keeping to the right hand edge of the field to reach a gate ahead. Do not pass through the gateway but continue following the diverted path at the edge of the field, with woodland on your right.
- At the end of the woodland, cross the stile and bridge and continue along the right hand edge of the field. Cross the stile/gate on your right and continue in the same direction as before. Cross the farm track and almost immediately climb another stile.
- Keeping the field edge on your left this time, reach and climb another stile on your left. Turn right and continue in the same direction with the hedge on your right.
- Cross the stile, a concrete road, another stile and across the field to the stile at the other side.
- Follow the footpath straight ahead passing a kickabout area on your right, through three kissing gates to the allotments, the Village Green and your starting point.



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In the 15th century there were more than 30 forges and furnaces within five miles of Sedlescombe. Brede furnace was close to the site of the reservoir and owned by John Sackville of Brickwall, Sedlescombe. One ton of cast iron was produced every 24 hours and cannon balls and guns, agricultural tools and firebacks were made. There was noise and smoke day and night and trees were cut down by the hundred to feed the furnaces.

Approximate distance
4½ miles

Time - allow 2¼ hours

Parking in public car park,
Brede Lane, where there is
also a public toilet

KEY

- Start point
 - Direction of route
 - Route follows road
 - Route follows path
 - Other footpath
 - Parish boundary
 - Car park
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- A Queens Head
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