

Walks Around St Hilary – North –

3.8 miles – 1.5 hours – Easy – 1 pub stop

Overview A short, easy walk around the rim of St Hilary and Stalling Downs with great views most of the way round.

Distance 3.8 miles

Time 1.5 hours (brisk pace without stops)

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Route St Hilary – St Hilary Down – Stalling Down – St Hilary

Pub stops Start and Finish: Bush Inn

Terrain Gentle ascents and hardly any descents. Good tracks on St Hilary Down, a few fields with stiles, a country lane then back into some fields, ending with a good track around the two Downs.

Map

Explorer 151
1: 25,000

Start and finish
grid reference:
ST 016733

A map is highly
recommended for
this walk

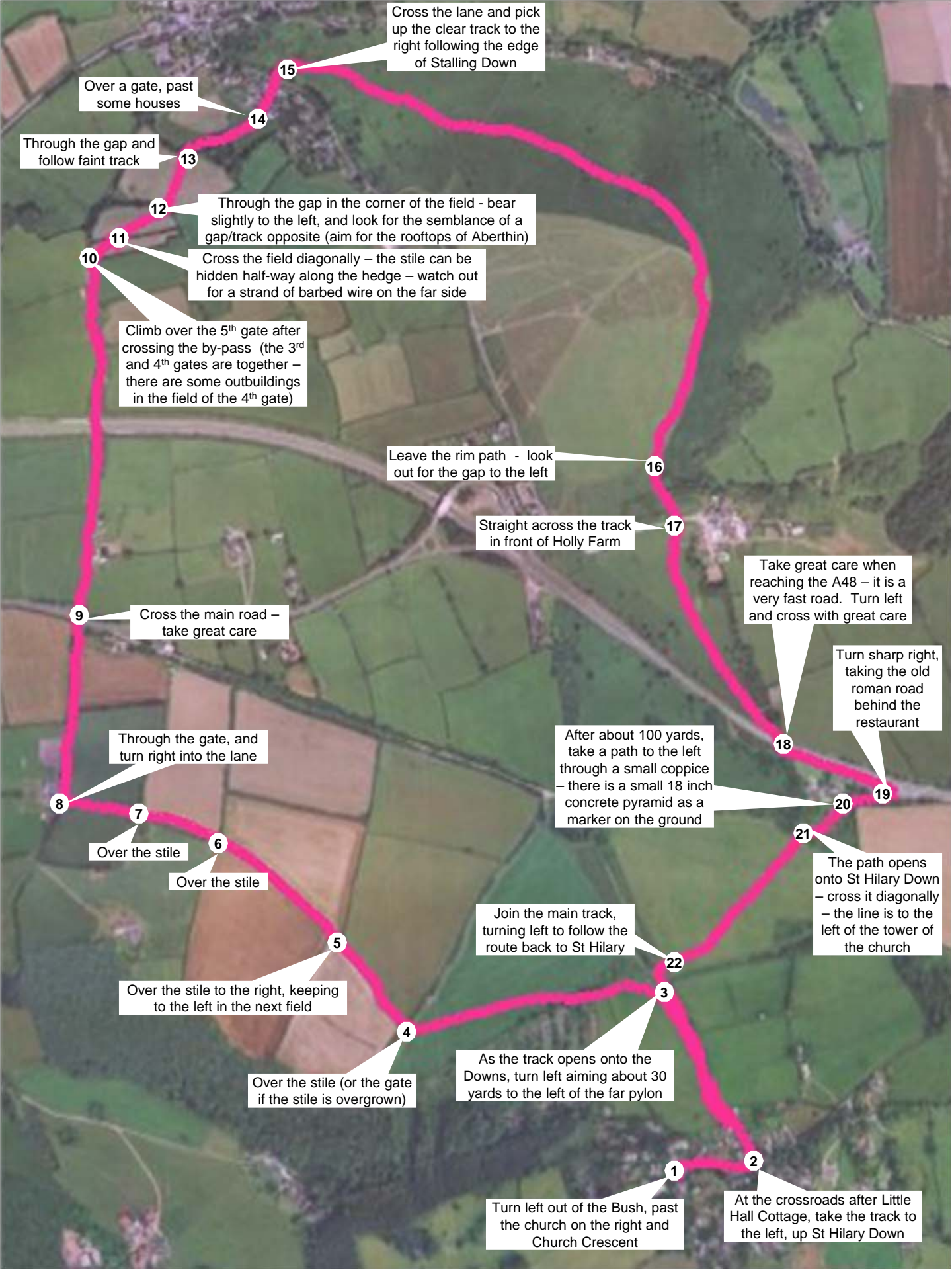


Height Gain and Altitude



Start and finish: 420 feet
Highest point: 600 feet
Lowest point: 270 feet

About 330 feet between highest and
lowest points
About 400 feet height gain in total



Cross the lane and pick up the clear track to the right following the edge of Stalling Down

Over a gate, past some houses

Through the gap and follow faint track

Through the gap in the corner of the field - bear slightly to the left, and look for the semblance of a gap/track opposite (aim for the rooftops of Aberthin)

Cross the field diagonally - the stile can be hidden half-way along the hedge - watch out for a strand of barbed wire on the far side

Climb over the 5th gate after crossing the by-pass (the 3rd and 4th gates are together - there are some outbuildings in the field of the 4th gate)

Leave the rim path - look out for the gap to the left

Straight across the track in front of Holly Farm

Take great care when reaching the A48 - it is a very fast road. Turn left and cross with great care

Turn sharp right, taking the old roman road behind the restaurant

After about 100 yards, take a path to the left through a small coppice - there is a small 18 inch concrete pyramid as a marker on the ground

The path opens onto St Hilary Down - cross it diagonally - the line is to the left of the tower of the church

Through the gate, and turn right into the lane

Join the main track, turning left to follow the route back to St Hilary

Over the stile to the right, keeping to the left in the next field

As the track opens onto the Downs, turn left aiming about 30 yards to the left of the far pylon

Over the stile (or the gate if the stile is overgrown)

Turn left out of the Bush, past the church on the right and Church Crescent

At the crossroads after Little Hall Cottage, take the track to the left, up St Hilary Down

Circular and Other Walks in and around St Hilary

This is one in a series of current and planned walking guides based on and around St Hilary

The Walks

Circular Walks

West – 6.4 miles
Aberthin / Cowbridge / Llanblethian

South East – 9.1 miles
Llantrithyd / Llancarfan / Treguff

North West
Llansannor / Penllyn / Cowbridge

South West – 7.7 miles
Llanblethian / Siginstone / Llandough

North East
Llantrithyd / Hensol / Stalling Down

North – 3.8 miles
St Hilary Down / Stalling Down

Routes between St Hilary and Cowbridge

via New Beaupre

via Roman Road

via The Downs

via Llanblethian

Points of Interest

Old Beaupre Castle

Coed Hills Rural Art Space

The Clump

Disclaimer: you undertake these walks at your own risk

Web site: All these walks will be available, as they are prepared, as a download from the St Hilary website: www.sthilary.org.uk ⇒ local walks and maps

The best map for all the walks is the Ordnance Survey's Explorer 151

Boots are advisable. Most walks involve stiles. The ground can be soft / muddy when wet.

Take great care when crossing roads and on the lanes

