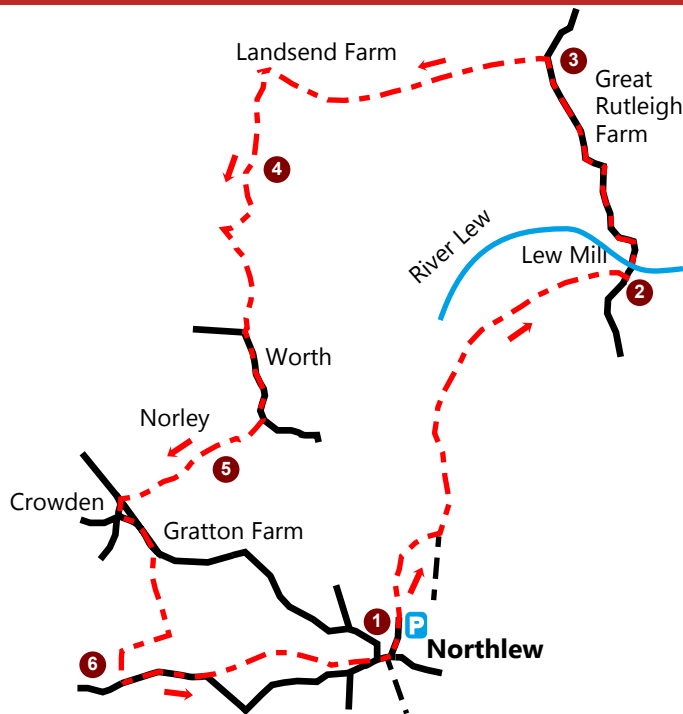


Northlew and Rutleigh - Ruby's pastoral landscape



Directions - Northlew and Rutleigh

DISTANCE	5.7 miles	TIME	2 to 3 hours
PATHS	Village and farmland walk through fields and country lanes		
MAP	OS Explorer 112, and 113 or Landranger 190		
START/FINISH	Grid reference SX504991		
PARKING	Northlew Village Square		
FACILITIES	Junction Inn, shops and toilets in Halwill Junction (2 miles), all facilities and services in Okehampton (7miles), Holsworthy (10 miles) and Hatherleigh (6 miles)		

1. From the Square in Northlew, face the Green Dragon pub and turn right and walk towards the church. Turn left and follow the tarmac track between the cottages. Follow this lane as it turns into a stone track, gradually downhill, arriving at a property with farm buildings. Pass with the farmhouse on your left. Keep on this track and look for a public footpath sign, guiding you through a gate on the right, into a field. Upon entering this field turn left and head towards a wooden bridge visible ahead. Cross the River Lew, for the first time on this walk. Keep straight ahead and pass through a gate into a field. Keeping the hedge on the right cross several fields until a road is reached at Lew Corn Mill (Lew Mill on OS Maps).

2. Turn left and follow this road uphill, past the entrance to Great Rutleigh Farm. Keep on this road until the road bends to the right. There are 2 gates on the left. Take the gate on the left with a public footpath sign.

3. Cross several fields with the hedge on the right. In one of the fields pass a large pond filled with farmyard slurry. The smell may be unpleasant. Keep on between the slurry lagoon and the hedge on the right, pass over a stile into another field and through a further 2 fields until Landsend Farm is reached. Just before the first building turn left, through a gate into a field. Head downhill and towards the far right hand corner of the field. Cross a stile into another field and head towards a wooden bridge, cross the stream and cross a field and then into a wood.

4. Walk through the wood and head towards a gate straight ahead. Through this gate into a field heading towards the far left hand corner. At this point a stone track is reached. Keep on this track towards the farm buildings ahead, then turn left alongside a fence until a footpath is reached on the right. This path passes the farm buildings and emerges on a road. Turn left onto this road and follow it until the hamlet of Norley is reached. Past a bungalow go through a farm gate on the right.

5. Pass the first building but then turn left between the buildings and into a field. Turn right and cross this field with the hedge on the right. Cross a small bridge and stile, through a small wood and into a paddock. Pass through another gate and keep to the left, cross a stile onto a path emerging on a road. Turn left on the road and then left at the next junction into the hamlet of Crowden. Continue on this road, turning right by the sign to Sweetbriar Cottage. Follow this track uphill through gates into a field. Pass through the field keeping the hedge on the left. At the top of the field turn right, keeping the hedge on the left. A stile is reached and crossed emerging onto a narrow pathway, out onto the road.

6. Turn left along the road. As the road bends sharply right pass through a gate into a field. Northlew can be seen ahead across the valley. Cross this field keeping the hedge on the left, pass over a wooden bridge and cross 2 fields uphill still with the hedge on the left. Cross a stile onto a footpath through a built up area and follow this path, cross the road and returning to the start point in the village.