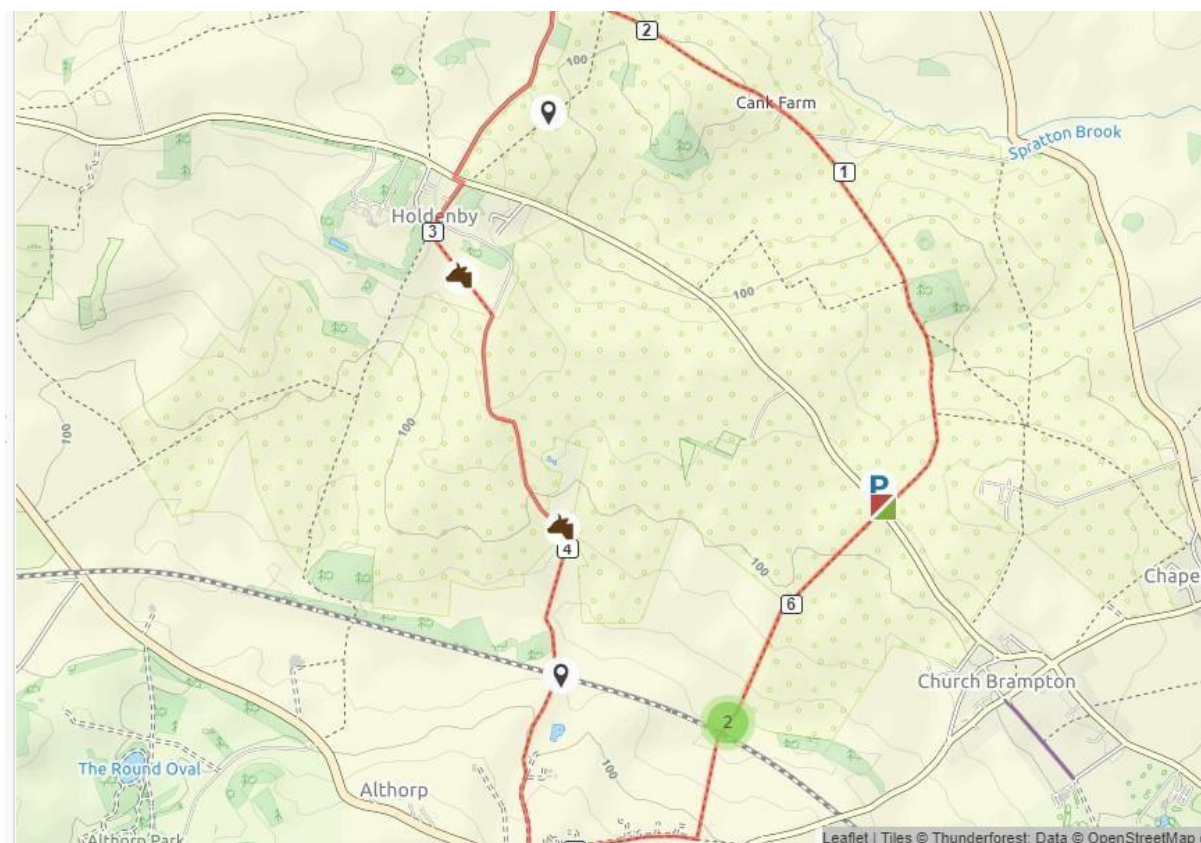


Harlestone, Cank Farm, Holdenby (BR1)

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Directions

From Start turn left at right hand side of layby and go along hedge line. Keep going alongside field, uphill initially then down. You will pass entrance to another Bridleway crossing another field to the right but carry on to the bottom through a narrow gap in hedge, into next field. Keep going uphill again, passing another bridleway track to the right before reaching the spinney. As you enter the next field there is another bridleway going along the side of the hedge in the next field, but carry on straight, with the field hedge on the right until you finally get to the bottom of the hill. The track goes right and then left again and you'll reach a small road which leads to Cank Farm GR. SP710681

Pass straight through the farm and out the other side, which turns into a stony track. Eventually after a couple of fields, you will see a large gate to your right in the last field. A footpath comes away from this gate across the field to your left and up to Holdenby GR. SP702686



Horses should turn right through the gate, which exits onto a minor road. Turn left and then left again along a narrow road which brings you out opposite Holdenby, then turn left and immediately right into Holdenby village. Go through Holdenby village. There is a farm to the left and village cottages to the right with a small central green space. Keep going straight and the road turns into a stony track. Just a little way along the track turn left through a bridle gate in the corner of a field GR. SP695677. You are now at the 3mile point on the map above.

Sometimes horses and sheep are in the next two fields. Carry on diagonally across to another gate, and then again to another gate in the opposite corner of the second field.

Now turn down a stony farm track to your right. Keep following until you reach the bottom. This is Holdenby South Lodge. Immediately in front of you is another bridle gate. Be careful with this gate as it's weighted and probably the most awkward. Might be better to dismount if necessary. GR. SP700665



Often Beef Cows in this field (photo below). The first field is relatively small but leads into a lovely big grassy stretch beyond the first open gateway. Follow track diagonally across to another gate at Delf Spinney.

Bridleway gate looking from Delf Spinney back towards Holdenby South Lodge.

After exiting the gate – a narrow track ascends over the top of the railway with a gate the other side.



After exiting gate turn slightly right and then go straight again. There is a fenced off paddock area to your left which turns into a hedge. Further along past some barn conversions you usually see some horses in fields beyond at end of grass track. Carry on up the narrow tarmac road to top of hill where you meet A428. At the top turn immediately left past letter box and onto bridleway track alongside Glebe Lane. GR. SP699650

Junction Delf/Glebe Lane bridleways



Bridleway alongside Glebe Lane



At the end of this hedge (above left photo), there is a narrow gap, turn left again following hedge to your left, you will cross under railway line again at bottom of hill. Continue along track across the field (can be quite muddy in winter) to the bridle bridge and then keep following bridleway up hill and down other side. You will eventually see it terminates back at the Holdenby road where you started.

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