

Friday 1st April 2016, West Wooley Farm to Marsland Mouth & Return with Chris Buckland

Sixteen weekend walkers managed to get to West Wooley Farm in North Cornwall in good time to start our walking weekend. The weather was not looking promising, but we donned our rainwear and set off from the village across some fields to enter the delightful Marsland Valley Nature Reserve. This was a wooded valley with a stream, and our way down to the coast took us on a circuitous route down and up and then down and along until we eventually reached the sea at Marsland mouth, right on the Cornish/Devon boundary. The wood was delightful with spring flowers, mostly primroses and some early bluebells and wood anemones. The birds were singing and the walkers were chattering happily. We stopped briefly at an old mill and read all about the flora and fauna that inhabit this magical place. After a brief respite at the coast we headed back inland, uphill of course, on footpaths and small lane through Gooseham and on to Hobbs Choice. Our leader, Chris, only got us lost once, but a helpful farmer soon put us on the right road. We returned to our cottages suitably tired out after six or more miles, to enjoy a cream tea in our cosy cottages. Later we had a very enjoyable buffet organised by Paula and Rosemary. What a great start to the weekend.

Dee Woods
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