

Get Walking ...

Join us for a free, gentle stroll on Sunday, June 4, starting at 10.30.

Ashey Down and Nunwell 4.2 miles

Start: The meeting place is at a roadside parking layby on the Brading Down Road. There is parking for about 15 cars, so best to share cars.

Description: Field and wooded paths around Nunwell.

Access information: Stiles and open countryside. Some hills and roadside walking.

Refreshments: None on the route. Bring a drink and snack.

Toilets: None on the route.

Rambles
around the Island
in association with the IW Ramblers



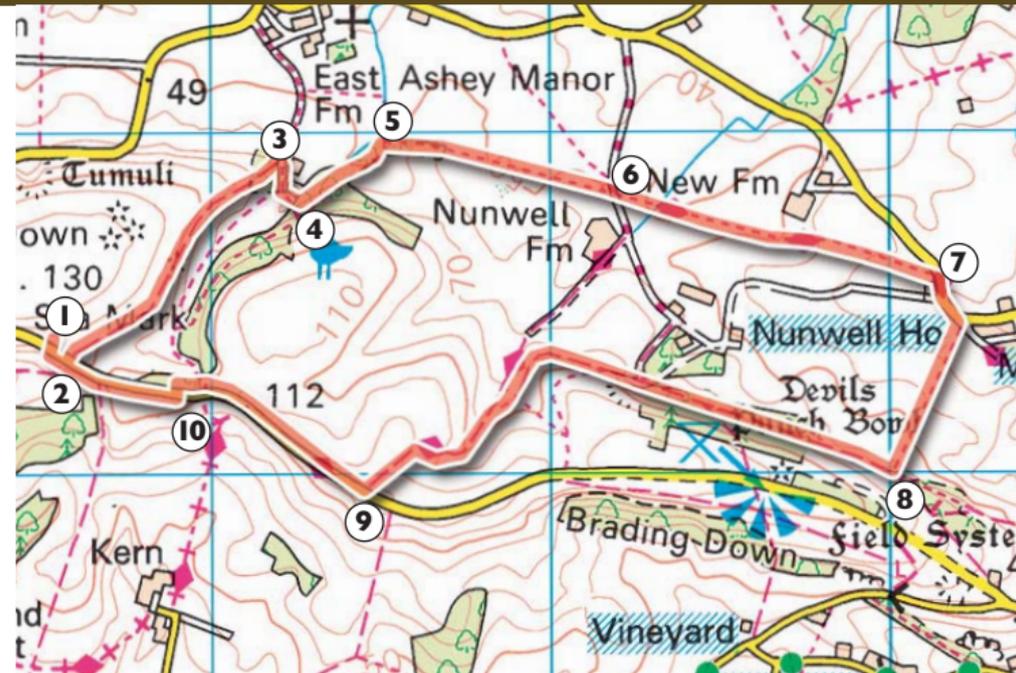
Route: From the end of the layby (1), cross the road carefully, and go left on an enclosed footpath. Soon, recross the road (2) and climb a stile into a field on R25. Ashey Sea Mark, a white stone pillar, is on the top of the hill to your left. Walk with the hedge on your right, and where the hedge turns away to your right, near the second telegraph pole, continue straight on across the open down land.

There is a group of trees growing on the top of the cliff-like lower slope of the down. Go to the left of these trees, and then you will see a brick wall and gate ahead. Go over the stile by the gate and down the track by a wall. At the bottom of the wooded slope, cross the stile beside the gate (3) and turn right. By an imposing gateway at The Springs, turn right, then left over a stile on B34. Follow the narrow path over two stiles into the wood (4). Just inside the wood, go left at a fingerpost. Follow the B24 path

which leaves the wood and follows a left field edge. In the corner of the field, the path enters a narrow strip of woodland. At the path junction, turn right (5). Walk between the trees to a gap into a field. The path goes straight across the field to a footbridge/stile and continue straight ahead to find a stile into a lane (6).

Follow B23 straight ahead towards Brading. The path crosses a small stream and stile near the largest tree, and then goes slightly left of a tree with a yellow waymark. Follow the line of the path to a guide post which is at the corner of a fence and hedge. Continue with the hedge on your left and then across the open field to a wooden guide post by a stile. Cross the stile and footbridge. Walk across the next field by a line of oak trees and then head for trees slightly left of a house in front. A stile leads to a step into the lane (7).

Go right along this road to pass the entrance to Nunwell House. At the next corner, turn right on B27 to follow the side of a field with a hedge on your right. At the top of



the field go into the wood (8) and turn right along the shady bridleway. Continue ahead all the way to the end of the wood. Where the path divides, go straight ahead on the lower path. The path curves gently left, away from the hedge on your right. Follow the valley path

and climb to a gate. Go through the gate and right along field edges to reach the road (9).

Turn right and follow the roadside "Downland Way". At a small layby (10) cross the road to follow an enclosed path to the car parking point.

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