

## A TASTE OF THE FAR EAST

### Walk Overview

**Distance:** 4.5 miles (7km)

**Time:** 2 - 2.5 hours

**Description:** A further Eastern walk, passing the grounds of St Ronan's school, through the Eastern forest and alongside a stream.



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1. The iron gate



2. The turning onto the footpath



3. The public footpath



4. St Ronan's school



5. Tree lined alley



6. The wooden gate to the forest



Leave The Great House and turn right down the lane. Cross the main road, pass a phone box on the left and continue straight along the road. Walk down the road until you see a car breaker's yard on the right. On the crossroad next to this yard, turn left and continue down the lane until you see a water treatment plant.

Walk around the plant along the footpath on the left side. Follow the footpath through the forest alongside the stream until you meet a stile at the end of the forest. Climb over this stile, turn right and follow the edge of the field (on your right is the forest, later there is a ditch and a line of trees). You will meet an iron gate (Pic 1), go through and keep walking straight along the edge of this field. In the corner, climb over a stile and turn left onto a road. Follow this road through Duval's Farm and immediately behind farm buildings you will see a 'Public Footpath' sign on the left (Pic 2).

Turn left, climb over a stile and walk down along the edge of the field. In the corner you meet a stile, climb over it (it's straight ahead not on your left) and turn right. Walk down along the edge of the field (field on the left, forest on the right), climb over a stile in the bottom and walk straight up the hill. At the end of the field you see the next stile. Climb over this one and turn left onto the road.

Walk down the road until you meet a signpost 'Public Footpath' on the right (Pic 3). Turn right onto the footpath, go through an iron gate and follow the path along the fence of St Ronan's School property. Go through the next iron gate, past the entrance to Orchard House on the left and carry on straight along the stony trail. Go in between the buildings (pic 4), through the next iron gate and follow the track through a beautiful tree lined alley (Pic 5) until you see a wooden gate with a yellow arrow (Pic 6). Walk through this gate and follow this forest trail until you come to a crossroad of trails next to a wooden field gate.

Turn left and follow the wide forest trail. Keep walking along this trail and leave when it bears to the left. Continue straight for 100m until you meet a gate. Go through this gate and from this point you will follow the stream almost all the way back to The Great House.

Follow the stream, climb over a stile and keep walking through a wooden gate and finally over the last stile and you come to the road.

Turn right and after 30m you can see a 'Public Footpath' signpost. Turn left, climb over a stile and keep walking along the fence on the right. When the fence bears to the right, continue straight along the ditch in the direction of the big oak. Climb over the next stile next to the oak and keep walking straight across the field. In the furthest corner of the field you will meet a stile, climb over and continue along the forest trail. Walk past the water treatment plant, in a T-junction turn right and keep walking along this small road, cross the road and go back to The Great House

