

Pooh's Enchanted Place and the North Pole

Approximately 3 miles (5 km)

A walk around the World of Pooh: The Enchanted Place, the Lone Pine and Heffalump Trap, Milnes Memorial, 100 Aker Wood, Sandpit, The North Pole and Eeyore's Sad and Gloomy Place.

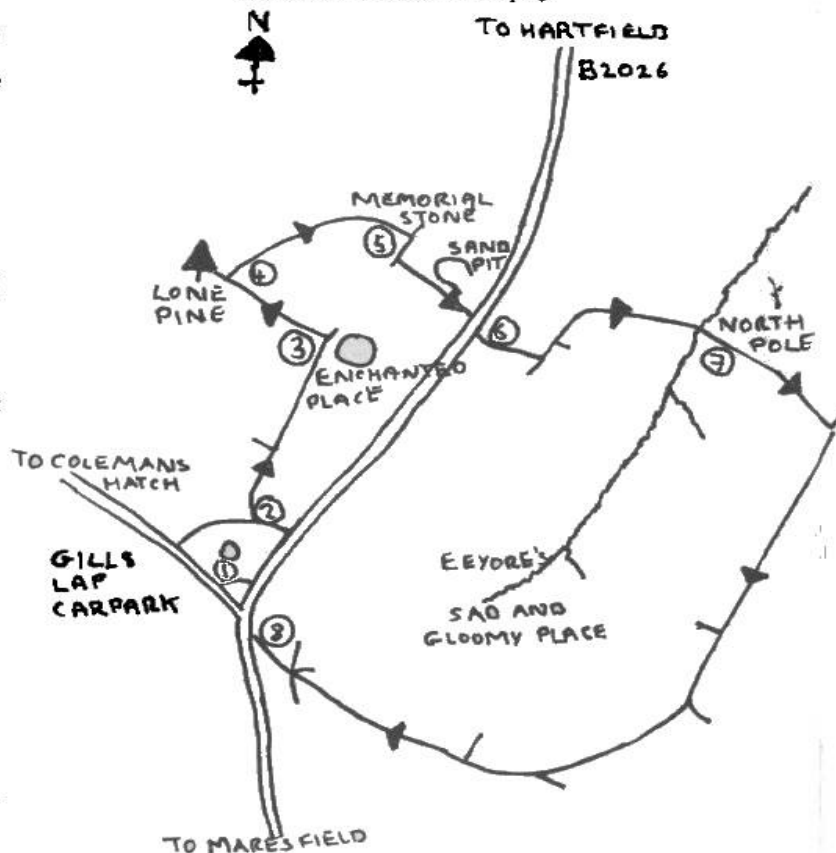
The walk can be shortened by leaving out the visit to the North Pole.

Welcome to the World of Pooh.

- Starting from Gills Lap Car Park which is located at the junction of the Hartfield and Colemans Hatch roads on the B2026. TQ466316
- Leave the car park heading North through the grass area and follow the ride along until you come to a clump of trees. Enter the clump cautiously as it gets rather gloomy and mysterious. Christopher Robin called this clump "The Enchanted Place", because nobody had ever been able to count whether there were sixty-three or sixty-four trees in the circle. Also he was able to sit down here carelessly without getting prickled, unlike the rest of the Forest.
- As you leave the clump and follow the ride North-Westerly down to Lone Pine, take a look at the view across to the North Downs. Approaching Lone Pine be careful not to fall into the "Heffalump Trap" beneath the tree.
- Work your way to the right around the top of the hill until you reach an area enclosed by a post and rail fence. This is a memorial to A.A. Milne, the author and E.H. Shepard, the illustrator, of the Winnie the Pooh books.



Look across the valley to the right on the hill you can see what Christopher Robin called "100 Aker Wood". On the mound just below you, Rabbit's friends and relations used to play.



- Walk out of the memorial to the left to join the fire ride. Cross over the ride and you will find the Sandpit where Roo played, closely guarded by his mother, Kanga.

Be careful as you go down by the Sandpit and out to the car park to cross the road, because we will be going on an 'expotition' to find the North Pole.

After crossing the road, go down the small path to join the fire ride and turn left. Follow this ride down the hill to the stream. Don't fall into the stream like Roo (although it helped him to learn to swim). Luckily Pooh and Kanga saved him with the North Pole.

Now walk up the hill, turn right and go around the valley. In the bottom is the "rather boggy and sad place", called "Eeyore's Gloomy Place".

- Complete your walk through the World of Pooh by crossing the road back into Gills Lap Car Park.

