

The Route

Getting to point A: From Farway Church (on your left) take the 'no through road' to your left. After approx. ¼ mile turn right.

If you are driving, you can park on the corner (next to a line of dustbins) or just inside the field in front of you with a couple of tracks going up the hill. What3words: adjuster.daylight.decoding.

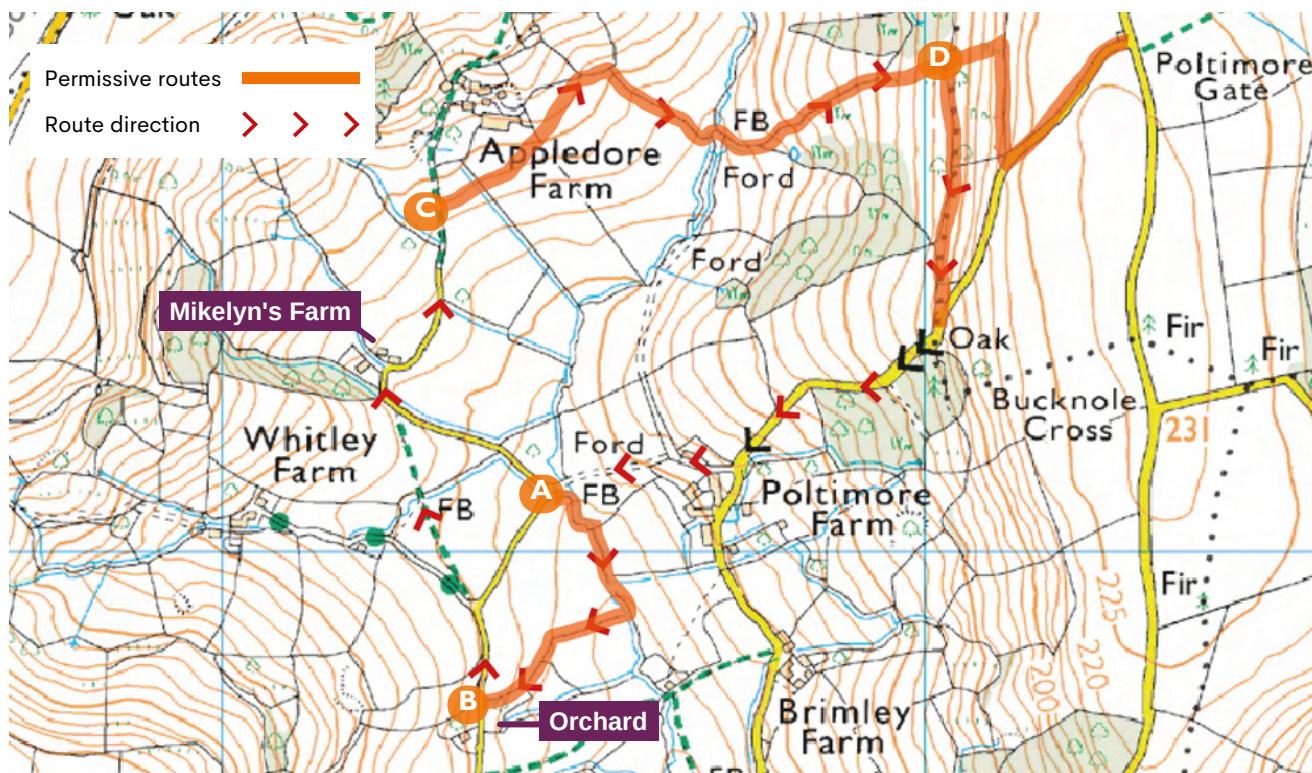
A Follow the signed permissive footpath along the river Coly. Go through the gate and turn right, through a small paddock and on into the orchard.

B Turn right when you reach the road and follow the road 100yds to the crossroads. Follow the public footpath straight ahead, across a footbridge and go straight across the field until you join the road. Turn left to follow the road through the farm and up the hill until you come across another permissive footpath sign to your right.

C Follow the track, straight ahead at the next gate and across the field. After the next gate, bear right down the hill to the footbridge. After the footbridge, bear uphill and slightly left (east) to the top of the hill. Pass through the next three gates in quick succession.

D At this point you can: Bear right, follow the track back to the road, then turn right. Walk down the steep hill, turning right at Poltimore Farm, down an existing restricted byway, back to your start point.

Or: Continue along the path, through some gorse and then a gate, on to the top of the hill. Turn right along the fence and follow the fence and hedge to Poltimore Cross, where you can join an existing public footpath towards Offwell or Northleigh.



Appledore Farm

Permissive Footpath



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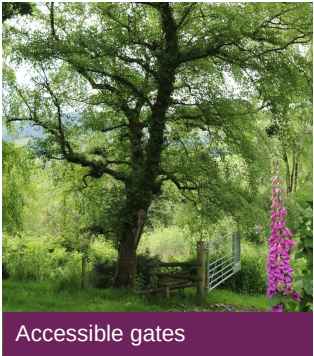
Farming in Protected Landscapes programme

Farm History

The Loud family have been farming at Appledore since the 1940's and the farm has always been primarily dairy.

The farm, consisting of 300 acres, lies in Farway valley, with over 30 acres of ancient oak woodland, many species-rich areas and a number of ponds with wetlands ground.

The family are taking part in the Sustainable Farming Incentive Pilot Scheme and you will notice, amongst other things, small corners and strips being taken out of agricultural production to provide a more varied habitat for wildlife. Hedges will only be trimmed every other year and more hedgerow trees encouraged.



Accessible gates



One of many great views

Permissive Footpath

The Louds have opened a permissive footpath encompassing parts of Appledore Farm and Poltimore, taking in farmland, woodland, springline mire and a traditional orchard

You are invited to walk through the farm to enjoy this beautiful part of the East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The permissive footpath has been opened in conjunction with the 'Farming In Protected Landscapes' programme, which is part of DEFRA's Agricultural Transition Plan.

Funding is offered under the programme to:

- Support nature recovery
- Mitigate the impacts of climate change
- Provide opportunities for people to discover, enjoy and understand the landscape and its cultural heritage
- Protect or improve the quality of the landscape.

The programme operates within National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty across England.

Broompark Copse

The Footpath passes through Broompark Copse, a County Wildlife Site. Below is an excerpt from the 2021 Devon Biodiversity Monitoring Framework County Wildlife Site Survey for the site.

'Broompark Copse lies on a west facing slope, with semi-improved grassland encroached by bracken on steeper ground in the east and wetter ground with a variety of habitats in the west. Within the semi-improved grassland, common knapweed, tormentil, autumn hawkbit and pignut are found at low frequency.

'Most noteworthy is the species-rich springline mire with an area of flush merging to rush pasture. Species include bog-mosses, common cotton sedge, bog pimpernel, marsh violet, glaucous sedges, lousewort, heathspotted orchid, common yellow-sedge, star sedge, fleasedge, bog asphodel, butterwort, round-leaved sundew and marsh pennywort.

The Devon notable species round-leaved watercrowfoot is rare. There is much scrub of willow, alder, gorse and bramble present, clearance has however been carried out since the previous survey and the area of mire appears to be expanding.'

The Orchard

The orchard marked on the map to the south west of Poltimore Farm is a traditional orchard with a variety of trees.

Please feel free to collect apples – there are generally more than we can eat

A point of interest is the traditional hedge laying, which has taken place along the north hedge of the orchard over the last couple of years.



Traditional Hedgelaying



Summer foxgloves

A couple of important points

- Pheasant rearing takes place in some of the woods near the permissive footpath. Whilst the pheasants are about, we would ask that dogs are kept on leads. This will generally be between July – January, but we will put signs up indicating when dogs must be kept on leads
- Between November – January pheasant shooting takes place on the farm about once every 10 days. We will put notices at the entrance points to the path on the days when shooting is happening.

The land has been managed under various schemes for over 15 years, meaning there are numerous areas of interest, which we invite you to enjoy.