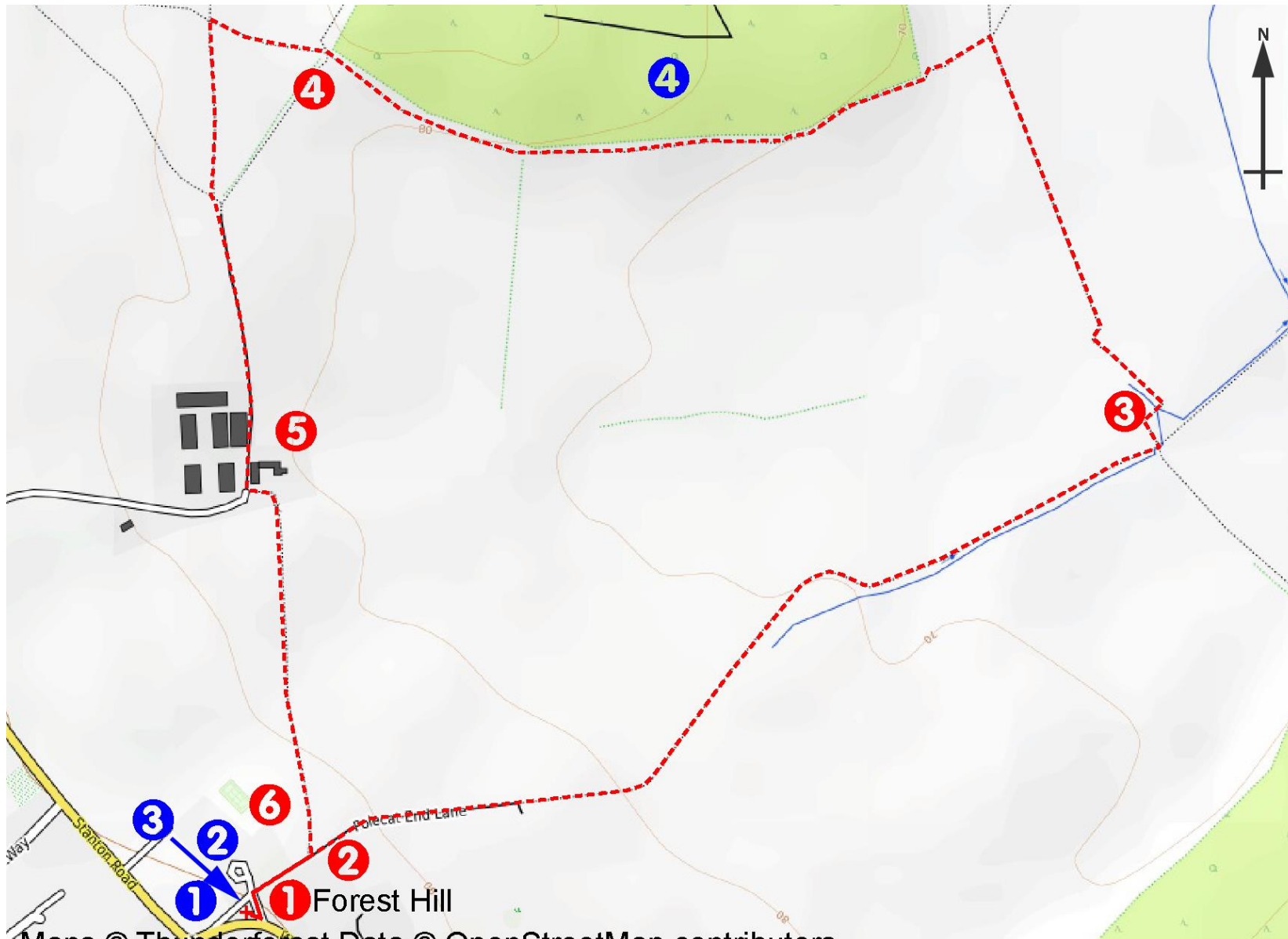


Walk 11 – Forest Hill Circular



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Notes

This is a walk of 2.3 miles with total ascent/descent over the walk of 156 feet and is easy underfoot, except after rain!

Route Notes

- 1 Start at the entrance to Polecat End lane, which runs down behind the White Horse pub, past the entrance to Minchin Court on your left.
- 2 Keep down the track, passing steps to a footpath sign up the bank on your left, and the sewage treatment works on your right. Keep on for about ½ a mile. A footpath from Stanton St. John to Holton crosses the track, take the path to the left. If you reach a bridge over a stream you have gone too far, and need to retrace your steps for a few hundred yards.
- 3 This path takes you to the edge of Stanton Great Wood, which you can see ahead. Walk along the path at the edge of fields, beside a ditch. Cross 2 stiles, and after the second one bear left to pick up the farm track, running round the edge of the wood.
- 4 Follow the track until it bears left away from the wood, go through the gate and follow the footpath sign across the next field at an angle. When you reach the far fence turn left along the farm track.
- 5 Follow the track through Breach Farm, ignore the drive coming in on the right and go through the gate. Bear right round the corner of the field, follow the fence until you reach a kissing gate on your right.
- 6 Go through the kissing gate and follow the path up and across the field behind Minchin Court. You will find a kissing gate with steps down the bank into Polecat End Lane. Turn right, and you have completed the walk!

Points of Interest

- 1 Forest Hill is on an ancient crossroads. Polecat End is the fourth arm with the B4027 and the village Main Street forming the other 3 arms.
- 2 Minchin Court was held by Littlemore Priory, then became a farm which it was until recent years. It was in the parish of Stanton St. John until 1949.
- 3 The White Horse pub is 17th century, now it is a thriving village pub, serving Thai food.
- 4 Stanton Great Wood has a spectacular display of bluebells in April/May. Polecat End has a good selection of wild flowers.