

This is the first of a series of walks provided by the IW Ramblers through the County Press

Get Walking . . .

Join us for a free, gentle stroll
on Sunday, April 6.

Rookley 3 miles

Start: Park by the green at Rookley on the Niton Road. Bus no. 3. **Set-off Time:** 10.30am.

Description: A short walk around Rookley, across fields with panoramic scenery.

Access Information: Mainly level walk which can be muddy in places after periods of rain. There are wooden gates and one set of steps.

Refreshments: Co-op can provide some take-away food and drinks. Rookley County Park restaurant. The Chequers pub is further along the Niton Road.

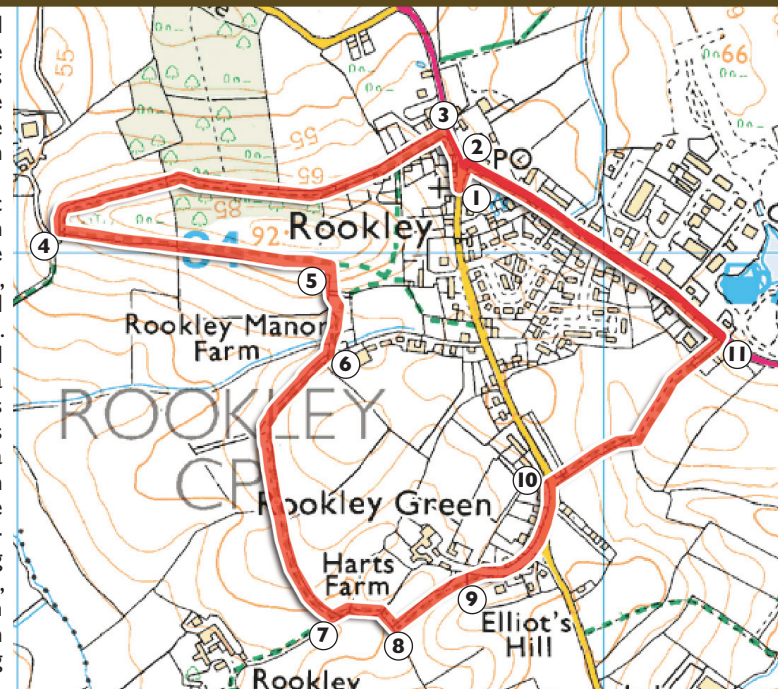
Toilets: Patrons of The Chequers (NB to reach the pub turn right at point 7 and take the track left of the farm), Rookley Country Park.

Rambles
around the Island
in association with the **IW Ramblers**



Route: From the Niton Road (1), walk to the Main Road and turn left (2), and then left into Bunkers Lane (3). Walk up the lane, passing houses and emerge onto a rough track which enters a wood. Follow the track as it meanders along the edge of the wood. Just before a right-hand bend, turn sharp left up some wooden steps (4). Go through a wooden gate and then through a metal gate.

Follow the fenced path along the field edge with panoramic views across the valley and downs. Go up the slope and through a gate into a field. Cross the field, aiming for farm buildings in the distance. At the mid-point of a fence (5), go through double gates, and head right of the farm. Go through a seven-bar metal gate and soon turn right (6) to go through another seven-bar farm gate. Follow the grassy track which bends to the left and leads to a field corner (7). Go through gate into an enclosed path and cross a small wooden bridge. Go on along the sunken path to two gates into a field (8) and turn left. Follow the field edge heading towards a white house. In the corner of the field go through a gate into a garden (9). Follow this right of way on the left side of a garden towards a tree by a brick garage and go through a gate in the hedge. This leads down steps into a lane. Here turn right and follow Harts Lane to the main road by a post box. Turn left along the main road on the verge. After a field gap and a chevron sign, there is a path signposted on the right (10). Follow the footpath across open fields and emerge between houses onto the main road. Turn left (11) and follow this back to the green soon passing the Co-op on the left and Rookley Country Park on the right. Continue along the pathway to return to the starting point.



For more walks visit: www.iowramblers.com