

Route instructions

A: Leave Combe church by main gate and follow path round to left between cottages. Continue down road (care!) until LH bend. Go straight on following track over railway. Fork right at footpath sign and cross footbridge over river. Follow path across meadow to gate and footbridge. Take path inside Abel Wood with stream on R. At footpath sign turn R and cross footbridge (B).

B: Go uphill across field (crops permitting) and enter Sturt Copse by paddock fence. Follow permissive path through copse to reach signed footpath. Go downhill and across meadow to Roman Villa (C).

C: Leave villa uphill on track. Turn R and follow footpath to ford. Cross footbridge, turn L and then R along lower edge of Stockey Plantation. Cross Stockey Bottom and follow path uphill to Stonesfield. Cross road to churchyard (D).

D: Leave church by back gate, turn L, then R at junction. Go downhill to ford. Turn L through gate and take lowest path by river. Follow river, then fence on R until gate. Go through, then follow fence on L until footbridge (E).
E: Continue through farm, past the sewage works to return to Combe.

This path can be walked in either direction and from any convenient start point. There is a shortcut available between points C and E.

Parking

Combe Green
Stonesfield Church
At layby in East End (marked P)

Bus

S3 via Charlbury, stops Combe and Stonesfield

Things to note:

Combe St Laurence: Chancel extended in 1325. Painting of Doom on chancel arch.
Stonesfield St James the Great: Early English built around 1220.

Limestone slates, quarried and split in Stonesfield (Stonesfield Slate), were used on traditional buildings across the Cotswolds including Stonesfield Church.

North Leigh Roman Villa

English Heritage. Entry is free. Site always open except mosaic house which is open on selected weekends staffed by volunteers.

Woodstock Deanery Pilgrim Paths

21: Combe, Stonesfield & North Leigh Roman Villa 9 km, 5.6 miles

Mapping from OS Explorer map 180

Link to route on OS website:-
<https://tinyurl.com/4r5sat77>



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