



1.5 Miles



40 Minutes

Wharf Lane
Car Park

DESCRIPTION

Pavements and field footpaths. Fairly brisk throughout except for one steep gradient.

1. From Wharf Lane car park cross over Canal Way bearing slightly left to take the next junction right into Orchard Vale.

2. Proceed along Orchard Vale for approximately 200 yards turning left into an unsigned road opposite a post box. Continue along this road to reach Ditton Street.

3. Turn right to ascend Listers Hill from approximately ¼ miles. Remember you should still be able to talk whilst walking uphill. If not slow down!!!

4. At the top of the hill turn right into The Crescent (leading to West Crescent and Herne Rise). Keeping to the left-hand pavement follow the road until you are able to turn left into Herne Rise (Nos 74 to 96). At the end of this short stretch of road there is a staggered path barrier into green parkland.

5. Once in the parkland go to the right, going past the play area and the footpath on your left and then descend into the recreational ground between two hedges.

6. Continue to the end of the recreational ground keeping the hedge on your right.

7. Upon reaching the road turn right and continue past the tennis courts and into the recreational ground. Continue straight ahead keeping the road and hedge on your left. After walking around the play area walk back out into Canal Way and return to the car park.





2 Miles



50 Minutes

West Street
Car Park

DESCRIPTION

No Stiles. Two moderate ascents. Some sections may be muddy in winter

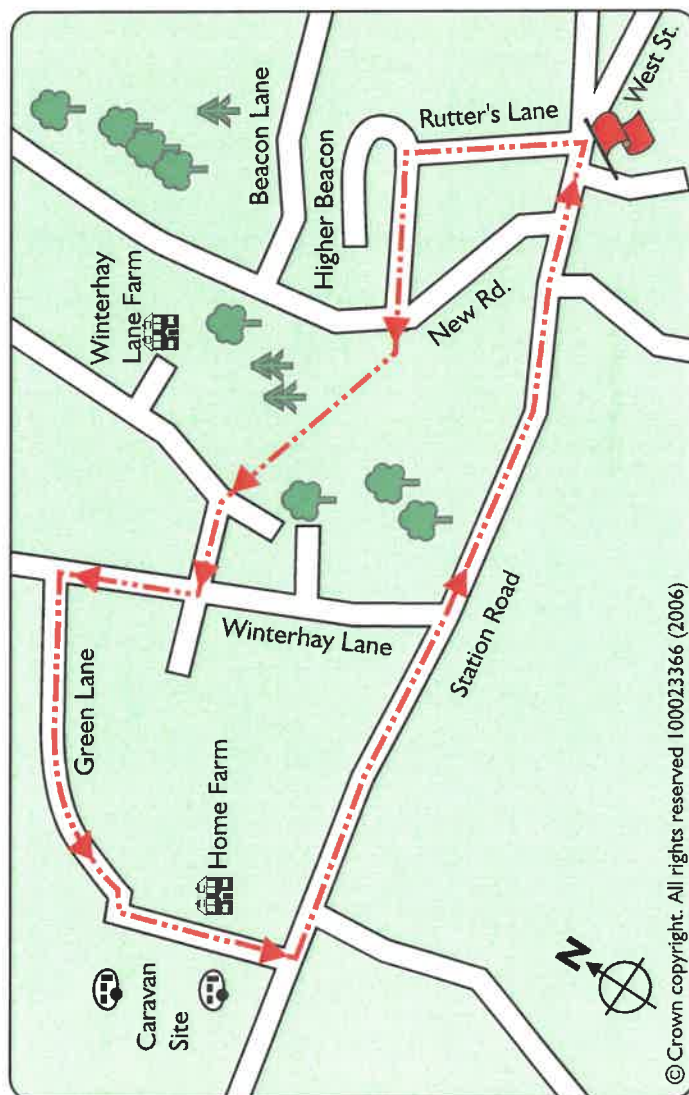
1. Exit car park at top into West Street and cross road at pedestrian crossing proceeding up Rutter's Lane (just left to crossing). Go to top of lane crossing over the estate road and left on narrow track. Continue to an estate road 'Higher Beacon' bearing down the main road.

2. Cross road with care and take the lane opposite near to the post box signposted 'Winterhay Lane'. Follow narrow footpath through kissing gate into field.

3. Continue straight ahead down the field to a gate into the lane. Follow the lane to a tarmac road and continue past council houses on left until reaching right hand turn (Winterhay Lane).

4. Turn right and continue along the lane until coming to a track on the left (Green Lane). Proceed along lane and over the former Chard-Taunton canal bridge until you come to an estate road (Home Farm Way).

5. Turn left and continue straight ahead to Station Road. Turn Left along the road, passing the Shrubby Hotel and back into the town and West Street Car Park.



Long Ponds / Knott Oak



3 Miles

1 hour
10 MinutesShudrick Lane
Car Park

DESCRIPTION

Roads and footpaths.
Mainly flat, two gradual
inclines. Return route along
busy road with no
footpath.

1. Leave the car park via Swan Precinct to Ditton Street. Turn right and right again into East Street. Continue up East Street and Bay Hill and keep left where the road forks, taking the Seavington St Michael road out of the town.

2. Just before a bend in the road near the top of Whitelackington Hill, take a track on the left across a field. (Alternatively continue on down the hill to a gate at the bottom signposted Kingstone) Keeping the hedge on the right go straight ahead and bear right, following the track until a gap appears in the hedge by some houses.

3. Go through the gap and bear left into lane, continue past Dillington Estate Office and on up the hill to join the main road. (Many snowdrops grow in this area).

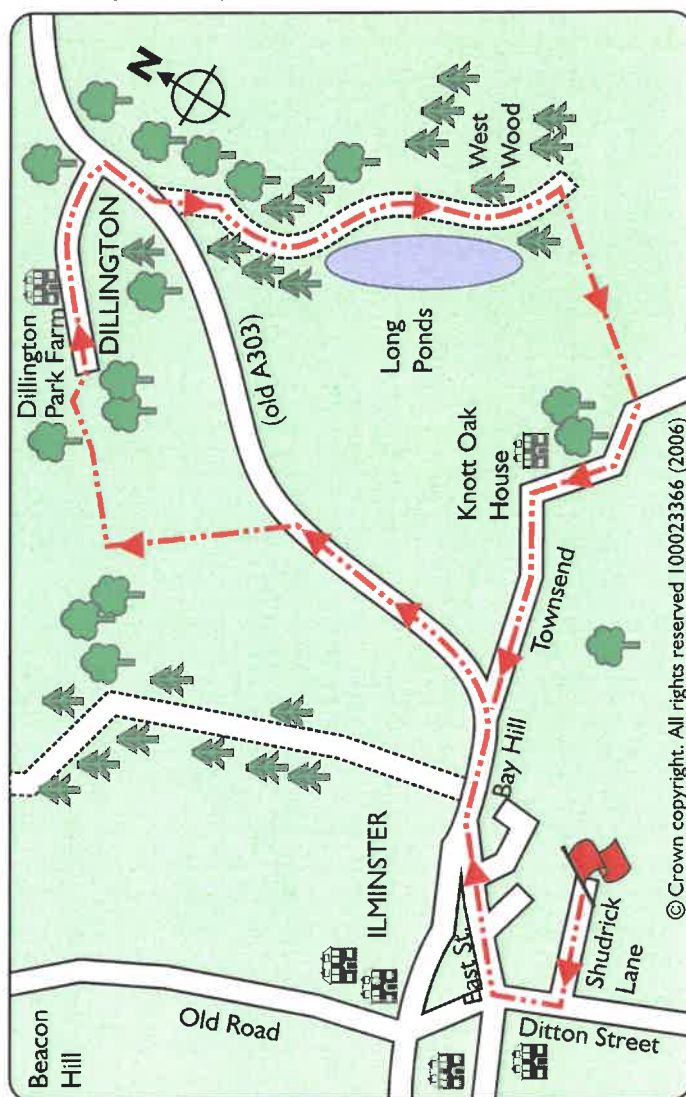
4. Cross the road with care as this is a very busy road, turning right a few yards along on the left, go through the gate signposted Kingstone. Follow the path through the wood until you come to a large pond - hence the name 'Long Ponds'.

5. Continue along the path beside the water until coming to a field gate. Pass through, turn right and go straight ahead over the field towards the houses

Long Ponds / Knott Oak

in the far corner, and on to the main road. This is Knott Oak.

6. Turn right and follow the road back into town. Take care here as this is a very busy road and there is no pavement. Continue down East Street and retrace your steps back to the car park.



Dowlish Wake & Kingstone



4.5 Miles

2 hours
30 MinutesShudrick Lane
Car Park

DESCRIPTION

Field footpaths and some
short sections along roads.

1. Turn right out of car park to junction, turn left along Ditton Street and proceed up Listers Hill. At the top of the hill turn left into Long Close. After 100 yards turn right between houses along a footpath signposted 'Moolham'. Follow path into field through kissing gate.

2. Turn left in field and follow hedge on left hand side to stile. Cross stile and turn right, following hedge on right hand side to cross another stile. Straight across middle of field to cross stile near far left corner of field. Continue in same direction across next field to cross gate in corner of garden. Walk straight across end of garden to road.

3. Turn left along road and after 30 yards turn right over stile signposted West Dowlish. Straight ahead across field to stile and onto path over footbridge. Turn right along lane, 50 yards after cottage turn left over stile signposted Dowlish Wake.

4. Straight across field to double stiles into next field. Continue straight ahead aiming for gap in hedge leading into copse. Follow path through copse to field. Bear slightly right across field aiming towards large oak tree in hedge on the horizon. Cross stile near tree and bear right across centre of field to corner of hedges. Turn right and keeping hedge on left hand side continue for about 200 yards to cross stile on left hand side.

5. Continue straight ahead keeping hedge on right hand side to cross stile into playing field. Straight across playing field to exit by gate near play equipment.

6. Turn left along lane to meet junction at main road. Bear left along main road through village, passing the rear of 'The New Inn' and Perry's Cider Museum.

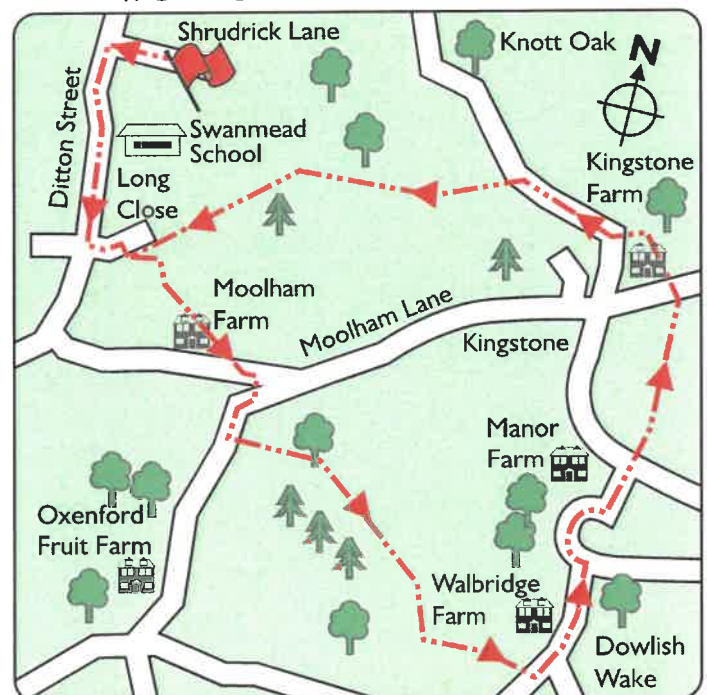
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7. Bear left at junction signposted 'Ilminster' and follow road 200 yards after church and shortly after sharp left hand bend turn right up steps and into field signposted Kingstone. Straight ahead following hedge on right hand side, and after 100 yards bear left across middle of field heading towards Kingstone Church.

8. Exit field opposite church onto road, turn left along road and after a few yards turn right across road and follow surfaced lane to left of church. At end of lane cross stile on right and follow path to cross another stile. Cross field to small copse and cross stile in corner to meet main road.

9. Turn right downhill along main road (Take Care Here). After approx 250 yards turn left over stile signposted 'Permissive Path Pretwood Hill'. Follow path along hill ridge keeping hedge on left, to eventually cross stile. After crossing stile turn right and follow hedge to kissing gate into Long Close. Retrace steps to return to car park.

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WALK

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Mitchells & Herne Hill



2.75 Miles

1 hour
30 MinutesWharf Lane
Car Park

DESCRIPTION

Mainly footpaths and farm tracks. One steep hill.
(experienced walkers only)

1. From Wharf Lane car park turn right continuing to the Old Canal. Here bear left through a wooden gate and right through a kissing gate.

2. Pass through another kissing gate following the path diagonally across the grass field towards another kissing gate in the opposite hedge. Do not go through this gate but bear right following the hedge line towards a farm track.

3. Pass through another kissing gate and continue straight ahead along the farm track past a barn and farmhouse to the railway bridge.

4. Continue along the road passing another farmhouse on your right. Upon arriving at the junction turn sharp left to go back over the railway bridge.

5. Continue straight ahead ascending for approx. half a mile up to Herne Hill. - A hill not to be rushed. Admire the views and make sure you can still have a conversation.

6. Pass over the stile into the trees to continue up a bank (this can be slippery). Veer right following the main path through the woods; eventually descending towards an open field.

7. Here turn immediately left following the footpath above the recreational ground with the fence on your right at all times.

8. Pass through a gate turning immediately left to descend into the recreational ground. Just beyond a corrugated

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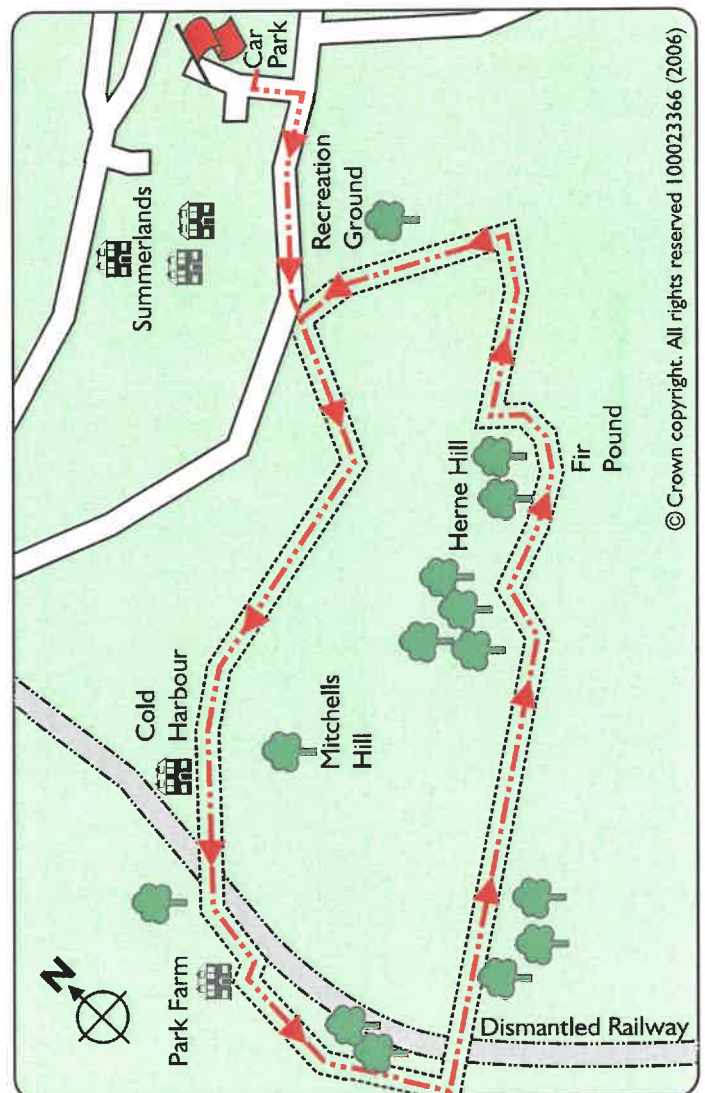
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WALK

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shed; fork slightly right through a wooden gate to follow the disused canal.

9. Turn right at the end of the canal to arrive back at Canal Way. Retrace your footsteps back to the car park.



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