



British Walking Federation
Sherborne Walk organised by Yeovil Yompers
Permanent Trail 345



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DISTANCE: 12Km

GRADE: 2

ENTRY FEE: Pay by Cheque £1.50 per walker, with cash £1 per walker.

AWARD: None

STAMP: By post to contact, cheques made payable to [Anna Stares](#) or cash in person by prior arrangement or any walk that the organiser attends.

START VENUE: Culverhayes Car Park, Sherborne. Grid Ref: ST 64063 16434

SAT NAV CODE: DT9 3NJ

CAR PARKING: At start, pay and display, free local roads are nearby.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES: At start & finish, none en route.

REFRESHMENTS: Cafes and public houses in Sherborne

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Bus services from Yeovil and Dorchester. Railway station close to start/finish.

TERRAIN: Not suitable for wheelchair users or pushchairs, narrow rough paths through woods.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION Updated 11th January 2025

Take path through middle of car park following the arrow above the parking machine at entrance to 'Town Centre and Abbey', through tree lined path to road and turn left. At bend cross road towards the Abbey. Pass to the left of the 'Conduit' and take brick path ahead in front of the Abbey. At the entrance to the Abbey look down to see the [Royal Connection](#). (*A visit to the Abbey is recommended particularly for the fan-vaulted roof and the glass panel (reredos) engraved by Lawrence Whistler in the Lady Chapel*). Take the path opposite the entrance to the road, turn right and bear left into Westbury. Straight ahead past the Britannia Inn on the right, at road junction, turn left.

Q1 What is the name (on plaque) of the last terraced house on the right before the church?

Straight on, past The Weavers on left, later 'Old Yarn Mills' on the right. Straight on signposted Dorchester/Sturminster Newton. Over the railway/[River Yeo](#) bridge and straight on to road junction.

Cross road to hill (*very busy junction*). Straight ahead on pavement with hill on left. Turn left through metal gate just before the A352 sign. Bear slightly left up grassy slope towards the wooden fence (ignore FP on left). At top of slope, at corner of fence, bear left through gap, follow path round to the right, past bench. Right again and straight on keeping the playing field to your right. At the end of the playing field take the right path, then right hand bend. On reaching the tarmac path, turn left downhill through the hollow way. On reaching the road go through metal gate and immediately through kissing gate on right. Take obvious path up slope parallel with road. Keep straight on and you will soon see the entrance to Sherborne Castle (new) below you. At top of the slope, through metal gate and along enclosed path.

Q2 At metal kissing gate, how many horizontal bars are there?

Continue on public footpath and at end of enclosed path, through wooden gate by thatched building.

Q3 How many chimneys are there on chimney stack?

Continue uphill on gravel track and at top through wooden kissing gate into wood. Follow path round to left keeping fence on right then corrugated buildings on left (*note beautiful ancient tree on left before buildings*). Exiting wood follow tarmac path straight on passing weighbridge on left. Just after 'Give Way' sign, turn left. Just in front of warning signs – Private No Access, turn right. Continue straight on with fence on left and after approx. 150m turn left through metal kissing gate.

Q4 On the kissing gate is a plaque giving thanks to North Dorset Rambler, what's his name?

Follow obvious footpath through wooden kissing gate and woods, straight on grassy path downhill towards farm buildings in the distance. Cross track and continue straight on downhill, across another track and through the smaller gate on left in stone wall. Ahead, cross wooden footbridge over the River Yeo, straight on and go left of the house. Through metal gate and turn left on road. At end of wooden fence turn right (arrow on post) and head through field towards large stone gateposts.

Through metal gate and turn right through gateposts. Almost immediately turn left (though not by wall) into wood, down the slope and bear right, footpath sign. Continue through wood, fence on left, at the end, turn left. Straight across field to gate opposite, through gate and follow obvious track through gate almost opposite. Through double kissing gate and head diagonally across field on fairly obvious path towards arch. Through gate and under railway arch, through kissing gate opposite by stone wall towards chapel and road. (*St Cuthbert's Chancel, a historic church featuring medieval slip tiles and 17th century communion rails pulpit and monuments*). Cross the road turn right then left, signposted Ogborne.

Q5 At postbox in wall besides the village notice board (white), what is it's number?

Continue along road for approx 200m and turn left, opposite another postbox, on road over stone bridge and pass the church on right then uphill on track. At metal gate straight on for a considerable distance and at next gate by corner turn left and continue straight on until you reach the road.

Cross road onto grass bridleway opposite, through metal gate and straight on (*views of the Old Castle to the left*). Straight on through gate and farmyard and onto road. Cross and turn left to main road, turn right. Keep to right hand pavement and straight on into Long Street. Pass the Eastbury Hotel on opposite pavement and cross over. Continue straight on and you will see the Abbey ahead. Just pass the 'Maltings' turn left into Culverhayes car park and the end, well done!

Yeovil Yompers hope you enjoyed the walk and please complete the Permanent Trail Entry Form.

The organisers' are not responsible for accidents, thefts and/or damage to property. Every effort will be made by the organisers' to make this a safe, enjoyable and memorable event.

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