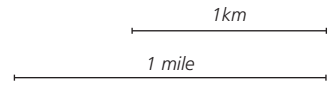
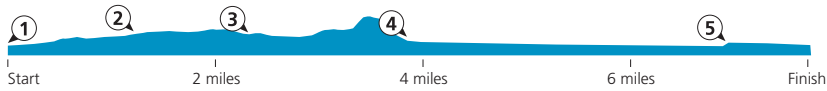




Key

- Main route
- Footpath
- Bridleway
- Roads/Tracks
- Refreshments
- Parking
- Dangerous Junctions
- Woodland

Route Profile
This representation of the route should only be used as a guide.



Sturminster Marshall

Distance: 7.8 miles / 12.5km

Terrain: Bridleways and footpaths through farmland and fields. No dogs allowed

Hills: 2

Stiles: 24 (majority are 'V' shaped, easy step through)

1 Start - Sturminster Marshall Village Hall Car park (next to Red Lion pub) BH21 4BU

Lat 50°48'08.3"N Long 2°4'16.1"W

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Turn **L** out of car park and take the **R** fork into Back Lane. Walk past the *Walnut Tree Field* and opposite the bus stop turn **R** down a tarmac lane and. Follow over a little stone footbridge and **L** past the house up a grassy path. Carry on up and the path that runs along the edge of a field parallel to the old railway line. At the field corner follow the bridleway past a grey brick wall and through a metal gate. This is not a particularly pretty section but it is short and comes out on a lane. Turn **L** to the main road.

2 A350 / Lane junction

Lat 50°48'11.0"N Long. 2°5'24.6"W

Distance from start 1 mile / 1.6km

This is a very busy road so take care and cross straight over to the grassy bridleway. The slight incline gives good

Route 11



R - Right **L** - Left

views of *Charborough Tower* and the *Stag Gate* on the *Drax Estate*. Continue following the path, past a bridleway crossing and the edge of Westly Wood to the road.

3 Footpath / Road junction

Lat 50°48'06.8"N Long 2°6'57.3"W

Distance from start 2.3 miles / 3.7km

Turn **R** and just past the chevron signs is a footpath on the **L**. Go over the stile and follow the hedge line all the way to the farm buildings. At this point turn **R** along the lane, up and over the hill to the junction with the B3075. Turn **L** into Spetisbury (the *North Dorset Trailway* and *Spetisbury Rings* are on the left just before the A350). Again take care crossing this busy road, go straight over past April Cottage and down to *Crawford Bridge*.

4 Crawford Bridge

Lat 50°49'02.9"N Long 2°6'57.2"W

Distance from start 3.9 miles / 6.2km

50m past the bridge is a footpath on the **R**. Go over the stile and straight across the field to another stile. Follow the path through two more stiles to the left hand corner of a field and a metal 5 bar gate. Go through the gate and over a stream along a track which heads off to the **R** and past a cottage to a tarmac track. Walk over the stile down the lane to the corner of the road, next to *Bishops Court Farm*. Follow the road into Shapwick and turn **R** at the Anchor pub, past the memorial to St Bartholomews Church. Turn **L** and over a stile. **N.B The National Trust own this land and insist on No Dogs along this section of path all the way to Sturminster Marshall.** Cross the field and go over a double stile across a ditch. From here, follow the obvious path close to the river and through many fields and 16 further stiles(!) until you come onto the road next to *White Mill*. All of the stiles along this section are the easy step through 'V' shaped ones.

5 Footpath / Road junction (White Mill)

Lat 50°48'24.9"N Long 2°3'54.7"W

Distance from start 7 miles / 11.3km

Turn **R** and follow the road past the Mill and over the bridge and back into *Sturminster Marshall* and the finish. **N.B. There is no pavement on the road so take care along this stretch.**

