

POINTS OF INTEREST

Toward Hinton St Mary, after leaving the Stour Valley Way, **Twinwood Coppice** has a carpet of Bluebells and Wild Garlic in the late spring.



Hinton St Mary is an attractive, compact Dorset village, with many fine houses and cottages along its lanes, some of which date from the 16th century.



The **manor house** has been the property of the Pitt and Pitt-Rivers families for four centuries.



St Peter's Church has some intriguing carved gargoyles at the top of the 15th century tower.



Stocks greet you as you enter the **Millennium Garden**, which was created as a community project, and includes a small maze and sundial.



Now in the British Museum, the **Hinton St Mary Mosaic** was discovered buried beneath a field in the village in 1963.



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STURMINSTER NEWTON WALKABOUTS

WALKABOUT 7 River Stour / Hinton St Mary

A scenic walk along the valley of the Stour, then through the attractive village of Hinton St Mary, with great views across the Blackmore Vale (approx. 4.5 miles).

This is one of a series of circular walks from Sturminster Newton which take in the surrounding area of the Blackmore Vale. They are mainly on Public Rights of Way, with some on paths with access permitted by the landowners.

These walks are intended to encourage exploration and appreciation of the variety and beauty of the countryside in this locality, on foot. Cyclists are not permitted to ride on public footpaths and by law must give way to walkers and horseriders on bridleways.

When walking, please remember the Countryside Code, particularly:

- respect the local community, farmland and others enjoying the countryside
- leave gates and property as you find them
- leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- keep dogs under effective control
- keep to the marked paths and cause no damage to crops, livestock or wildlife

Appropriate footwear is recommended, since wet or muddy conditions can be encountered at any time.

The Sturminster Newton Walkabouts have been developed by the Sturminster Newton Town Council in association with Dorset County Council and are available from Sturquest Community Office, Sturminster Library, the Museum and Sturminster Mill or can be downloaded from www.dorsetforyou.com/walkabouts

Further information can be obtained from the Town Council on 01258 475136.

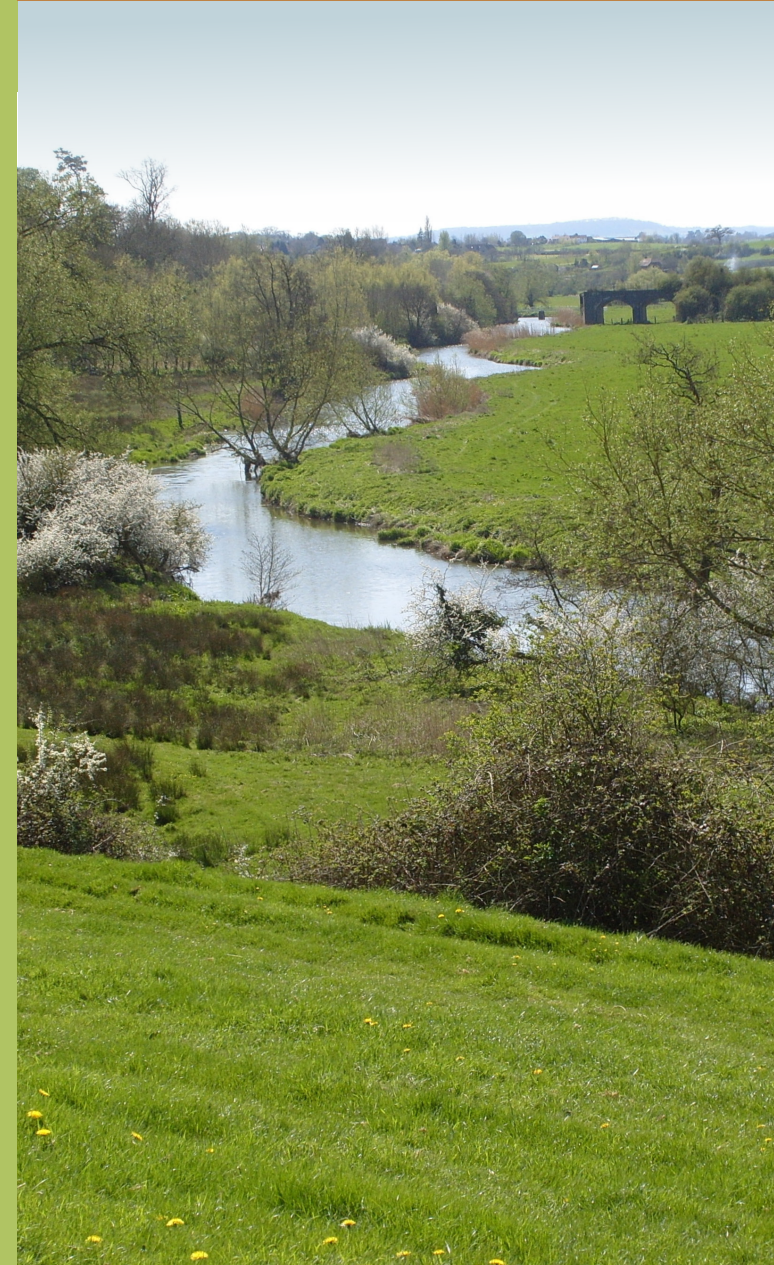


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STARTING POINT

Station Road car park, Sturminster Newton

DISTANCE

approximately 4.5 miles



All walks start from the Station Road car park (DT10 1BD).

This and the surrounding business premises are on the site of the former Railway Station. Opened in 1863, the old Somerset and Dorset Railway ran steam-hauled trains between Bournemouth and Bath.

Sections of the old railway line are now used as a walking, cycling and horse riding route which takes you through some picturesque villages of the Blackmore Vale. Known as the North Dorset Trailway, it features in many of the walks.

For more information

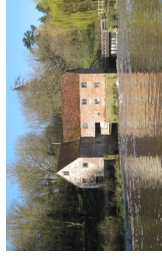
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KEY

- Walkabout route
- - - Stour Valley Way
- ⋯ Other rights of way

