

## POINTS OF INTEREST

1 There are good views across the treetops from the **Lookout** in the centre of Moors Valley. It is also a popular picnic spot for visitors to the park.



2 The **Tree Top Trail** allows visitors to get a bird's eye view of the forest along the 200m stretch of wooden walkways.



3 The **Hawk House** provides hours of fun for children and adults. The play structure has been made to look like a Harris Hawk resting on the forest floor.



4 **Moors Lake** was dug in 1985 to help control flooding along the Moors River. It is now a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and an important habitat for wildlife.



5 The **narrow-gauge steam railway** is a much-loved attraction in the park with over a mile of track. The buildings at Kingsmere Station once formed part of King's Farm.



6 **Crane Lake** is an excellent site for viewing a range of wildfowl and birds. Swans often nest on the shingle bank and in the reeds.



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## VERWOOD WALKABOUTS

### WALKABOUT 4 Moors Valley Country Park

A stroll around Moors Valley Country Park starting at Potterne Park (approx. 5.8 miles).

This is one of a series of circular walks from Verwood through the surrounding countryside. 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 Verwood Walkabouts have been developed by the Verwood and District Ramblers to mark their 50th Anniversary and have been produced in association with Dorset Council. They are available from Verwood Town Council Offices, Verwood Library and the Heathland Heritage Centre. They can also be downloaded from [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/walkabouts](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/walkabouts)

Further information can be obtained from Verwood Town Council on 01202 820880.



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# MOORS VALLEY COUNTRY PARK

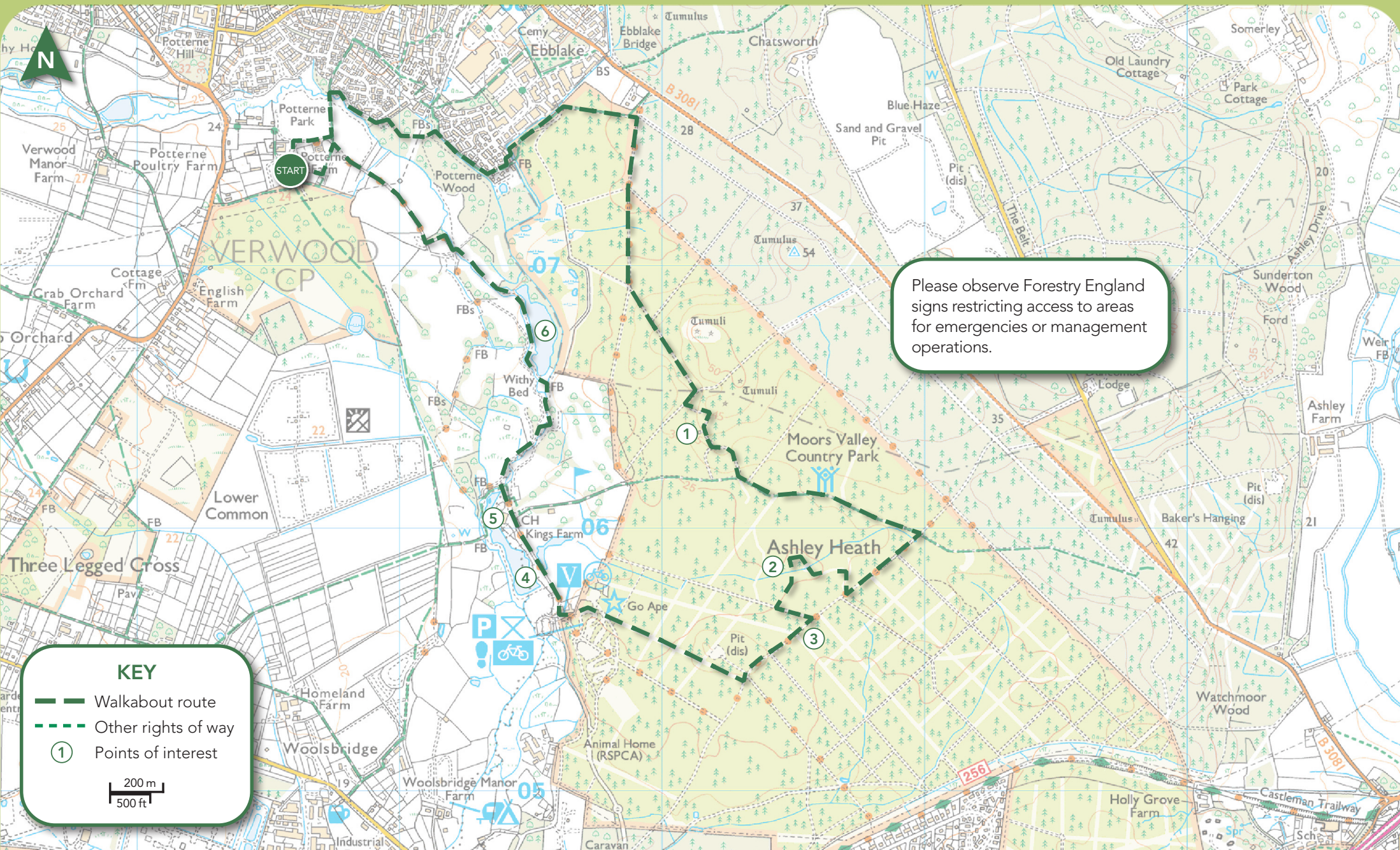
A stroll around Moors Valley Country Park, starting at Potterne Park.

## STARTING POINT

Potterne Park,  
Verwood, BH21 6RS

## DISTANCE

approximately  
5.8 miles



Please observe Forestry England signs restricting access to areas for emergencies or management operations.

**KEY**

- Walkabout route
- - - Other rights of way
- ① Points of interest

200m  
500ft