

POINTS OF INTEREST

1 Crane Valley is now a golf course but the river was once used for irrigation through a Water Meadow system which had a series of sluice gates, hatches and channels.



2 The name '**Remedy Oak**' reflects the local legend that King Edward VI once sat under a nearby oak tree curing people of a disease known as 'King's Evil'. The area now has a golf course and a brewery.



3 Horton Church was built in 1722 on the site of an old Abbey, later a Priory. It is dedicated to St. Wolfrida who once served as the Prioress.



4 Horton Tower now hides mobile phone masts but was originally built by Sir Humphrey Sturt in the 1700s either as a folly or an observatory.



5 In 1685, the Duke of Monmouth was captured under a local ash tree whilst fleeing the Battle of Sedgemoor. The '**Monmouth Ash**' commemorates the event.



6 Dewlands Common is an important site for native flora and fauna. In past times, commoners used to graze horses here.



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VERWOOD WALKABOUTS

WALKABOUT 7

Horton Tower

A longer walk passing Horton Tower, through woodland and along local tracks (approx. 8.7 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

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



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HORTON TOWER

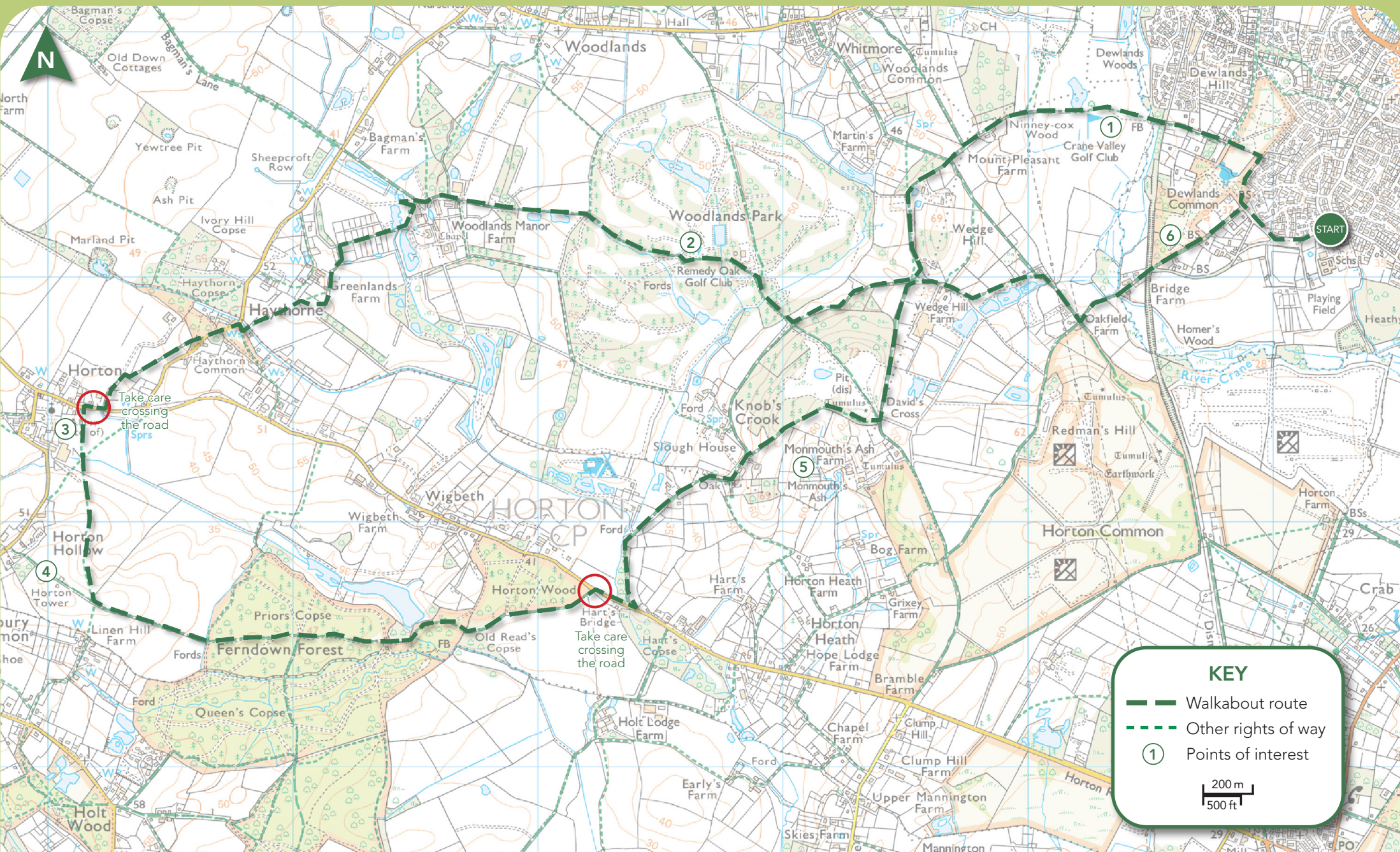
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STARTING POINT

Margards Lane,
Verwood, BH31 6XW

DISTANCE

approximately
8.7 miles



KEY

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

200m
500ft