

Walking routes



Follow the trails using this map and waymarked posts with coloured arrows.

All waymarked routes start from the Visitor Centre.

Thorncombe Loop ●●●●●●●●

1.6km / 1 mile, 45 minutes (approx.)

Take a longer stroll to explore the reserve. Walk through woodland, heathland and alongside Rushy Pond before reaching Hardy's Cottage, and then return to the Visitor Centre using the Cottage Walk. Undulating route with occasional benches.



Cottage Walk ●●●●●●●●

0.5km / 0.3 miles, 20 minutes (approx.)

A woodland walk to Hardy's Cottage. Starts with a steep rise and then ambles through the woodland before reaching the garden gate of the cottage. Benches along the way.



Accessible Route ●●●●●●●●

0.4km / 0.25 miles, 15 minutes (approx.)

A flatter, unsurfaced route for reaching Hardy's Cottage. Follow the track at the rear of the Visitor Centre up to the cottage. Please watch for cars, horses and cyclists who share this route. No benches.

There is a network of other paths to follow including the Roman Road; you may find steep inclines and loose surfaces on these.

Orienteering

A range of permanent courses is available with fixed markers on gates, posts and benches. Maps can be downloaded from wimborne-orienteers.co.uk



Key

- 1 Visitor Centre & Café
- 2 Hardy's Cottage
- 3 Rushy Pond
- Toilets
- Dog Waste Bins
- Gates
- Picnic Areas
- Dog Wash
- Water Refill Station

