

Route B - Burrowbridge to West Newton

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carefully over the level crossing and then through Curload, passing 'Willow Bank', 'English Hurdle' and the Level Space Gallery. Shortly after the road bends left, turn right onto a track at Laurel Cottage and at the next bend turn right to follow the waymarkers of the Parrett Trail. On reaching the river, turn left over a stile and cross a field to the right of some farm buildings ahead. Bear left around the buildings on a track and just before the next gate and stile turn right uphill and go through a gate at the top of Windmill Hill, the site of the old Windmill. (There is a short history of the mill and a topograph pointing to various prominent landmarks).

C Continue on the waymarked path through fields and over stiles/gates, passing a small sewage works on the right to reach a track. (The Willow and Wetlands Centre is a short distance away down a footpath to the left).

D Leave the Parrett Trail here and continue straight on through a gate past a wooden sculpture, 'Resurgence' by Louise Baker, and a small copse. The path ahead is waymarked over several fields and two sunken tracks. At the second track the path enters a large open field and goes slightly left towards some prominent posts (railway sleepers) on the far side. Go through a gate at this point and bear half-left keeping the hedge on the left and pheasant pens on the right.

E Go over a squeeze stile and at the end of the pheasant pens continue between fences to a kissing gate at the top of a drive. Bear left into another drive where the path turns

right. (North Curry with local amenities is about 11km away on the footpath opposite). Pass a bungalow on your right and at the next bend bear right, passing a lodge house on your left. Bear left and go downhill on a track and at the bottom continue ahead with a rhyne on your left. Cross a track and go through a gate opposite. Bear half-left across the field to reach the River Tone. (it may be necessary to go left around the edge of the field to avoid the boggy/flooded area). At the river turn left along the river bank through several gates/ stiles to reach a road at New Bridge.

F Turn right over the bridge and just afterwards turn left along a permissive path along the side of a field. Pass some farm buildings on your left, through a gateway onto a track which soon reaches the river again.

G Continue ahead along the river bank through a number of gates and after about 1.5km you will reach Knapp Bridge. Cross a track here and continue ahead along the river over/through several stiles/gates for about 800 metres. Leave the river where it turns sharp left and continue ahead on a footpath. Follow the hedge and ditch on your left as it bears left and then right to reach a kissing gate by the railway. Turn left onto a track which crosses over the railway and canal bridges.

H At the next bend (Charlton House on the left) turn right and the track becomes a road. Pass Charlton Manor and Charlton Orchards on your right (golf course on the left) and at the end of the next field turn right along a track at the edge of a field. Towards the top of the field turn right at the waymarker and go through a gap in the hedge opposite. Continue along the track at the edge of the next field and at the far end of the field cross a ditch and turn left along a

track by the side of two fields to reach a road.

I Turn left to reach the main road (A361) at Durston. Cross with care. Turn left and after a few metres turn right down a narrow footpath between a wall and a hedge. Cross a fence and then go along the right-hand edge of a field and go through two gates ahead.

Notes

Durston The Church is usually locked. Bus service - on the Taunton to Wells route. Buses five times a day Mondays to Saturdays, six on Sundays and public holidays.

Charlton Orchards Open 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday; 10am to 5pm Saturday; closed Sunday except December and special events.

Willows and Wetlands Centre Open 9am to 5pm with a shop and tea room. Closed Sundays.

Burrowbridge Bus service - as for Durston. Burrowbridge Church. Burrow Mump is a National Trust property. Car Park is on the north side of the main road.

Refreshments Willows and Wetlands Centre (tea room), King Alfred pub in Burrowbridge.

Front Cover photo: Looking towards Burrow Mump, near Burrowbridge.

Other walks

Look out for other walks leaflets published by Taunton Deane Borough Council's Heritage and Landscape section including:

- The West Deane Way.
- A set of 21 'Exploring Taunton Deane' circular walks.
- The Neroche Millenium Way
- The Parish walks leaflets - (Stoke St. Gregory, and North Curry)



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More information about various aspects of this walk and other circular walks in the Borough can be obtained from the Taunton Deane website

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The East Deane Way

Part
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of a 6 part set

West Newton to Burrowbridge

Length - 13.5km (8.5 miles)



The walk is written in two directions:

Route A : West Newton to Burrowbridge
Route B : Burrowbridge to West Newton

Terrain Gently undulating countryside, level along the rivers and across the moor, quite steep slopes up to and down from the North Curry Ridge.

Refreshments King Alfred, Burrowbridge; Willows and Wetlands Centre

Buses 21A, 21B (West Newton), 29 (Burrowbridge)
Check timetables for details or call Traveline on 0870 608 2608

OS map Explorer 128, Taunton and Blackdown Hills; Explorer 140, Quantock Hills and Bridgwater

NB Parts of this section are prone to flooding, especially near the rivers and in winter

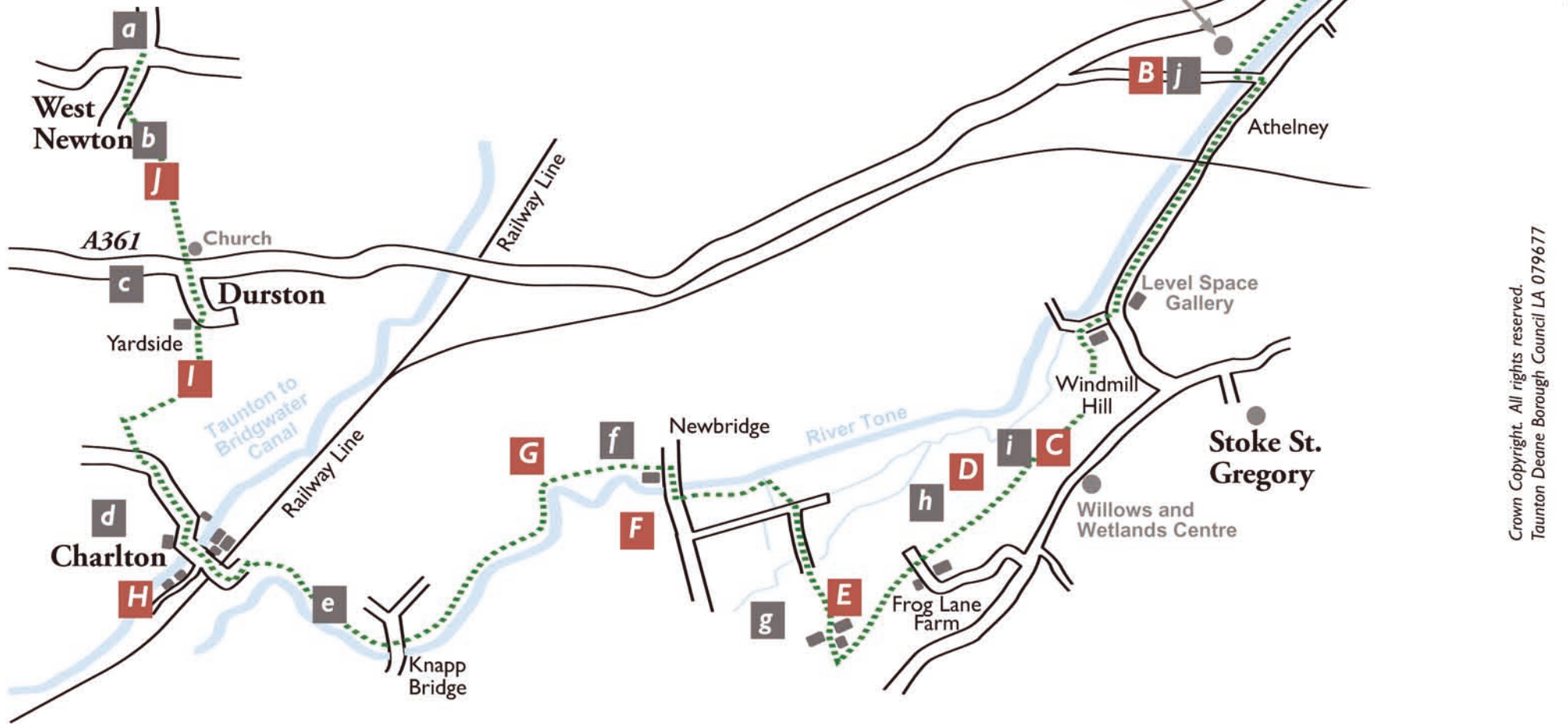


The East Deane Way is available as a series of 6 leaflets published by Taunton Deane Borough Council, Heritage and Landscape Section

EAST DEANE WAY WALK 2

You are advised to use the OS maps Landranger 1:50,000 Series No. 193 and 182 or Explorer 1:25:000 Series No. 128 in conjunction with this map and the written directions.

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Route A - West Newton to Burrowbridge

Start point West Newton crossroads, Grid Ref. ST287 292

a In West Newton turn right at the crossroads and then after approximately 200 metres turn left at the gate, over a stile into an apple orchard. Bear right across the orchard to a stile in the hedge. Bear half left across the field to a gap in the hedge. Go through the gap and turn right. Continue along the edge of the field with the hedge on your right and continue through a gap into the next field. (Good views to the east of Durston Church, Glastonbury Tor, Burrow Mump and Burton Pynsent Monument).

b At the far end of the field go through two gates and continue ahead with the hedge on your left and over a fence in the corner. Continue along a narrow path between a wall and a fence/hedge to the main road at Durston (A361). Cross this road with care.

c Go down the road almost opposite marked 'No Through Road'. Pass a house called 'Yardside' on the right and on the next bend bear right into a field and then left along the edge of the field with the hedge on your right along a track and into the next field. At a waymarker turn right over a ditch and go round the edge of the field. At the end of the field go through a gap in the hedge and

after a few metres reach another hedge. Turn left along a track by the hedge to Charlton Road.

d Turn left along Charlton Road, passing Charlton Orchards on the left and a golf course on the right. Continue to the road end at Charlton House and turn left onto a track. Go straight on over the Bridgwater and Taunton Canal and the railway. The lane turns left immediately after the railway and soon ends but continue ahead through a kissing gate into a field and immediately turn right to follow the hedge line until you soon reach the river on your right.

e Follow the river, passing

over several stiles or through gates to reach Knapp Bridge. At the bridge, ignore waymarks but continue straight ahead, keeping the river on your right, through a number of gates until there is a permissive path sign bearing left away from the river along a grass track. Take this track round the edge of the field, passing a house and outbuildings and over a stile to reach a road.

f Turn right over the bridge (New Bridge) and then turn left to continue along the other bank of the river. After approximately 500 metres, having crossed several stiles/gates bear right at a gate, across a field to the right hand of two gates on the far side. Go through this gate, over a rhyne

and track and continue ahead along a track with a rhyne on your right. Where the rhyne ends at the bottom of the ridge, continue straight on up hill, passing over a stile/gate near the top of the hill to reach a metalled road.

g Bear right and then left along the drive passing a lodge house on your right and then another house on your left. Just after this house turn left along a track. Turn right through a kissing gate and continue between fences with pheasant pens on your left. Continue over a squeeze stile and then between a fence and a hedge. When the fence ends go through a gate on your right (distinctive with railway sleepers) into a field. Continue straight across the field keeping the farm buildings of Frog Farm well to your right. Cross a track into the next field. Continue in the same direction along the top of the ridge and enjoy the fine views all around.

h Follow the waymarked path along the ridge through fields and over stiles and tracks. Just past a small copse reach a wooden sculpture, 'Resurgence' by Louise Baker. (The Willows and Wetlands Centre is a short distance away down a footpath to the right). The East Deane Way has now joined the Parrett Trail with its distinctive waymarks.

i Follow the path, passing a small sewage works, and go over Windmill Hill and the site of the old windmill. (There is a short history of the mill and a topograph pointing to various prominent landmarks). Drop down off the hill to the farm buildings ahead. Ignore a stile to the right but turn left beside the buildings and follow them round, over a stile into a field to a track. Turn right along the track and follow this round to a road. Turn left through

Curload, passing the Level Space Gallery and English Hurdle and Willow Bank and continue along the road over the level crossing at Athelney.

j At the next road junction turn left over the bridge over the River Tone and then right at a stile. Continue along the river bank with a view of Burrow Mump ahead and King Alfred Monument on the left. The monument is in a private field - access can be gained by going down a track and through a gate into the field.

k Continue along the river bank through several stiles/gates to reach a road. Go across the road to a footpath beside the River Parrett and go ahead for a short distance to the main road (A361) at Burrowbridge.

Route B - Burrowbridge to West Newton

Start point West Newton crossroads
Grid Ref. ST287 292

A At Burrowbridge cross over the river bridge and take the footpath along the west side of the River Parrett. Go through a gate and after about 250 metres reach the River Tone. Go through another gate, cross the road and continue along the track opposite (River Parrett Trail) beside the River Tone (on your left) for about 1.5km. Pass through/over several gates/stiles to reach a road. The King Alfred Monument is in a private field to the right. Access can be gained by going down a track and through a gate into the field.

B Turn left over the river bridge and at the T-junction turn right (Stanmoor Road). Continue along the road, passing through Athelney. Go