

Route B - Hatch Beauchamp to North Curry
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C Leaving this strip of woodland behind, head slightly to the right towards a wooden pylon and beyond that a large solitary willow (600m). Go over the squeeze stile here and across a huge field heading towards a stream on your left. Continue along the stream to a stile into a paddock and cross over the footbridge ahead over the stream. Turn right and in 150 metres cross the road ahead to walk along a grassy rutted track.

D Go to the end of the lane and into a field through a gate and continue with a wire fence on the right. Go through the gate and over the stile in the hedge opposite. Continue with the hedge on your right over another stile and through a gate (the hedge is now on your left) and continue for half a kilometre before turning left over a stile. Go straight up the field to a stile on the horizon (there is a seat nearby). Continue on this line across two fields, a lane and two more fields to a road. Turn right into North Curry and then left at the Bird in Hand and after passing to the right of the war memorial continue to the church.

Notes

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)

Photo on front Cover: North Curry Village



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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

4

of a 6 part set

North Curry to Hatch Beauchamp

Length - 6.3km (4 miles)



The walk is written in two directions:

Route A : North Curry to Hatch Beauchamp
Route B : Hatch Beauchamp to North Curry

Terrain Level ground and gentle undulations.

Refreshments The Bird in Hand and The White Hart, North Curry; The Hatch Inn, Hatch Beauchamp; The Canal Inn, Wrantage (a short detour from the route)

Buses 51 for North Curry, 30A and 632 for Hatch Beauchamp. Check timetables for details, or call Traveline on 0870 608 2608

OS map Explorer 128, Taunton and Blackdown Hills;

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

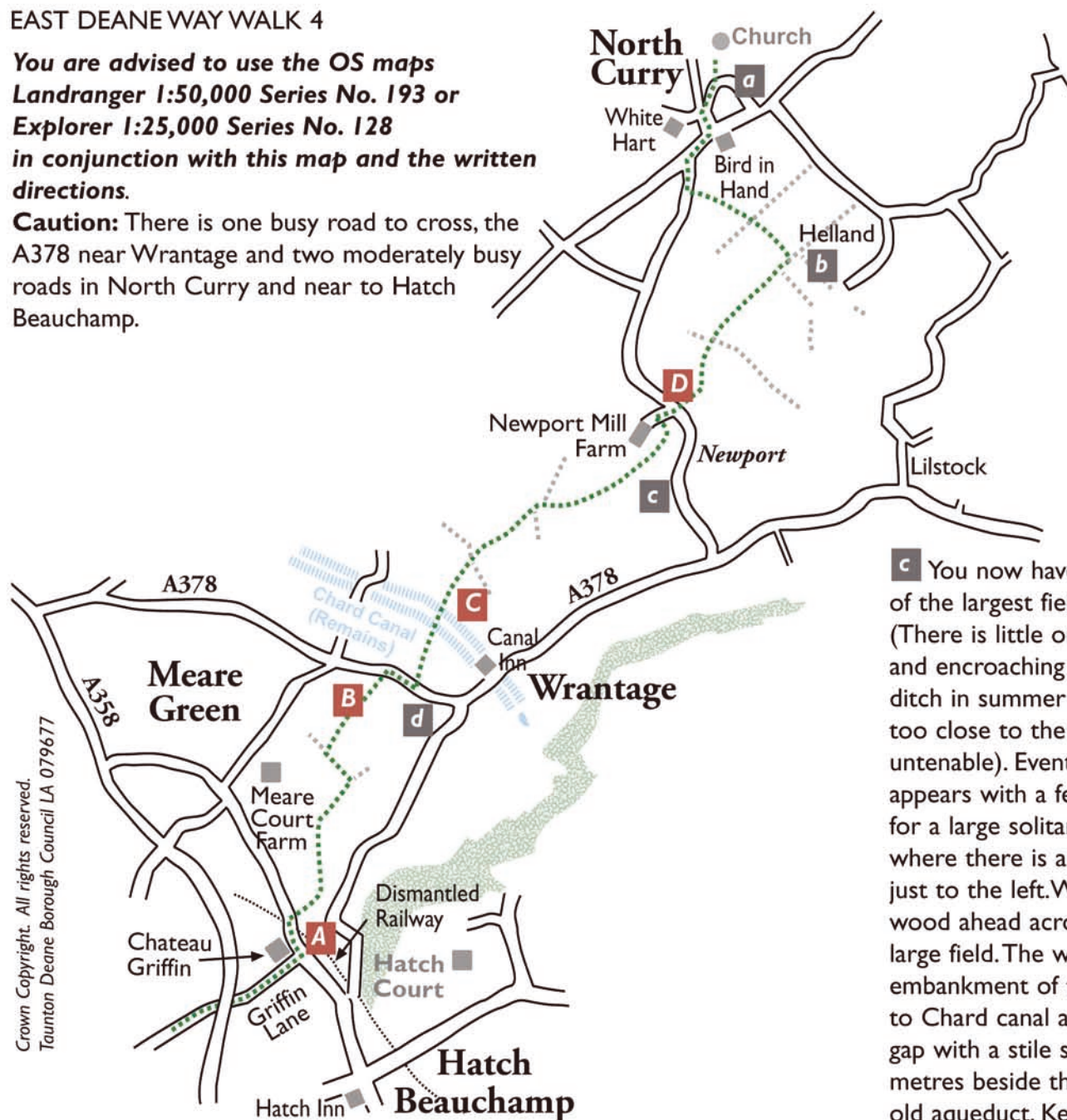


The East Deane Way is available as a series of 6 leaflets published by Taunton Deane Borough Council, Heritage & Landscape Section

EAST DEANE WAY WALK 4

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

Caution: There is one busy road to cross, the A378 near Wrantage and two moderately busy roads in North Curry and near to Hatch Beauchamp.



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Route A North Curry to Hatch Beauchamp

Start point:
North Curry Church
Grid reference ST319 255

a From the church go into Church Square and the centre of the village and turn right at the main road opposite the Bird in Hand pub. Turn left at the next junction signed for Wrantage and then after 100 metres, just after number 10, turn left onto a track/footpath which crosses two fields, a lane and two more fields before turning right at a footpath T-junction.

b Follow the hedge on the right, then through a small gate (hedge now on the left hand side) and over a stile before crossing a narrow field to a gate opposite. Continue with a wire fence on your left to join a lane which takes you to the road at Newport Mill. Cross the road and head for Newport Mill Farm ahead. Just before the farm entrance look for a footbridge on your left over a sizeable drainage ditch into a paddock. Cross and turn right parallel to the ditch. You soon come to a wooden fence with a stile in the corner.

c You now have to cross one of the largest fields in Somerset! (There is little or no headland and encroaching sedge from the ditch in summer makes walking too close to the ditch untenable). Eventually a hedge appears with a few trees. Head for a large solitary ash tree where there is a stile to cross just to the left. Walk towards a wood ahead across another large field. The wood is the embankment of the old Taunton to Chard canal and there is a gap with a stile set back 10 metres beside the remains of an old aqueduct. Keep a stream on your right to negotiate a metal gate and footbridge leading around the back of a group of houses, eventually coming out to the main A372 road at Wrantage.

d Turn right and in about 50 metres cross the road and take the path down the side of the field to a double stile. Continue to another stile. Bear left diagonally across a field to a metal gate just beyond a stream crossing. Turn diagonally right to head for gates in a shady corner. Go through the gate on your right. Turn sharply to your left

and in 40 metres take the stile into another field. Follow the hedge line on your right to leave it eventually when the hedge goes sharply right and you are abreast of the house on your left to cross an open stretch to reach a gate and stile to the right. On the far side is the Hatch Beauchamp road. Turn left here noting an embankment, a remnant of an old railway line. In 150 metres turn right to pass Chateau Griffin into Griffin Lane.

Route B Hatch Beauchamp to North Curry

Start point: Griffin Lane
Grid reference ST298 211
or Hatch Beauchamp Village

A Turn left out from Griffin Lane and soon look for a wooded embankment ahead. Just beyond on the right, cross the stile off the road and walk across the field just to the right of the hedge in front. Follow the hedge, keeping it on your left, as it curves to the right to a stile. Once over this, turn right to keep the hedge on your right. After about 40 metres arrive at a metal gate on your right. Go through and head across the field to the left to another gate and turn sharp right once over a wide bridge. After about 50 metres turn left across the field to a stile in the left hand corner. Now you can go straight ahead over a further two stiles to the road.

B Turn right avoiding oncoming traffic and left after 50 metres along a grassy track. Cross the footbridge and follow the course of the stream to a stile beside the remains of an old aqueduct, part of the old Taunton to Chard Canal bridge.