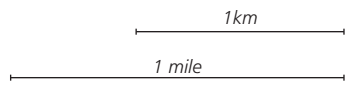


Key

- Main route
- Footpath
- Bridleway
- Roads/Tracks
- Refreshments
- Parking
- Dangerous Junctions
- Woodland



Route Profile
 This representation of the route should only be used as a guide.



Wimborne (Pamphill)

Distance: 4.9 miles / 7.9km

Terrain: Gravel and grassy paths, bridleways

Hills: 1 gentle gradient

Stiles: 13 (majority are 'V' shaped easy step through)

Route 2



R - Right L - Left

1 Start - Wimborne Tourist Information Centre, BH21 1HR. Parking available in and around Wimborne

Lat 50°47'58.4"N 1°59'14.2"W

Grid Ref: OS Explorer 118 009 000

From the Information Centre walk straight across the road and along Cook Row which runs parallel to the Minster Green. Go straight on through the Corn Market square, past the White Hart pub and round to the right to meet the road. Turn **L** into West Street and walk to the roundabout. Turn **R** and then immediately **L** across the road into Old Road, in front of the Greenman pub. Just past a row of terraced houses follow the footpath **R**, keeping **L** through the allotments. Continue to follow this path along the river for about 1 mile, crossing two V shaped stiles, until the path reaches a small car park.

2 Eye bridge car park

Lat 50°47'59.8"N Long 2°0'28.0"W

Distance from start 0.9 miles / 1.5 km

Turn **L** towards the river and the footpath continues around to the right. A footbridge is on the left but carry on through a gate next to a National Trust interpretation board. This is a lovely stretch of pathway which follows the course of the river, crossing a small bridge and two stiles before turning **R** along a field edge. The path continues between the hedge (can get muddy in wet conditions) and bends around to the **L**, over two short foot bridges and onto the road.

3 Footpath / Cowgrove Road junction

Lat 50°47'59.2"N Long 2°1'16.3"W

Distance from start 1.6 miles / 2.6km

Cross the road towards Poplar Farm and turn **L** down the bridleway track. Go past the footpath on the right and keep on the track to a gate and a cottage. A finger post directs the way

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to "All Fools Lane", on the R. Follow this gravel track, between the hedges, up a slight incline until you reach a stile and footpath on the **L**. Go over the stile, across the field to another stile into Abbott St Copse. This copse is beautiful when the bluebells are out. The path circles the wood and comes back to the same stile. Retrace your steps to All Fools Lane and turn **L** following it up to the road.

4 All Fools Lane /Abbott St junction

Lat 50°48'23.3"N Long 2°1'08.4"W

Distance from start 2.9 miles / 4.7km

Turn **R**, keeping on the grass verge and follow to the entrance of St Stephens Church on the **L**. Turn into the drive of the church through the white gate and follow to the next gate. Walk to the **L** of the church and on through the next metal gate. There are two footpath options to the **R**. The first one follows the edge of the churchyard, the other one is lower down involving two short inclines, but they both bring you to a field corner behind the Pamphill Dairy Tearooms by following the yellow footpath arrows **R**. Follow the finger post sign at the field corner signed to Pamphill. A wooden gate (signed "Harry's Walk") brings you onto the road. Turn **R**, then turn **L** down the avenue past the cricket pitch. Walk on passing the infant school to Pamphill Green. Just before the Vine pub take the footpath **L** signed "Wimborne 1 1/4 miles", directly under the electricity pylon and **R** down into the wood. Take the stile next to the bench and turn **R** at the bottom of the steps along the woodland path to another stile which goes **L** into a field via another stile. Turn **R** and follow fence line to a stile and the road.

5 Footpath / Road junction

Lat 50°48'06.1"N 2°0'21.9"W

Distance from start 4.1 miles / 6.7km

Turn **R** and cross over the road. Take the footpath on the **L** directing you into a field. Just along the hedge on the **L** is a gap which leads you across the field towards the river. Follow the path **L**, along the river, over a stile, past the football club and into the allotments. Walk through the allotments and at the lane, (Old Road), turn **L** to the junction next to the pub. Cross over the road to the roundabout and turn **L** down West Street. Just past the entrance to a car park and the row of shops on the **R** is the lane through to the corn market (West Row) which leads you back to the Minster and Wimborne Tourist Information Centre.

