




**Start** From the King's Arms **A** walk up Front Street to junction with Winters Lane. Turn R and continue uphill until you reach lane to Portesham Farm **B**. Take this lane, cross cattle grid, walk steeply uphill to a disused Quarry and then pass farm buildings **C**. Continue on track with dry stone wall on L.


Stay on path to ruins of Black Down Barn. Follow the path around to the L, below the woodland and join the South Dorset Ridgeway National Trail **D**. Follow  through fields to road **E**.

At road cross over and walk towards fingerpost, turn R towards barns. Keep to the L of barns go through metal gate and along the track. Follow  until you reach Hampton Stone Circle on your L.

Continue to follow  to Bishops Road **F**. At road turn R, walk uphill and turn L into a lane. Go on until you reach the sign for Gorwell Farm. Look for the bridgeway which runs to the R of the hedge **G**. Take this path for Kingston Russell Stone Circle.

(You can take a detour to see the Grey Mare and her Colts Long Barrow. From the bridgeway look for a small stile in hedge to your R **H**. The Barrow is ahead of you, there is a gateway on the R behind the barrow. Return to the route by stile **H**). Stay on bridgeway for 3/4 mile until you reach a gateway, go through and the Stone Circle is on R.

Go through gate on L hand side marked The Macmillan Way **I**, follow this path through two fields. When you reach a field behind some houses follow track to R and turn L in front of them to a lane.

Walk through Gorwell Farm and its wooded valley. After the woodland on R hand side you will see concrete track **J**, follow this uphill to gateway. Go through and walk on grassy track, pass through a small gate into an open field. Almost straight away go through a large gate on the L, and follow the field boundary to the R, walking towards the sea. At the end of the field you rejoin the South Dorset Ridgeway **K**. (You can leave the trail here to visit Abbotsbury.) Turn L, follow  until you reach Bishops Road **F**.

Cross over to gateway and follow path back to stile at **L**. Take R hand path to Portesham. Walk along the top of the



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coombe, ignore stile on L. Continue until you reach a fingerpost, turn R into the coombe, walk down to the valley bottom and head for gate below you **M**. Go through gate and follow the track alongside the wooded copse and withy beds.

Continue on path to gateway into field. Walk along R field edge, Portesham comes into view. Walk on a farm track and go through two gateways **N**. Go up track on the other side and before field entrance turn R through small gate. Follow path behind houses. Stay on path until you reach garages and New Road. Turn R and follow the road downhill to the Manor House. Cross over and follow road to the R of the house to return to Kings Arms **A**.

L	Left	R	Right
	Bus Stop - no X53		Route of walk
	Barrow		Road
	View		Car Park
	Public footpath/ Bridgeway		Buildings
	Alternative route		30-60 m 60-90 m 90-120 m 120-150 m 150-180 m 180-210 m 210-240 m