

Walking The River Winterborne

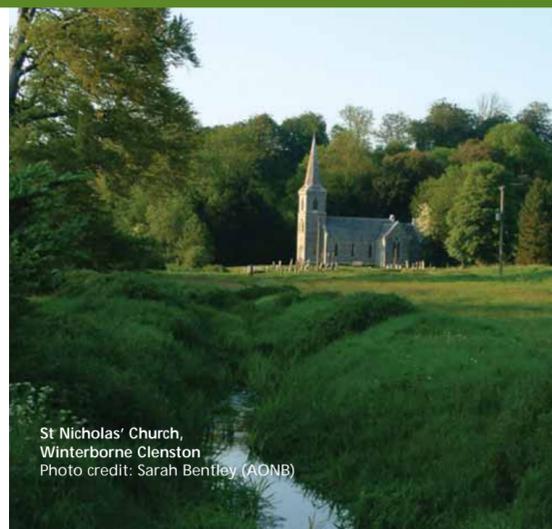


Walking for Health

Walking is a great way to explore the countryside and stay fit. The walks within this leaflet are between 1 and 5 and 1/2 miles, taking anywhere from half an hour up to 3 hours for the more adventurous. Why not make a day of it and stop off in one of the village pubs for lunch? The walks have differing levels of accessibility, some flat with gates only and some with more strenuous sections and stiles - take your pick and enjoy North Dorset's countryside as well as finding out about the River Winterborne.

The Dorset Winterbournes Project

This leaflet has been produced as part of the Dorset Winterbournes Project. The Project's main aim is conserve and enhance the natural and cultural heritage of North Dorset's internationally rare winterbourne streams. Funding and delivery of the project has been co-ordinated by the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) team. Visit www.dorsetaonb.org.uk or call 01305 756781 for further details about the project.



St Nicholas' Church, Winterborne Clenston
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Other medium or long distance walks in the area:

Two circular walks from Winterborne Houghton to local points of interest
Walk 1 - to Milton Abbas (5 miles)
Walk 2 - to Turnworth (9 miles). Visit www.winterbornehoughton.org.uk for details.

Wareham Forest Way (13 miles)
Provides a link between Sturminster Marshall and Wareham. Contact the Purbeck Information and Heritage Centre on 01929 552740 for a leaflet or visit www.purbeck.gov.uk.

Stour Valley Way (64 miles)
Linking Christchurch to Stourhead via Wimborne, Blandford and Gillingham following the River Stour. Contact Dorset County Council on 01305 221000 for a leaflet.

Jubilee Trail (90 miles)
Created by local ramblers to celebrate the associations 60th Anniversary, the Trail crosses Dorset from west to east. Visit www.ramblers.org.uk for more information.

The North Dorset Trailway
This proposed route will run from Sturminster Marshall to Stalbridge. Contact the North Dorset Rangers on 01258 472441 for information.