



## Welcome to the North Dorset Trailway

The Trailway is a route being developed by Dorset Countryside along the old Somerset and Dorset Railway Line that closed to rail traffic in 1966. The old railway line provides an ideal route for a Trailway as it links many of North Dorset's towns and villages. There are five sections you can currently visit that take you through some of North Dorset's spectacular countryside, towns and villages with views of Hambledon Hill and the meandering River Stour.

### What is a Trailway?

A Trailway is a three metre wide, multi-purpose pathway that is accessible for a wide variety of users such as walkers, cyclists, horse riders and the less able.

### Why have a Trailway?

The Trailway can be many things to many people. Whether you are walking your dog, cycling to the shop or going for a family outing, the Trailway has almost endless uses for anyone who wants to leave the roads and traffic behind and get into the countryside.

### The Trailway aims to provide a transport and recreation route for all, including:

- Safe routes to school
- Commuter routes to work
- Access to the countryside
- Mobility vehicle and pushchair friendly surface

### Support the Trailway...

Please show your support by signing and returning the cut-off section to Dorset Countryside. Your signatures will be used to provide evidence to local authorities and funding partners of the public support for the Trailway.

All leaflets can be made available in audio tape, large print and Braille, or alternative languages on request.

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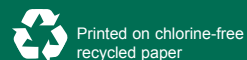
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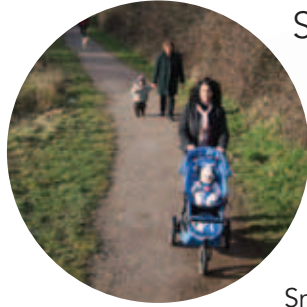


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A journey through picturesque villages and the Blackmore Vale awaits you...



## Stalbridge

**Length:** 0.6 km/0.4 miles

**Points of interest:**

15th Century Market Cross and Stalbridge Nature Reserve.

**Wildlife:**

Whitethroat, Sedge Warbler and Small Copper butterfly.

**How to get there:**

Coming from Sturminster Newton on the A357, turn right at the Market Cross into Lower Road, and then turn left into Jarvis Way. Take the bridleway on the right that leads to the Trailway.



## Shillingstone

- Sturminster Newton

**Length:** 7 km/4 miles

**Points of interest:**

Shillingstone Railway Station, Hambledon Hill and River Stour. Joins the Wessex Ridgeway at Holloway Lane.

**Wildlife:**

Buzzard, Green Woodpecker, Roe Deer, Little Egret, White-legged Damselfly, Cowslip and Oxeye Daisy.

**How to get there:**

Follow the A357 to Shillingstone and take the turning for Child Okeford (Haywards Lane). The Trailway starts on the right after the railway bridge.

**Please note:**  
Please do not trespass on sections that are not open to the public. Sections of the Trailway that are open to the public belong to North Dorset District Council (NDDC), Dorset County Council (DCC) or are Public Rights of Way, or have Permissive Access from private landowners.

**Key:**

	Trailway open to public		River Stour		Roads
	Route of disused railway line		Towns		

Stalbridge

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Sturminster Newton

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Shillingstone

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Blandford

A354

Charlton Marshall

A350

Spetisbury

B3075



## Sturminster Newton - Shillingstone

**Length:** 7 km/4 miles

**Points of interest:**

Medieval Market Town, Sturminster Mill, Piddles Wood, Fiddleford Manor and views of the River Stour.

**Wildlife:**

Bullfinch, Redwing, Fieldfare, Chiff Chaff, Gatekeeper and Red Campion.

**How to get there:**

Coming from Sturminster Newton town centre, turn right into Station Road, then take the first right into Barnes Close. Turn left and the Trailway starts at the far end of the car park.



## Blandford

**Length:** 1 km/0.6 miles

**Points of interest:**

Georgian Market Town, Milldown and Stour Meadows Local Nature Reserve.

**Wildlife:**

Speckled Wood, Sparrowhawk, Brimstone and Lords & Ladies.

**How to get there:**

Coming from Sturminster Newton, turn right off the A350 into Milldown Road (B3082), then take the first left to the Milldown Local Nature Reserve; the Trailway is on the right. Stour Meadows, behind Tesco, provides an important link to Blandford St. Mary.



## Blandford St. Mary - Spetisbury

**Length:** 4 km/2.5 miles

**Points of interest:**

Spetisbury Rings, Watercress beds, Spetisbury and Charlton Marshall Halts.

**Wildlife:**

Spotted Flycatcher and Birdsfoot Trefoil

**How to get there:**

Coming from Blandford on the A350, turn right into Park Hill. The Trailway is on the left at the Railway bridge.

**Please show your support for the North Dorset Trailway**

I would like to indicate my support for the development of the North Dorset Trailway.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

I would like to receive future updates on the development of the North Dorset Trailway.

Name: .....

Address: .....

Email Address: .....