

Please note that parts of this walk are over 'restricted byways' and may be rough and wet underfoot - the views are worth it.

Directions

1. TL out of car park and walk back to main road, TR (**beware traffic**) and R again into North Street. SA for approx 1/4 mile past sign to Village Hall, 50 yds further on TL thro kissing gate. SA across field and thro 2nd kissing gate on R into enclosed pathway to road.

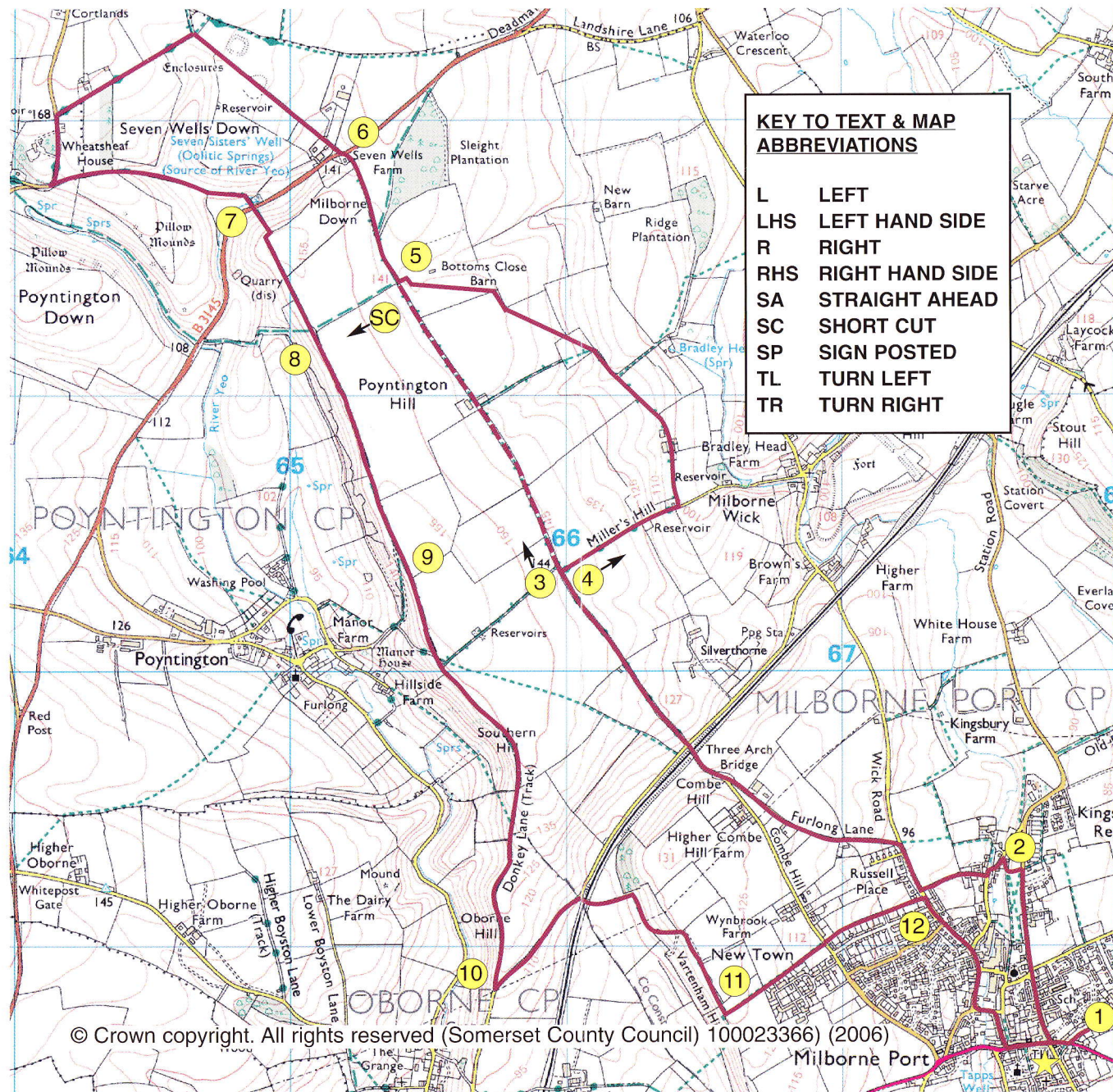
2. TL downhill and cross bridge at Lower Kingsbury, TL then R into Court Lane. At road junction with Wick Road, TR and walk past Russell Place. TL into Furlong Lane and continue to road junction. TR downhill and over Three Arch (railway) Bridge to lane junction. SA along a hard trackway leading uphill and continue to junction of tracks.

Options. For Summer (dry) go to 4. For Winter (wet) continue to 3.

3. Continue SA for approx 1 mile on ridge track to metal gate. Go to 5.

4. TR down stony track (Millers Hill) and L at bottom by house to go thro double-gated farmyard and short concrete road, past track on R and SA thro waymarked gate; cross field to gate in hedge. SA across 2nd field past gate on R and continue with hedge on RHS to gate in corner; bear left across 3rd field keeping barn on RHS, thro gate and TR onto ridge track.

Short Cut by-passing Milborne Down and Seven Wells Down: Leave ridge track and TL



uphill. SA crossing field and thro wooden gate at point 8.

5. SA past farm buildings on L to reach metal gate and emerge onto B3145 at Seven Wells Farm.

6. **Cross Road with Care** along lane SP Corton Denham. Continue for 1/2 mile, following road as it bends left, past houses to junction. TL and, at bend in road, take bridleway on L, SP Seven Wells Down. SA across fields and thro bridle gates keeping field boundary on RHS to reach Seven Sisters Well.

7. **Cross Road with Care** and take bridleway SP Poyntington, climbing up **steep** grass hill and thro bridle gate. Keeping field boundary on RHS continue SA thro another bridle gate and TR thro wooden field gate.

8. TL and continue along Poyntington Hill, known as Ladys Mile, keeping field boundary on LHS, looking down onto village.

9. Continue thro field gate onto track, ignore the first path on R and, after about 50 yds, look for narrow bridleway on RHS known as Donkey Lane (can be muddy after rain). Follow lane along Southern Hill, thro gate to open ridge on Osborne Hill and views of the village. Continue SA thro metal gates and on to tarmac lane.

10. TL and SA down lane to the railway. TR and cross the first bridge on grass track then follow waymarked path thro gate and uphill TR thro further gate and on to reach a line of oak trees. Keep trees on RHS and thro gate, TL uphill with hedge on LHS to the top of the ridge, TR

and proceed along ridge with hedge on LHS. Views of Sherborne and beyond! Thro gate and diagonally left to thatched cottages at New Town.

11. Thro gate and SA keeping garden walls on RHS thro a kissing gate to reach the road. Cross road, SA down track to reach Wick Road.

12 TR into Wick Road and continue SA to Paddock Walk to reach grass triangle at Junction. TL over stream. TR into Gunville, SA to High Street. TL onto high pavement past Ball / Fives Court on R and continue to North St.

Retrace to **Start** point.



Donkey Lane (ridge immediately behind train) from Vartenham Hill

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No 1 – The Red Walk

Milborne Port Parish Walks The Ridges Walk

**Full Walk 8 miles (14.4 km)
with Summer Loop 8.5 miles (15.3km)
or using Short Cut 6 miles (10.8km)**



View to Sherborne from Vartenham Hill

This lengthy but exhilarating walk along several local ridges affords spectacular panoramas in good visibility and peace and tranquillity at all times. The walk takes you North West and around Seven Sisters Well – the Oolitic Springs which are the source of the River Yeo. There are no stiles.

**Start walk at the East Street Car park or
alternatively at the bottom of North
Street ***

MAP: OS EXPLORER 129