

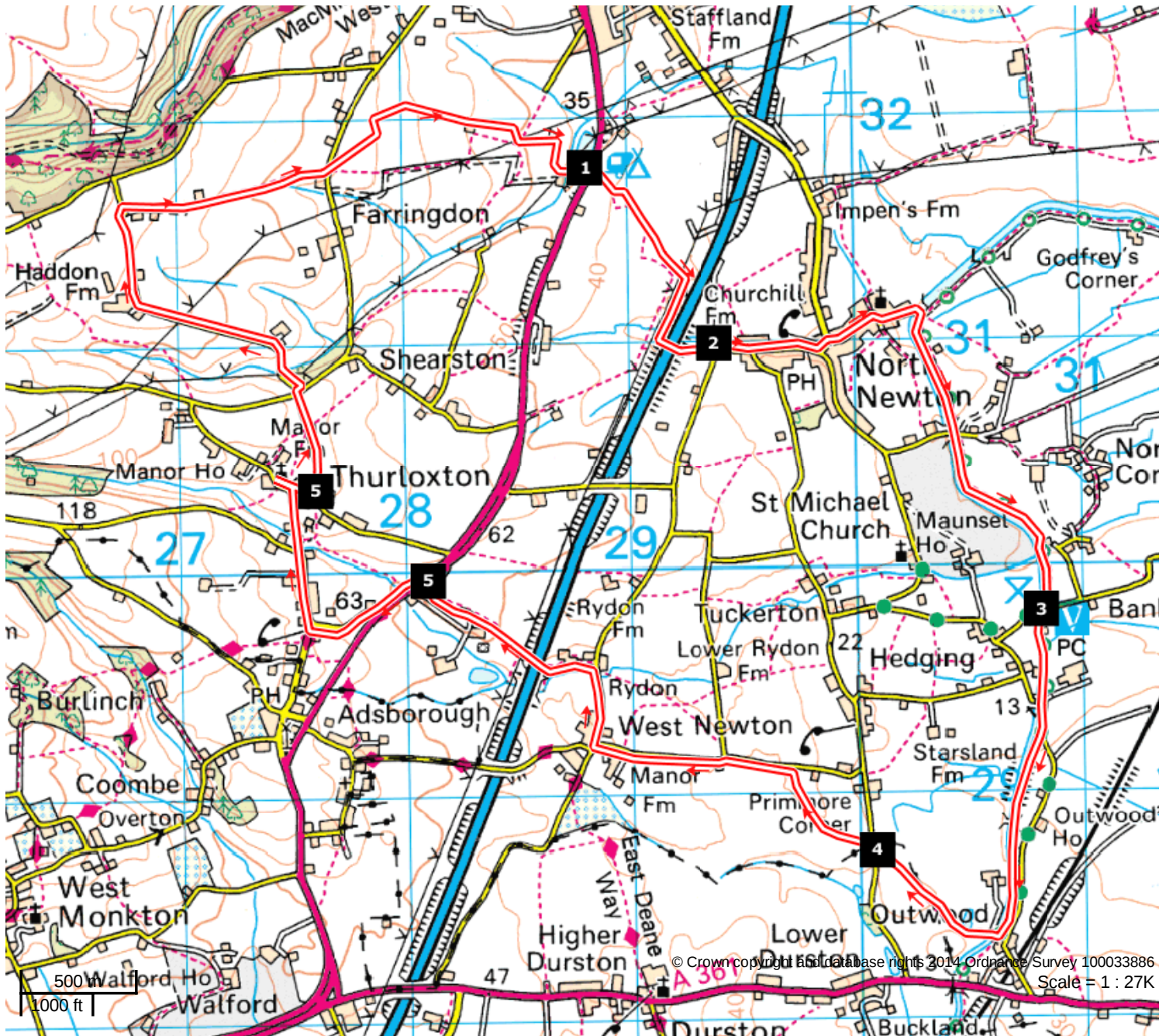
North Newton, Maunsel Lock and Thurloxtton.

Starts at North Petherton

4 hours 30 minutes | 9.0miles 14.5km | Leisurely

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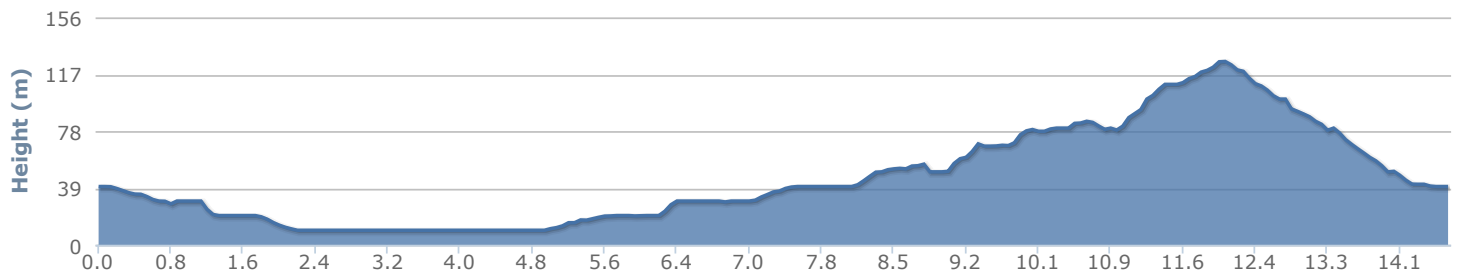
A circular walk passing through the pleasant villages of North Newton and Thurloxtton and a quiet section of the Bridgwater and Taunton Canal.



— Main Route — Alternative Route  Point of Interest  Waypoint

Distance: 14.52km Ascent: 136m Descent: 136m

Route Profile



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Starts at

Folley Fisheries Lay-by on A38 south of North Petherton

Ends at

Folley Fisheries Lay-by on A38 south of North Petherton

Getting there

After passing through North Petherton going south on the A38 the lay-by will be found on the right just before the speed limit derestriction signs.

There are pubs in North Petherton, North Newton and Thurloxtton where refreshments may be obtained.

There is a cafe and toilets at Maunsel Lock on the canal.

The start of the route is on the bus route between Bridgwater and Taunton and buses pass at regular intervals. Alight at North Petherton Rugby ground. The starting point is on the right a short distance onwards towards Taunton.

Route instructions

[1] From lay-by cross the road with care to enter a footpath on the opposite side. Follow path around the boundary of a caravan park to the point where a stile is found in the fence on the right. Cross the stile into a field and walk ahead with the boundary on the right to the corner of the field where a gate will be found. Pass through the gate and walk across the next field diagonally to the left to reach a footbridge and stile in the corner. Cross over into next field and turn right heading diagonally towards the embankment of the M5 motorway. On reaching embankment walk alongside it until reaching a stile on the left. Cross the stile and go through the underpass under the motorway to find a stile on the opposite side. Cross the stile into a field and head for the stile in the corner on the right. Cross the stile and then go ahead with the boundary fence on the left to reach a further stile. Cross the stile and then walk ahead passing the gardens of a farmhouse. At the end of the farmhouse gardens follow the path around the corner and cross over a stile and down steps into the road.

[2] The stile enters the road at a junction. Cross over and go ahead down the road opposite which leads into North Newton village. In North Newton on the right pass a small new housing development on the corner of a road. Pass the junction and at next junction by the village school go straight ahead to pass school on left and pub on right. Follow this road past church and out of the village to reach a bridge crossing over the canal. Cross over the bridge and turn right and join the canal path. Follow the canal path ahead. At second bridge just before Maunsel Lock cross over it to reach the toilets and cafe if you wish to make use of them.

[3] After visiting cafe retrace your steps back over the canal bridge and turn right to continue following the canal path. Follow the canal path to reach a road. Go ahead onto the road keeping the canal on the right. At point where road turns away to the left from the canal keep to right and join the canal path. Continue along the path until reaching the second bridge (swing bridge with white railings). Cross over the bridge and then cross over a stile in front to enter a field. Bear to the left and head for the gap in the field hedge. After passing through gap turn right and follow hedgeline on the right to reach a gate into the next field. Pass through the gate and head towards the gate in the corner of the field. Pass through the gate into a road.

[4] Cross over the road to a stile which cross into a field. Head across the field diagonally to the right to find a stile which cross into a road. Turn left and follow the road passing a junction on the right and then onwards to a "T" junction. Turn right and follow the road to junction with an unmade road on the left leading into a farm. Turn left into road and go ahead into farm. Pass a barn on the left and then turn left and then right to

follow the track which goes ahead and passes under the M5 motorway. After passing under motorway continue to follow the track ahead to reach a house. Turn left and follow road downhill and cross a stream. Shortly after crossing stream watch for a footpath wooden gate on the right and pass through it. Follow the path to a gate and pass through and onto a further gate which also pass through. Head across field to stile in hedge opposite. Cross stile and then head towards gate in field corner. Pass through gate onto main A38 road.

[5] Cross the road with care (It is dual carriage way here and traffic travels along very fast). On reaching opposite side turn left along the grass verge and follow a short distance to a road junction. Turn right onto road and follow it uphill to next junction where turn right. Follow the road past the pub on the right and on through village. Where road forks keep to the right hand fork and continue ahead to a road junction. Turn left and walk the short distance to Thurloxtton Church. After visting church retrace your steps to the road junction where continue straight ahead and then in a short distance turn left into a lane.

[5] Follow the lane ahead to a "T" junction where turn right and then almost immediately turn left into another lane. Follow the lane and pass Haddon Farm on the left. Continue ahead and after rounding a righthand bend turn right onto a footpath passing cottages on right. Follow the path onwards to reach a lane. Exit into lane where turn left and almost immediately right to pass through a gate into a field. In field head towards the electricity pylon in the top left hand corner where a gate will be found. Pass through the gate and in next field go ahead with boundary hedge on left to reach corner of field. Turn right and continue to follow left hedgeline. At end of field the path enters a strawberry farm where a broad track leads ahead. Follow this track through the strawberry farm and then pass the Folley Fisheries lake on the left. In a short distance exit into the lay-by starting point.

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