

The Eastern Poldens

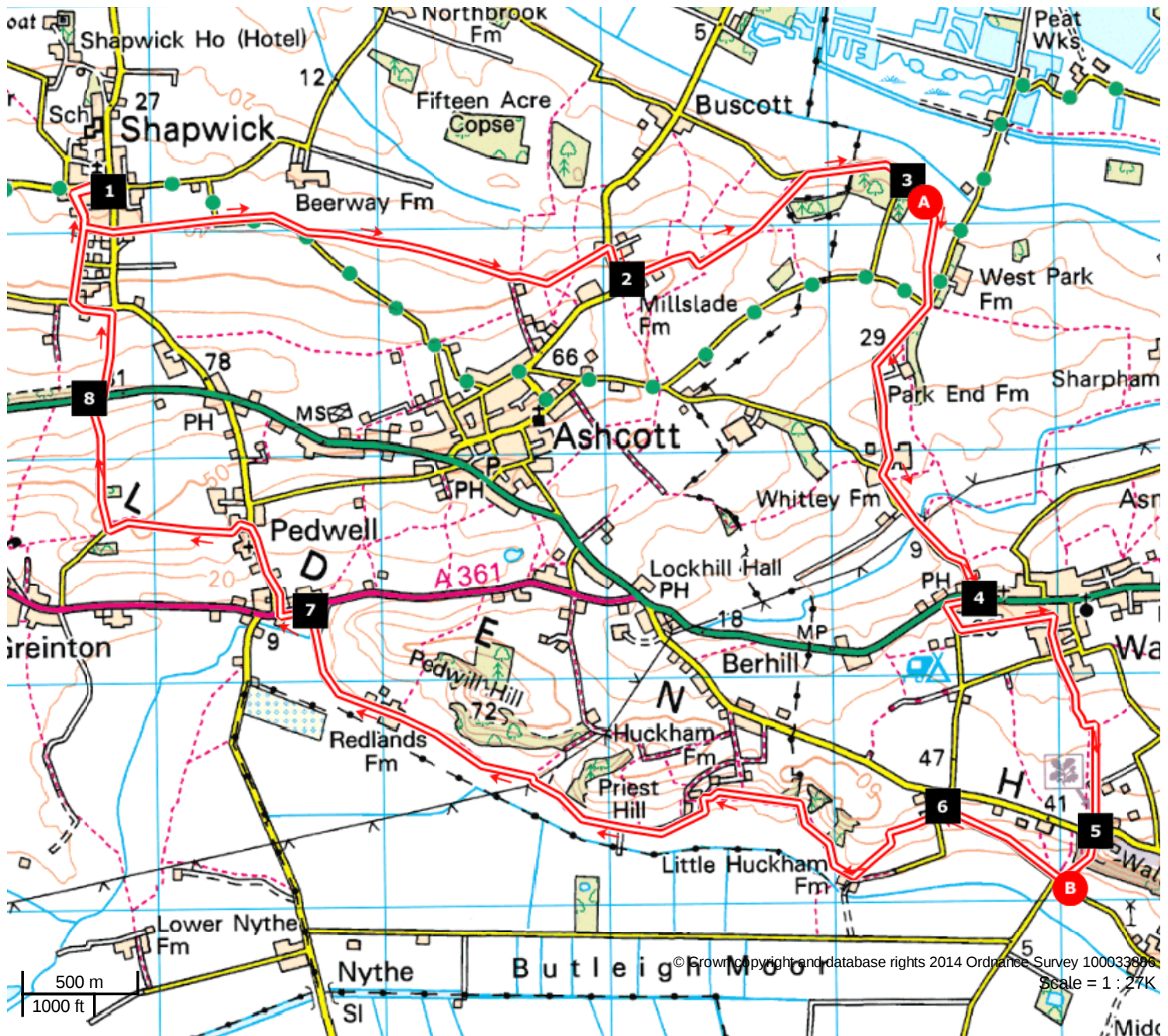
Starts at Shapwick Church

5 hours 0 minutes | 9.9miles 16.0km | Leisurely



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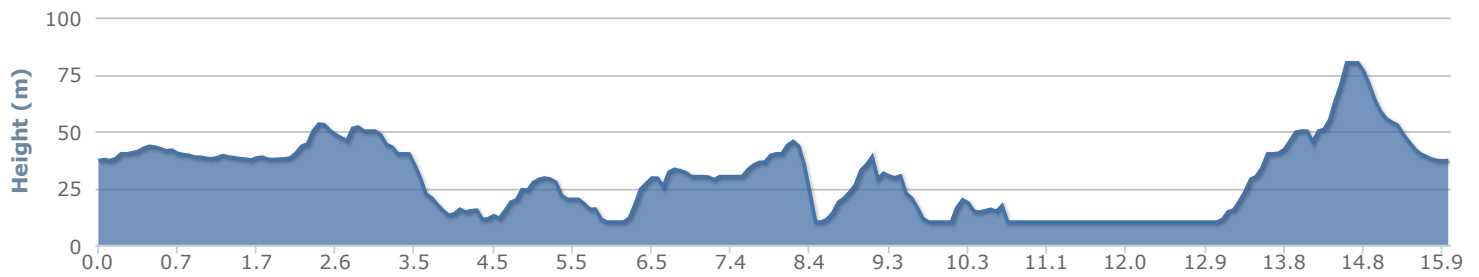
A circular walk from Shapwick passing through the villages of Walton, Pedwell and Greinton. Part of the route follows the Samaritans Way South West. Glastonbury Tor dominates views from the top of the Poldens.



— Main Route — Alternative Route (H) Point of Interest [4] Waypoint

Distance: 15.94km Ascent: 219m Descent: 219m

Route Profile



*move mouse over graph to see points on route

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Starts at

Roadside Parking Alongside Shapwick Church

Ends at

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Getting there

Shapwick lies approx. one mile to the north of the main A39 road between Bridgwater and Street. It is signposted from the A39. There is an hourly bus service, route 375 between Bridgwater and Wells, that passes through Shapwick and Walton.

Route instructions

[1] Depart along road with church on your right and then turn first left into Mill Lane. Turn second left into Lawn Lane and then proceed to crossroads. Go Straight ahead crossing into Vicarage Lane. Where lane ends go ahead through gate with large stone pillars either side. Follow path keeping field boundary on your left. This path goes straight ahead through some small fields and exits into a lane. Turn right into lane and follow it ahead and round a right hand bend. Shortly after the bend watch for a footpath on the left (this is waymarked and is just before a stand of small trees also on the left). Follow the path, which initially runs between hedges before entering a field. The path runs straight ahead through a number of fields before finally exiting a field into an unmade lane. Follow lane for a short distance to the point where the lane turns sharp right. Ahead and slightly to the left is an entrance to a field. Cross into the field over a stile and then follow the path going to the right keeping close to the hedge. Watch for a stile in the hedge with 3 directional arrows on it. Cross the stile into the next field and turn sharp left to walk along the field with the boundary on your left. On reaching the corner of the field cross the stile ahead, cross a short grass strip to the gate opposite. Pass through gate and immediately turn left into a field where immediately turn right and walk through field with boundary on your right. This will lead you to a stile in the corner of the field. Cross the stile and follow the short track to the road ahead. Turn right into the road and follow it a short distance to the point where it turns sharp right.

[2] On this bend on the left hand side is a track running past Millslade Farm. Turn left onto this track and pass the farm on your right. Continue to follow track towards gates of farmyard ahead. Just before reaching the gates turn right on the track skirting the farmyard and follow it to a gate into a field. Pass through gate and go ahead with field boundary on your left. Watch for a gate on the right and pass through it and then continue with field boundary on your left. In a short distance you will reach the entrance to field on your left. Pass into the field and continue ahead with field boundary on your right. You will shortly reach a boggy patch, where the path crosses on a boardwalk to a stile. Cross the stile and then cross a field diagonally to your right to reach a stile in the corner exiting into a lane. Cross the stile into the lane and turn right.

[3] At point where lane turns sharp right go ahead onto a track. Pass the entrance to a field on the left and continue ahead through trees towards a gate into a field. On approaching the gate you will find a stile on its right. Cross the stile and head across field slightly to the right towards two steel girders forming the gateposts to the next field.

(A) There is a good view of Glastonbury Tor as you cross the field.

Pass into the next field and then turn right to head up the field towards a house. Just to the right of the house you will find a stile. Cross the stile and follow path by side of house and then towards the gate in the left hand corner. Cross the stile by the side of the gate and then bear slightly left to enter a road at a "T"

junction. Turn right and follow the road into Walton where it meets the main A39 road.

[4] At the junction with the A39 turn right and almost immediately cross the road to the grassy verge opposite. **This is a busy road cross with care.** Follow the grass verge a short distance to reach a road joining from the left. Turn left into the road and in a short distance first left onto a footpath passing along the side of a house. Follow the path to its end where it meets a road. Turn right and at junction with road ahead cross slightly to your left to enter a footpath which passes between house and then runs alongside an industrial building on the right. The path runs into a road and continues ahead to a road junction. At road junction cross over into footpath going ahead between hedges to reach a field. The path now runs over several fields and should be followed alongside hedges on the left. The field hedges bend to and fro and at the point where a stile appears straight ahead do not cross it but bear right and continue to follow path with hedgerow on the left. You should be able to see the tower of the old windmill on the top of the hill ahead of you. After passing a house on the left the next stile crosses into an open field. Cross the stile and then bear slightly to the right to cross to the hedge opposite. Here you will find a stile with a warning sign "danger busy road". Cross the stile to reach the road.

[5] Turn right and walk the short distance to the point where you are opposite the footpath sign on the other side of the road. **Take heed of the sign on the stile and cross the road with care** and then follow the path downhill to reach a road at the bottom.

(B) A quick turn to left to a stile in the hedge on the left gives a good view of the old windmill now converted into a house on the top of the hill.

Turn left and follow the road which goes gradually uphill.

[6] On reaching a road junction turn left passing the entrance to a property on your right. Immediately after passing the property turn right over a stile into a field. Follow close to the boundary on the right and proceed to the corner of the field. On reaching the corner turn left and follow the boundary to the entrance on the left to the next field. Pass into next field and then proceed diagonally downhill to the left to reach a lane entering a farm on your right. Turn sharp right and pass farmhouse on your left and then onwards through a gate into a field. Go ahead with boundary hedge on your right and pass into next field. Veer to the right and head across the corner of field to reach far top left hand corner. Pass over a stile and then continue forward now keeping boundary hedge on your left. You will shortly arrive in the next field where continue in same direction still keeping boundary hedge on your left. On reaching the corner of the field pass through a gap onto a grass path between two fences. Follow this path onwards to a gate and pass through it quickly followed by another gate leading into a farm. Follow the path under a roofed archway then turn almost immediately left followed again almost immediately right onto a track leaving the farm. Follow this track ahead passing under power lines and onwards into Redlands Farm. At Redlands Farm the track veers to the right to pass through farm buildings and then veers left and then right onto the road leaving the farm. Follow the road past three fields on left. At the end of the third field under trees a stile leads into a field on the left. Cross the stile and the field heading for the gate opposite. Pass through gate onto main A361 road and **cross to opposite side with great care.**

[7] Turn left and then in approx. 100yds turn right into Pedwell Lane (**this is used as a rat run between the A361 and A39 so beware of traffic**). Walk up the lane and at waymark sign turn left onto a footpath. Initially the path runs between hedges to reach a gate entering a field. In field walk straight ahead with hedge on your right and continue in this direction across further fields to exit into a lane. Turn right and follow lane uphill to meet main A39 at the top.

[8] Turn right and walk along grass verge for approx. 75 yards to the point where you are opposite a

footpath sign on the other side of the road. Cross the road. **WARNING Traffic on this section of road travels at high speed so take great care crossing.** Cross a stile into a field and bear slightly right to walk downhill to reach bottom right hand corner of field. Cross the stile in the corner and immediately turn sharp left into a lane. Follow the lane and turn first right into Mill Lane. Follow Mill Lane downhill where it reaches a “T” junction. Turn right and in a short distance you will be back alongside Shapwick Church.

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Shapwick Church
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Walton Old Windmill House
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**Glastonbury Tor seen across fields at Point of
Interest Point A**
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