

# **WALKING FESTIVAL NUNNEY 2010**



[www.mendipramblers.co.uk](http://www.mendipramblers.co.uk)

This walks booklet has been written to support the Mendip Ramblers Group annual Walking Festival; this is the ninth. Mendip Ramblers is a local group of the Ramblers, Charity Number 1093577, Company limited by guarantee 4458492.

## **CONTENTS:**

The Countryside Code	2
General walking advice	3

## **THE WALKS**

### **Short Walks: (less than 5 miles)**

Holwell (3.6 miles)	4
Nunney Combe, Lower Whatley (4.4 miles)	7
Trudoxhill (5 miles)	10

### **Medium Walks: (between 5 and 10 miles)**

Trudoxhill, Postlebury Wood, Holwell, (5.6 miles)	13
Cloford, Wanstrow (7.5 miles)	17
Whatley, Bedlam (7.5 miles)	20
Trudoxhill, Postlebury Wood (8 miles)	24
Whatley, Chantry, Leighton (9 miles)	28
Tytherington, Marston, Cloford, (9.5 miles)	32

### **Longer Walks: (over 10 miles)**

Whatley, Leigh Upon Mendip, Downhead (11 miles)	37
Bedlam, Buckland Dinham, Orchardleigh (12 miles)	41

**THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE:** (This is an abbreviated extract. See [www.countysideaccess.gov.uk](http://www.countysideaccess.gov.uk) for the detailed code).

#### BE SAFE – PLAN AHEAD AND FOLLOW ANY SIGNS

#### LEAVE GATES AND PROPERTY AS YOU FIND THEM

Please respect the working life of the countryside, as our actions can affect people's livelihoods, our heritage and the safety and welfare of animals and ourselves.

#### PROTECT PLANTS AND ANIMALS AND TAKE YOUR LITTER HOME

We have a responsibility to protect our countryside now and for future generations, so make sure you do not harm animals, birds, plants or trees.

#### KEEP DOGS UNDER CLOSE CONTROL

The countryside is a great place to exercise dogs but it is every owner's duty to make sure their dog is not a danger or nuisance to farm animals, wildlife or other people.

#### CONSIDER OTHER PEOPLE

Showing consideration and respect for other people makes the countryside a pleasant environment for everyone – at home, at work and at leisure.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Some of the footpaths included in the walks have only been opened/made accessible during the previous year and need to be walked in order to keep them open. Please report any problems to [customerservices@mendip.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@mendip.gov.uk) – tel: 01749 648999.

## **GENERAL WALKING ADVICE:**

- 1 Wear sensible boots or shoes and socks suitable for walking in the countryside. These walks are not suitable for ordinary town shoes.
- 2 Wear or carry in your rucksack a good quality waterproof (not just showerproof) and windproof jacket; something with at least a hood or provision for a hood to be attached and with spacious pockets for maps, snacks, etc.
- 3 Wear suitable trousers. Everyday casual trousers are fine but may not be comfortable for longer walks. Modern synthetic walking trousers are lightweight, loose-fitting, quick-drying and have handy pockets. Shorts if the weather is fine but beware of nettles, brambles and ticks which are becoming more widespread. Denim jeans are not recommended because they take a long time to dry out if wet and can chafe.
- 4 Take suitable provisions (water/drink, food).
- 5 Use or carry gloves for cold weather.
- 6 Head covering is useful to keep the sun off and also keep you warm in cold weather. Also cream to avoid sun burn.
- 7 A rucksack or backpack is the best means of carrying what you need (including extra clothing); they leave the hands free and are far more comfortable than a shoulder bag over a long distance.

**THE WALKS:** (Start - Quarry car park Nunney - map ref. ST 735457)

The maps in this booklet are sketches. Each map is to scale but the scales vary and no scale is indicated.

The walk descriptions are written by many different people and vary in style and details.

The walk lengths are accurate to within ½ mile.

The walks can be very muddy in places.

It is recommended that you use the map sketches and descriptions in conjunction with the relevant OS maps and a compass (OS Explorer Map 142 - Shepton Mallet & Mendip Hills East )

**Mendip Ramblers cannot be held responsible for any accidents or incidents that may occur whilst on these walks.**

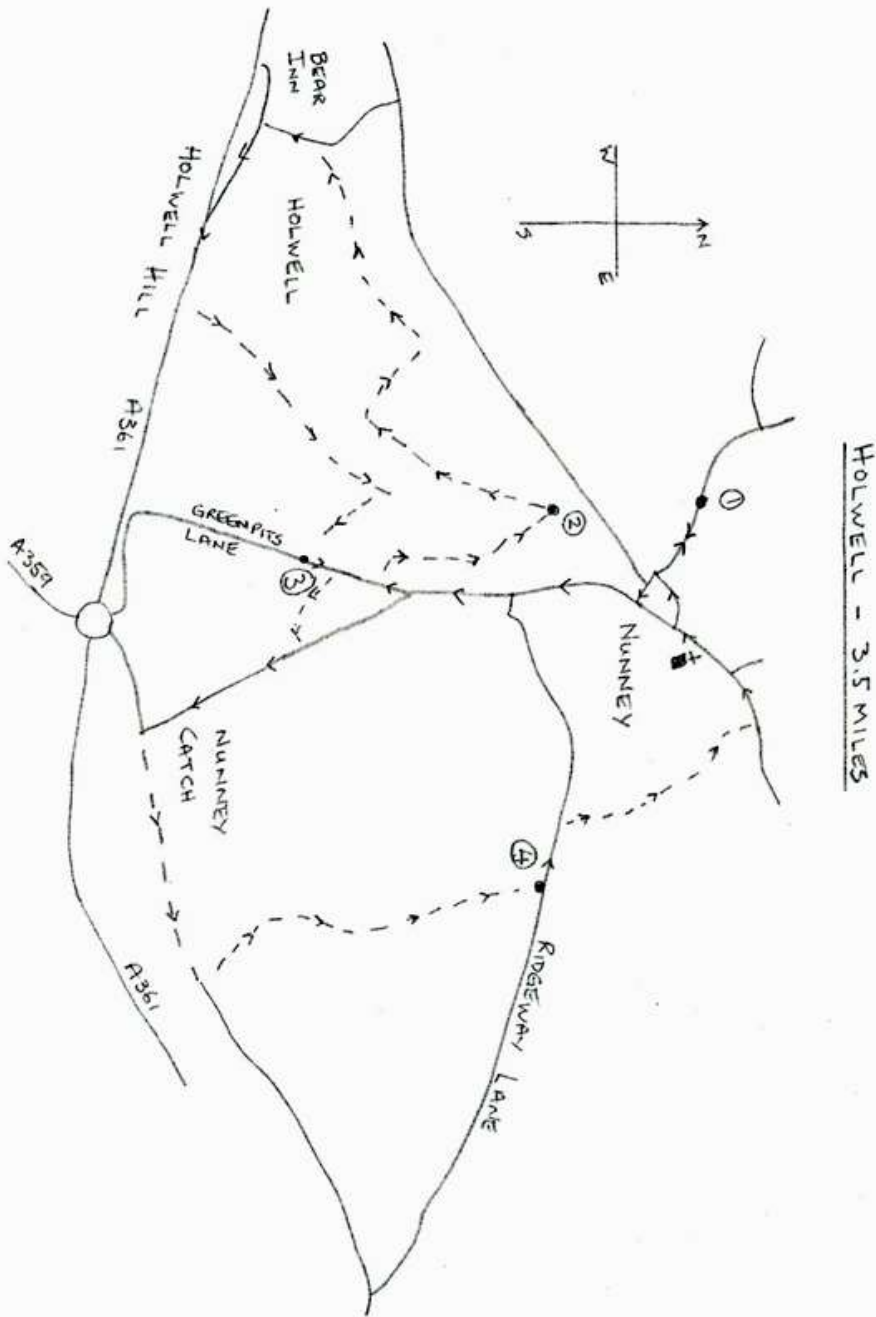
## **Holwell 3.5 miles**

1. Grid ref. ST 735457 – Quarry Car Park Nunney.

Exit Car Park at the road, turn left down to T junction. Turn right and follow this road to "Green Pits Lane" (*just before the school*). Turn right into "Green Pits Lane" and then take the first foot path on the right. Keeping the boundary on your right, pass behind some houses to a stile. Cross the stile and pass some barns to another stile. Cross the field bearing slightly left on an obvious path down to a gate (*overlooking Nunney Brook*). Do not go through the gate.

2. Grid ref. 735455

Turn left following the boundary on your right (*ignoring any gaps in the hedge*) to a gate on the right. Through the gate and head across field to left hand corner of the wood. Go sharp right around the wood down to cross a stile into the coomb. Turn left and follow the brook to builder's yard. After crossing through the yard take a bridge on your right, cross a small stream on your left and come out on a tarmac road. Turn left and walk up to the T junction. (*To the right The Bear Inn serves refreshments*). Turn left towards and onto the A361. Take the first foot path on left. Cross the field to kissing gate and keeping the same direction cross next field towards a kissing gate, but then bear right to cross stile. Fork right to kissing gate, near a large tree, into "Green Pits Lane".



### 3. Grid ref. 735450

Turn left towards the T junction but before you get there take a path on your right and walk up past houses towards another T junction. Again, just before the junction, take the path on your right and walk by the side of houses and then down some steps to the road. You are now on "Catch Rd". Continue to "The Theobald Arms". Turn left on the disused road following it until the end at a metal gate. Turn left through the entrance to "Tower View Farm", continue straight ahead through small metal gate then large metal gate, do not take the stile in front of you but bear right keeping boundary on left to stile in left corner of field. Cross the stile and immediately go left over another stile. Bear diagonally right crossing field to stile in bottom corner to "Ridgeway Lane".

### 4. Grid ref. 741454

Turn left on the lane to pass the cemetery then turn right on to foot path, then immediately left over stile. Cross the field going diagonally right towards houses. Go over two stiles then turn right to the road. Turn left passing the pond and church and turn right. Cross the bridge to the castle and turn left down "Castle Lane" to the road, then turn right to return to Car Park.

## **NUNNEY COMBE 4.4 MILES**

This walk has 13 kissing gates and 6 stiles.

1. Grid ref. ST 735457 – Quarry Car Park Nunney.

Exit car park via track at back of car park, going down towards Nunney. After about 100 metres take sharp turn left back up the hill, follow path to field enter and bear slightly R down to bridge over Nunney Brook

2. Grid ref. 736465

Once over turn L and follow stream on right bank until you meet a T-junction, turn L over bridge then R and follow path on right hand side of stream until you meet another bridge at Lower Whatley.

3. Grid ref. 742472

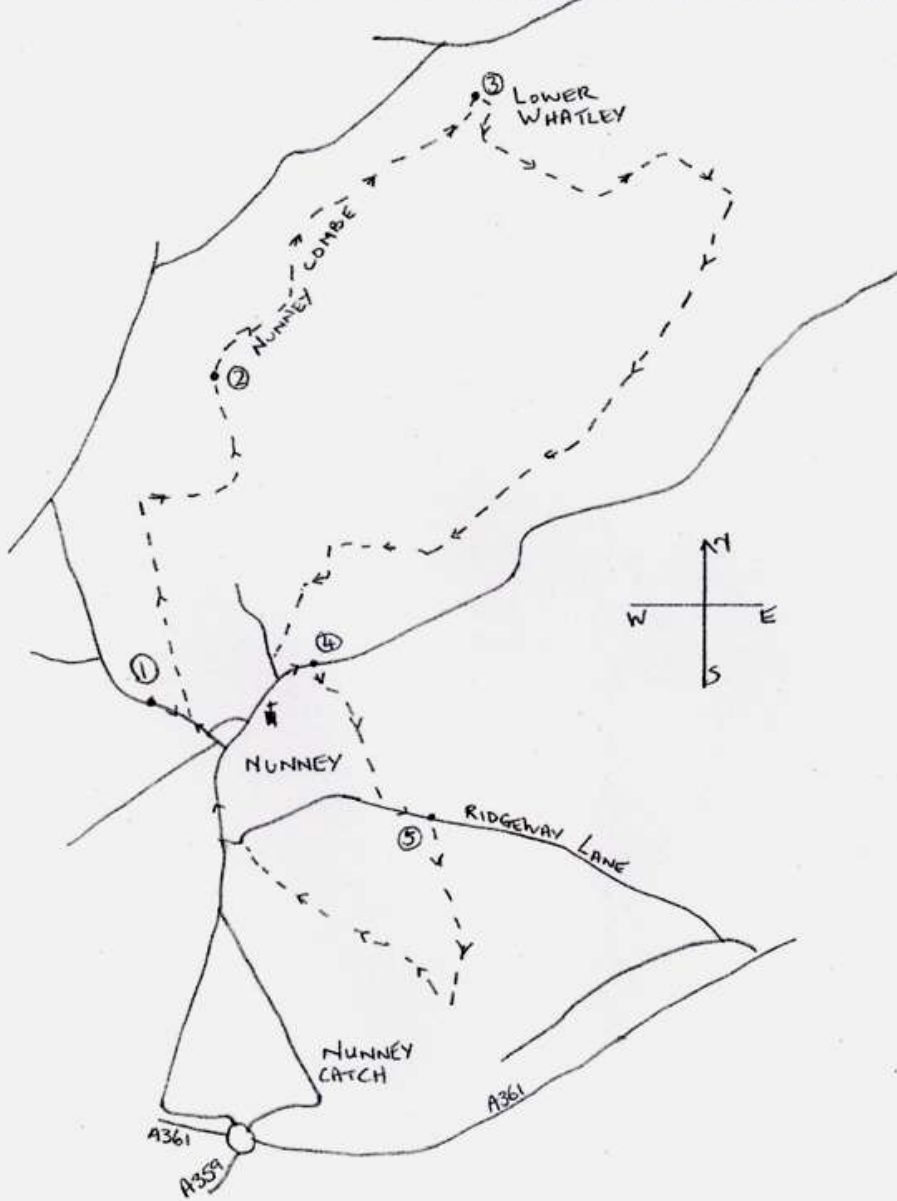
Turn R over bridge and follow slight incline until you reach a (no access) sign, turn L into field and keep to right hand hedge enter next field and keep to L hand hedge after about 200 metres you will find a kissing gate in hedge, go through and turn R and follow hedge around to far corner pass through and keep to left hand hedge to bottom of field pass through gate and turn 45 degrees right across field to double kissing gate. Turn L and keep to hedge and at far corner pass L through another gate, Turn R passing through another couple of fields until you reach a gate leading into a tree covered path follow until you reach a concreted path leading down to a road.

4. Grid ref. 737458

Turn L alongside some house after passing "Ealing House" turn R down footpath to a stile, go over then diagonally R across two more fields until you reach another road. Here turn L and pass a cemetery on your R.



NUNNEY COMBE, LOWER WHATLEY - 4.4 MILES



## 5. Grid ref. 741454

Turn R at next signpost turning slightly R over two more stiles to top of field. Here cross a stile on your R then bear 45 degrees on the R to enter a farm track. Go down here leading to a tree lined path that eventually reaches "Dalimore Lane". Cross over and follow the sign to the village hall. Just after passing the hall turn left and follow the path back into the village. Cross over the road and turn right followed by a left over the bridge. Pass the Post office on your right and continue up the hill to the car park on your right.'

## **Trudoxhill 5 miles**

Abbreviations are T=turn, H=half, R=right, L=left.

1. Grid ref. ST 735457 - Quarry Car Park Nunney.

TL out of car park, walk down into village (Post Office on your L). Cross bridge over River Frome, TR and almost immediately L again on footpath, signposted Village Hall. With village hall on your R, continue on up path until reaching a T junction with a road where you turn R and continue until a RH bend. TL into Dallimore Lane. After 100 yds, lane becomes a muddy path. Straight on until a double stile then follow the waymark signs towards buildings. Cross a stile and then straight on through a metal gate and another metal gate with a house on your L (Tower View Farm) meeting the road.

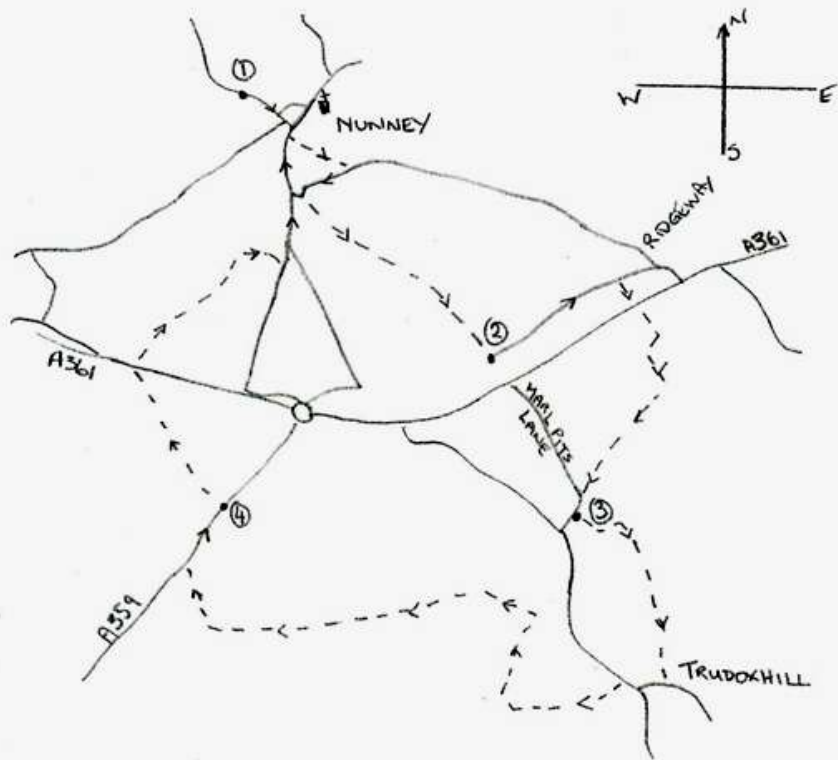
2. Grid ref. 743448

TL on meeting the road, walking past cottages (Park View on L). TR at The Laurels crossing the property through 2 metal gates enclosing stable yard, cross the field, walking towards a stile on edge of A361. Cross road with care, over stile and continue straight ahead over another stile on far side of field. TR keeping hedge on R, at next field boundary TL down the field (not through metal gate). At bottom corner of field TR through gate and continue diagonally down joining a track at the gateway. Walk through farm yard, exit downhill where road joins. TL and shortly left again signposted New Close Farm.

3. Grid ref. 746443

Continue along lane as it twists and turns gently uphill. Take footpath on R on LH bend continuing straight on over an old stile through field keeping hedge on your L. Over another metal stile, aim for timber faced building, Trudoxhill Village hall. Go through car park and TR on meeting lane. After 75yds (White Hart Inn) on R, meet the road TR and then

TRUDOXHILL - 5 MILES



after 50 yds, TL immediately after house (The Stores). Cross a stile into a field, keep hedge on your L, then after about 50 yds cross double stile TR and continue with hedge on your R now, continue to next double stile. Go straight across field to next stile (slightly to R). Go over stile and TR, ignoring track to L and continuing straight on until you reach group of buildings on L. TL through yard with tall wrought iron gates on L past green painted shed and outdoor dog kennel on R, over bridge then stile. Straight ahead go through field gate on far side of field then keep L, head for only gate in opposite hedge. Continue through next field with hedge on R to stile. After 50 yds take track to R over stream. TL keeping hedge and stream on L. Go over stile arriving at path junction further 50 yds on, TR towards A359. TR on meeting road and proceed with care until reaching the next field gate on your left. TL into field.

#### 4. Grid ref. 734443

Straight ahead with hedge line on L, taking improvised track across ditch and through trees at far end of field. Continue ahead slightly L towards stile on edge of A361 with quarry buildings visible to your left beyond the A361. Straight across main road with care to footpath sign and stile on opposite side of road. Continue straight towards kissing gate and onwards to bottom of field and another kissing gate. TR and head for lane and kissing gate. TL (Green Pits Lane). Almost immediately TL again (Catch Lane) with First School opposite to the right and continue into village. Past Ridgeway Lane that leads to Village Hall on R. TL on reaching bridge and return uphill to Quarry Car park.

## **Trudoxhill, Postlebury Wood, Holwell - 5.6 miles**

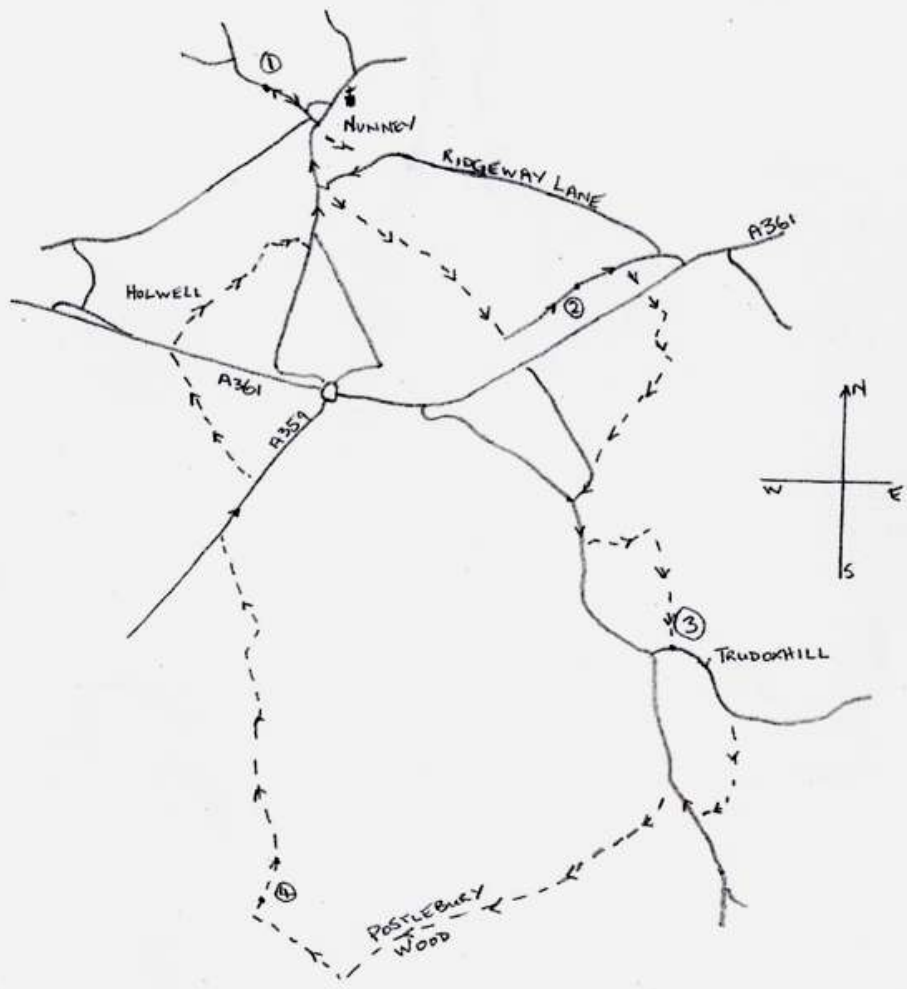
### 1. Grid ref. ST735457 – Quarry Car Park Nunney

Leave the car park by the main entrance and turn left, walk down the road to the ' T' junction. Turn right and then left, following the sign to the Village Hall. The small road soon becomes a footpath with a children's play area on the left. At the end of the fence turn right and walk in front of the Village Hall. Follow the path to the road and cross over to Dallimore Lane. Walk up the lane/track until you come to two stiles. Cross over the stiles and take a pause to look at the view behind you. Continue up the track to a field. Follow the marker (on fence post) across the field to the stile between a fence and a hedge. Cross the stile into a small paddock. Walk through the metal gate and continue to the metal gate in front of some houses. Continue to the road, turn left and walk along the road until you reach 'The Laurels' on your right.

### 2. Grid ref. 745450

Walk through the gate, there will be stables on your left and the house on your right. Walk through the metal gate ahead of you and into the field. Cross over the field to the stile ahead that leads onto the A361. Cross over the road and over the stile on the other side. Walk straight across the field to a stile in the hedge. Go over the stile into the field and turn right. Follow the hedgerow to the fence and keeping in the same field follow the fence down to a metal gate. Go through the gate and walk across the field to the black plastic water trough. Continue to the metal gate and follow the route between the farm buildings to another metal gate leading onto a lane. Turn left and walk down the lane to the three letter boxes on your left and the 'New Close Farm' sign. Turn left here just before the large metal barn, DO NOT continue to the road. Continue up the lane to the sharp left hand bend where you will find a metal stile on your right. Go over the stile into the field

TRUDOXHILL, POSTLEBURY WOOD, HOLWELL - 5.6 MILES



and walk to the metal stile in the hedge. Continue across the field towards Trudoxhill Village Hall and over the stile next to metal gate. With the Village Hall on your left walk to the minor road and turn left.

### 3. Grid ref 748437

Continue along the road and out of the village until you find a stile on your right at a left hand bend. Walk along the right hand hedgerow to the double stile in the far hedge. Cross over into a field and aim for the stile in the hedge on the right. Cross the ditch by the small wooden bridge and over the second stile into the field. Walk across the field to the stile in the left hand corner. Over the stile, into the road and turn right. Walk along the road to the stile next to the metal gate on the left, just before the sign for Trudoxhill Hill. With the metal barn on your left walk to the gap in the hedge and continue up the field to a gateway without a gate. Once through turn immediately right through another gateway and then left up the field towards the wood keeping the hedge on your left. Go over the gate into the wood and follow the path straight ahead, over the crossing track and up into the wood. When the path starts to slope downhill look for a short marker post on your right. Follow this path up to a stile on your left. Cross over into a field and walk across to the far right corner, keeping the fence on your right. Ignore the gap to the next field but walk to the large tree ahead and into the adjoining field. Keeping the row of trees to your right aim for the stone water trough, cross the ditch by the large tree and continue ahead keeping the trees to your right. You will see electric cables to the left. Walk up to the top of the field where you will see a derelict building behind the trees on your right.

### 4. Grid ref. 734429

Stop to take in the view, Alfred's Tower can be seen on a clear day. Find the track which will take you past the derelict building, continue towards the metal mast and continue down this track to the gap in the hedge, continue to the gap in the next row of trees. Continue, with the trees on your left to the stile in the far corner. Over the stile and follow the path ahead to the road. Cross over the road to the field opposite, turn right



and walk along the hedegrow, round the dungheap into the next field. Turn left and keeping the hedgerow on your left, walk to the end of the field and find a 'gap' in the trees leading to the next field. Walk across this field to the stile beside a gate, leading onto the road (A361). Cross with caution to the stile opposite. Cross over into the field, through the kissing gate in the far hedge and walk down towards the metal gate. Cross over the stile on the LEFT, walk along the fence and through the kissing gate on your right, walk ahead keeping the hedgerow on your left until the kissing gate on your left. Go through the gate, follow the path down to the bridge over the river and up to the road. Walk down the road, turn left at the end and walk up to the car park.

## **Cloford Common, Wanstrow, Holwell 7.5 miles**

### 1. Grid ref. 735457

Turn left out of quarry car park and walk down the street past the post office to the T junction. Turn right and walk up past the school. Continue uphill to right turn into green pits lane, continue to corner and take the path on the right to the A361, turn left to cross just before the road sign. Follow signs to stile into a copse. Pass through into a field, then bear left to a gateway onto the A359, then walk right along verge to a stile alongside double gates on left side of road.

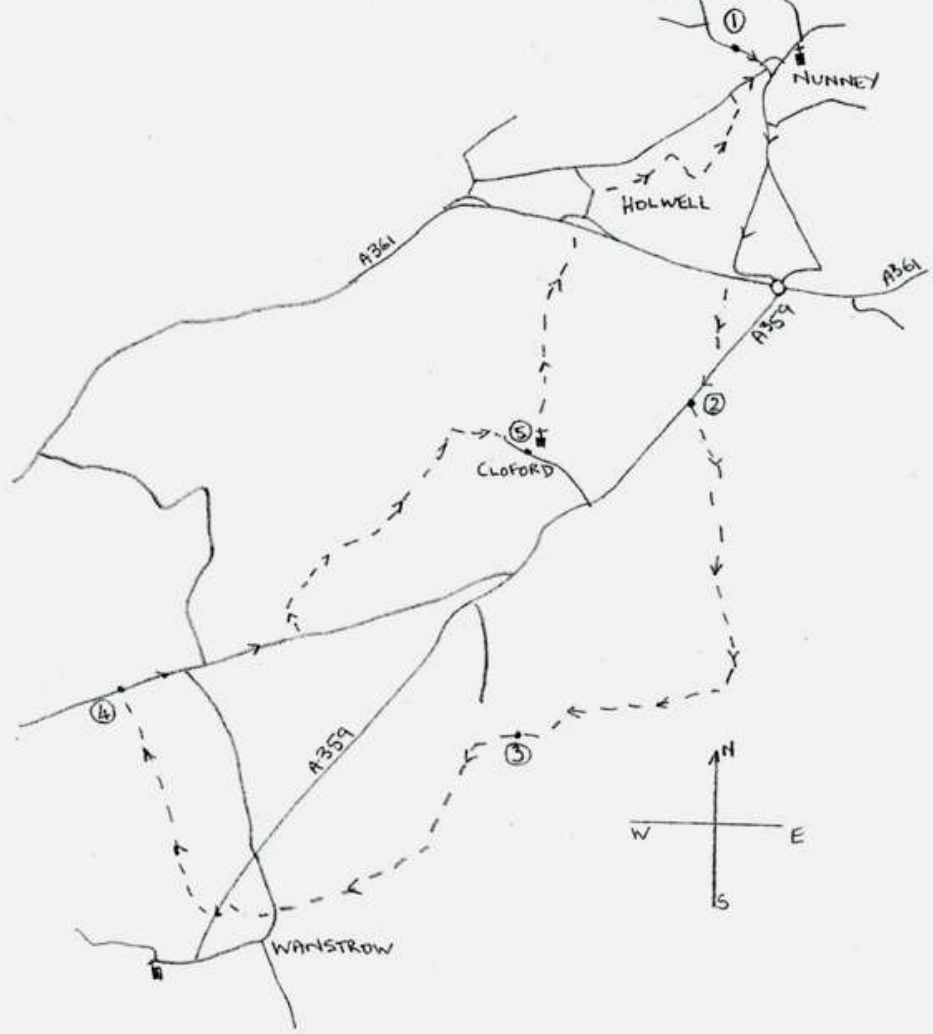
### 2. Grid ref. 733441

Cross and enter green lane, walk to next stile, pass over and continue to lane end. Follow hedgeline on right to next stile and on to a track, follow this past a signal tower to a junction. Take right turn and turn right again at corner. Keeping ruins to your left, enter a field. Walk across to a gap at hedge corner then follow hedge line on your right to next gap and on to a double stile. Aim slightly left to next gap then right to stream bridge and on to gate ahead.

### 3. Grid ref. 725427

Walk uphill to next gate, then bear left to stile and on to a double stile, bear right to cross a track to the left of a Barn, then across a bridge over a ditch to the next stile and on to another stream bridge, cross and take stile on the right. Cross field to next stile from there aim for fir trees near a house. Climb stile and pass through kissing gate onto a lane. Take the stile opposite, bear left to bypass a ditch then bear right to the stile onto the A359. Turn left along road towards the fingerpost and gate on the right-hand side. Climb over gate and walk to bridge ahead, then follow hedge on left to a double stile, turn hard right and follow hedgeline to next double stile and aim slightly left to stile onto Long Lane.

CLOFORD COMMON, WANSTROW, HOLWELL - 7.5 MILES



#### 4. Grid ref. 707428

Turn right along lane ignoring signs and right and left junctions until you reach a fingerpost alongside a pole on the right-hand side. Pass through the gate to your left and turn right to follow the headland alongside the stream to the second bridge to the right. Cross over and aim for the gap by a kink in the hedgeline, then onward to the tree straight ahead. Pass through gateway alongside this and bear towards the left of the hedge ahead to join a track. Turn right and follow to the river bridge. Walk right, uphill to a path on the left between a house and churchyard.

#### 5. Grid ref. 726439

Bear diagonally towards the bottom left-hand corner of the large field and cross bridge, turn right to stile, then straight on to the underpass at Holwell. Then follow the lane through the car park to a path leading right over the stream. Turn left through the lorry park into a combe, follow stream to a post pointing right. Pass over stile and climb uphill, turn left through trees across a field to a kissing gate near a rock outcrop. Bear left across the field ahead to the kissing gate at the top of some steps down to a path over the brook up to Horn Street. Turn right down street, to Nunney, at next road junction turn left up past the post office to quarry car park on the right.

## **Whatley, Bedlam 7.5 miles**

1. Grid ref. 735457 - Quarry Car Park Nunney.

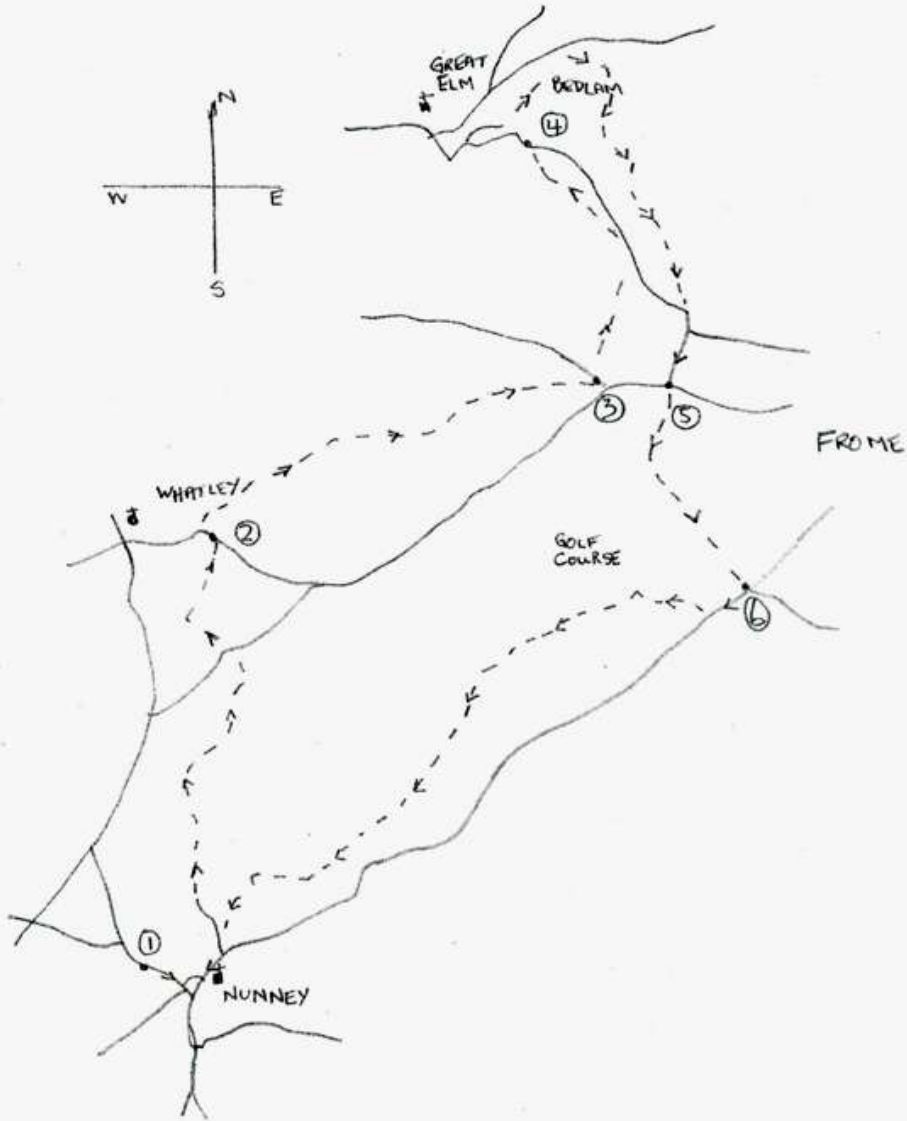
Turn left out of quarry car park and walk down the street past the post office to the T junction. Turn left into the High Street, then Church Street, passing the George Hotel, church, castle, river and cross. Turn left at Fulwell House into Donkey Lane. Follow the lane to Combe Farm. Just before the farm, turn right onto the bridleway. Follow Nunney Brook past horse jumps and sewage works until you get to a metal bridge. Turn left across the bridge and follow the track up the hill along the Macmillan Way (permissive path). At the top of the track, go around the gate, cross the road and go through the kissing gate. Follow the hedge on your right. After 250m, turn right through a metal kissing gate and then use the crossing timbers to negotiate a small stream. Follow the line of the hedge until you can see a white house. Go to the left of the house and step out into the lane next to the Sun Inn.

Proceed to the end of the lane.

2. Grid ref. 737475

Turn left into the road, and walk past Whatley Farm. Take the next right turn at the bend towards Whatley Cottage. Follow the track forward (don't go to Whatley Cottage) for 200m until you arrive at a metal gate. Skirt the gate and go immediately left to cross the stile. Cross the field with the hedge on your left until you reach another stile. Cross the stile and then follow the hedge on your right and across 2 more stiles. After crossing the final stile, bear 45° left aiming for a water trough next to the track. Join the track and follow for 200m. Just past a tyre dump, turn left over a small stream and stile and then bear right for another stile in the next hedge. Cross that stile and bear 45° left across the field.

WHATLEY, BEDLAM - 7.5 MILES



The horse fence can be crossed by a stile right up against the left hand hedge. Follow the hedge down to a stile and out onto the road.

3. Grid ref. 753481

Turn left and go up the road for 20m before turning right into a Restricted Byway. Follow the byway past a ruined building and Elm Court Farm to reach the road. Turn immediately left through a stile in the wall and aim for the stile in the corner of the field dead ahead. Cross this stile (with a stone stile behind), and follow the wall on the right for 100m before crossing the wall using a stone stile. Bear left aiming for the gate. Negotiate the gate and exit the field into the road. Turn left, and follow the road down, until you are nearly at the bridge over the Mells Stream. At this point you turn right onto the East Mendip Way.

4. Grid ref. 750492

Follow the East Mendip Way passing under a railway bridge. Ignore a kissing gate to the left, and follow the East Mendip Way under another railway line and then crossing a bridge over the river. Bear right to follow the river with an old lime kiln a little way along on your left. Ignore the 1<sup>st</sup> bridge, but take the 2<sup>nd</sup> one (marked as a public footpath) to cross over the river. Follow the path alongside the river until you reach a metal stile and shortly after reach a farm track which leads into a metalled road. Join the road (don't turn right), and having ignored the turning to your left you will arrive at the main road at Egford.

5. Grid ref. 756481

Cross the road and enter the road opposite labelled 'Private Road No Entry'. Having gone through a gate, bear left up the public footpath to the left which turns into a green lane. Follow this lane to a kissing gate. Go through the kissing gate and follow the hedge round to your left. You will see the golf course on your right and finally come to a pair of kissing gates. Cross through these gates and aim for another pair ahead with crossing timbers between. Follow hedge to right and enter the road to the right of a bungalow with a red roof.

## 6. Grid ref. 760473

Turn right and follow the road past Turnpike Cottage. In 200m turn right into Critchill Manor. The footpath quickly joins the road in the golf club. Follow the road and signs for the car park which is around the back of the club house. Having turned left behind the club house, just before you reach the car park, go through a metal gate on the right and follow track to the right of the trees ahead. Follow the track with the hedge on your left until you reach a stile which you must cross. Bear left onto a path and cross the field to reach a pair of kissing gates. Turn left and follow the field edge with the hedge on your left. At the kissing gate, cross the hedge so that is now on your right. Follow the hedge, crossing a farm road with double kissing gates until after 100m you reach a single kissing gate that leads into a green lane. Follow the green lane to the end where there is a single kissing gate and you turn left. After a further 50m there is a kissing gate on your right which enters another green lane. Follow the green lane down until it becomes a concrete road. At the end of Fulwell Lane turn left, and then right at the end, into Frome Road. Now retrace your route from the beginning of the walk, back through Nunney, turning right after the George Hotel to return to the Quarry car park.



## **Trudoxhill, Postlebury Wood, 8 miles**

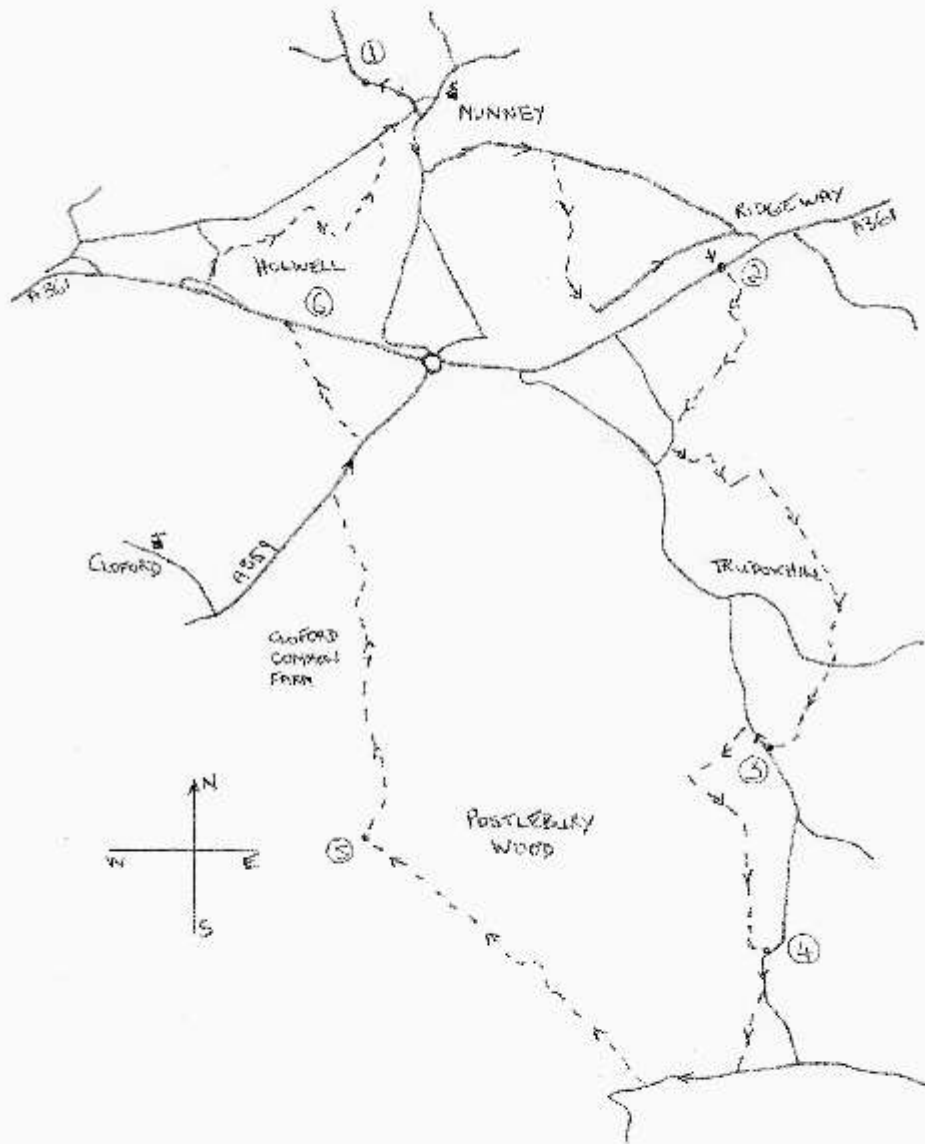
1. Grid ref. 735457 - Quarry Car Park Nunney.

Turn left out of quarry car park and walk down the street past the post office to the T junction. Turn right and walk up past the school. Turn left into Ridgeway Lane. Walk along lane approx 400 yards and take stile on right just past cemetery. Bear across field to stile in top left hand corner, cross stile and immediately right across another stile, following right hand hedge to gate at top of field. Cross and walk up towards houses exiting through pedestrian gate and pass to the right of the end house onto old Frome Road. Turn left and follow road approx 200yds to take footpath to right, through the gate of the 'Laurels', passing in front of their stables and straight across paddock to main A361 road.

2. Grid ref 748451

Cross directly over road to stile into field. Straight across the field to stile in front of windmill and then walk diagonally down to gate in far right corner of field. Pass through and then walk to Pyle Farm buildings, along the farm track and directly through farm yard onto the lane. Turn left and take the first lane about 50yds down on left. Follow lane around bends and along level straight for about 100yds until fingerpost by avenue of trees on right. Turn right into trees and follow track straight down. Cross stile at end of trees and follow left hedge and then wire fence, until you reach a gate in far left corner of field. Go through the gate, over stream and straight up to another gate and farm track out onto Tuckmarsh Lane. Straight across lane to stile and enter field carrying on across to stile. After crossing this stile bear right to stile in right hedge, cross it and then bear left to stile in far left corner of field and onto road.

TRUDOXHILL, POSTLEBURY WOOD, HOLWELL - 9 MILES



### 3. Grid ref 749432

On road turn right towards Trudoxhill and 50yds past Brickhouse Farm take stile on left at end of farm buildings. Bear left behind buildings, through gap in hedge and follow left hedge up hill to gateway. Pass through it and immediately turn left following left hedge through next two fields and then bear right picking up stiles across next two fields towards corner of Postlebury Wood. Exit field by corner of wood and bear left down track turning right on reaching the road.

### 4. Grid ref 749424

Turn right on road and after approx 100yds take first footpath on right through a gate and straight across field to cross double stiles (under power line). Carry on straight up slope to stile onto road. Turn right and walk approx 400yds along road before turning right onto footpath up Barrow Farm drive. Follow drive approx 1/2mile and take path at corner of wood (finger posted). Cut across to stile behind pylon to enter Postlebury Wood. Follow path inside left edge of wood, keeping left, following way markers until exit wood over stile in left fence just outside tree line. Cross it and turn immediately right, follow fence and then cross above hedge/tree line, carrying straight on through copse to prominent derelict building (old reservoir).

### 5. Grid ref 734429

At the building turn right up the farm track, follow it past the radio mast and on for about 600yds. Where track turns sharp left towards Cloford Common Farm, carry straight on down through gap and then follow tree line on your left, through another open gateway, to acute corner of field. Here cross stile and continue to follow avenue of trees up to stile at main A359 road. Turn right on main road for about 100yds and then cross road to left and gateway with finger post. Walk straight down across field, through gap in hedge, and then bear right to stile out onto main A361 road.

## 6. Grid ref 731448

Cross road and turn left down verge to pick up joining old road on right at Holwell. Follow slip road and turn right immediately before Bear Inn along lane until you take path on right before cottages. The path goes over river bridge and then turn left following path through transport yard and out far end. Follow the path and right bank of river through combe for about ½ mile until path turns sharply right up out of combe by rocks. Exit combe over stile, continue up slope following left hedge until way marks directs you across corner of field to a kissing gate. Pass through gate and after about 15yds bear left following hedge until you reach another kissing gate, leading back down towards the river. Follow steps and path out onto road and turn right towards centre of Nunney village. At road junction turn left up past the post office to quarry car park on the right.

## **Whatley, Chantry, Leighton - 9.0 miles** (Stiles 10)

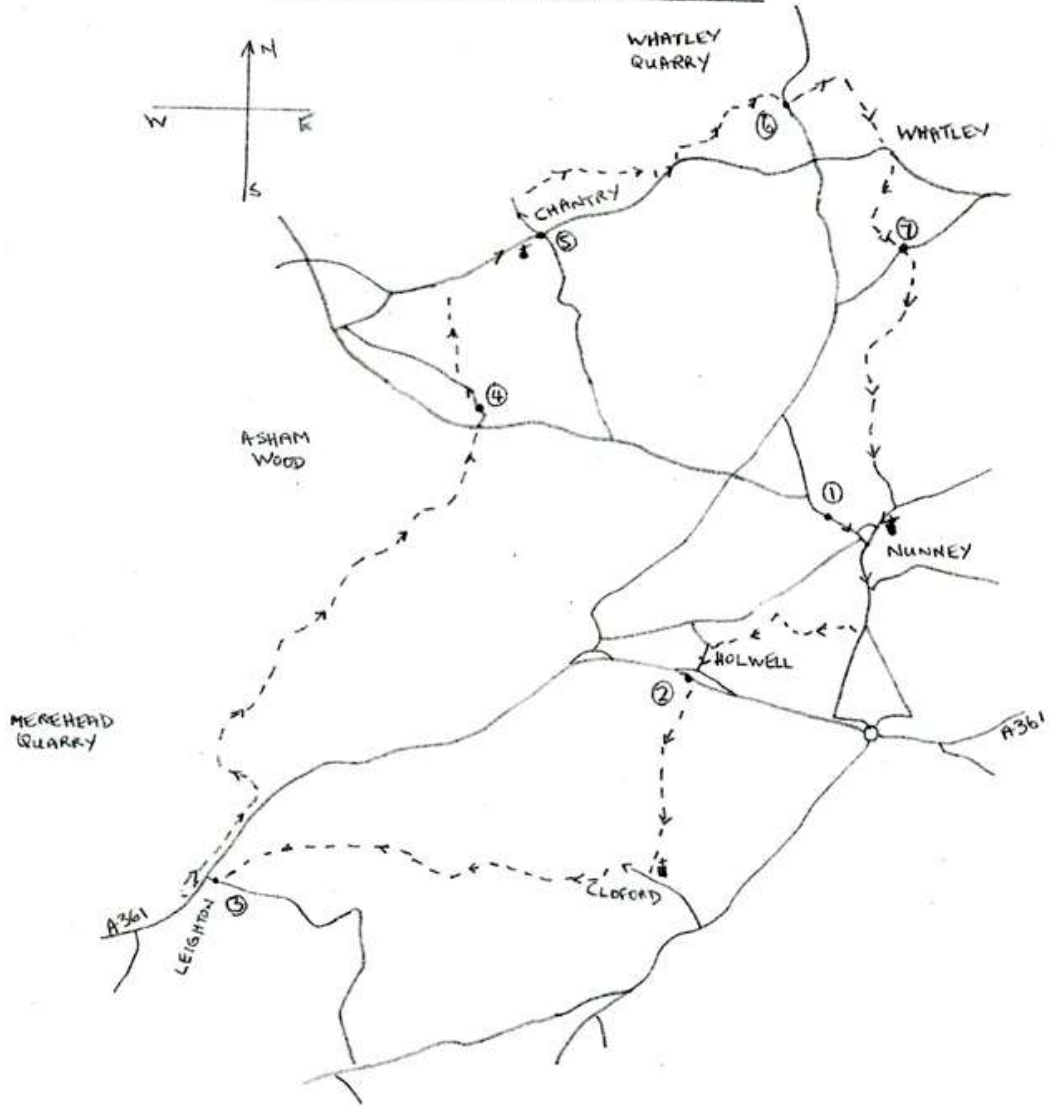
### 1. Grid ref. ST735457 – Quarry Car Park Nunney

Turn left out of quarry car park and walk down the street past the post office to the T junction. Turn right and walk up towards the school. Just before the school, turn right into Green Pits Lane and go through the kissing gate on right hand side by the speed limit sign. Follow the gravel track to the end of the fencing and, where the track turns right, keep straight onto a kissing gate in the hedge ahead. Once through gate turn right and go over the stile in the fence. Follow the footpath, keeping the fence on your right and ignoring kissing gate. The path curves to the left along the edge of the wooded combe to reach a short slope in the corner of the field. Go down the slope and through the gap in the stone embankment and then turn immediately right down another slope and go over the stile into the combe. Turn left and follow the footpath carefully along the edge of the stream through the wood. The public footpath eventually reaches a small industrial area. Go through with care onto the roadway and cross the stream via the footbridge on your right. Follow the short path up to the lane and turn left. At the T-junction turn right and then take the lane opposite the Bear Inn and use the underpass below the busy A361

### 2. Grid ref. ST728449

On the other side of the main road go through the gateway and turn left. Walk down the field to meet and follow the right hand side hedge. Go over the stile at the bottom of the field, cross the bridge on left, then turn right and head for Cloford Church. Cross the stile to the right of the church - between the churchyard wall and the cottage – into the road and turn right. Follow the road over the stone bridge and take the next footpath to the left to go round Cloford Manor (ignore the gateway on the right where track seems to fork) continue to follow the public footpath to Broadgrove House. After the track turns left, take the footpath on your right which runs to a stile in the hedge to the left of

WHATLEY, CHANTRY, LEIGHTON - 9 MILES



the house. Cross the stile and make for the gap in the opposite hedge and do the same in the next field. In the third field, either turn left and follow the hedge round to the gateway where there is a direction sign or go diagonally across the field towards the far left hand corner; the gateway is just short of the corner. Once through the gateway, turn right and follow the hedge which sweeps to the left and when this hedge ends keep straight on ignoring any gaps to the right. Go to the left of the houses. Turn right into the lane and go out to the very busy A361.

### 3. Grid ref. ST704439

Cross the road with great care and turn left to walk along the pathway past Leighton Farm. Ignore the gateway on the right and continue up the track. Take the footpath on right and cross to the finger post ahead. Turn right and follow the footpath which runs between the high quarry embankment to your left and the old farm on your right. Go over the stile on the left of the gate, through the next gate and continue straight on. Eventually cross the first stile in the fence on your left. Go diagonally right to the stile in the corner of the field, over the opposite fence and turn left down into the wood. Cross the stream via the wooden bridge and turn right when you reach the track and follow it to the open quarry area. The track curves round to the right and follows the stream. When you reach the Bulls Green Relief Road, cross into the lane opposite.

### 4. Grid ref. ST717462

Follow the lane to the stile in the hedge on the right hand side. Over the stile take the obvious path opposite and, in the next field, head for the gap in the far hedge. Follow left hand hedge towards the houses. Go through the car park and along Black Lane to the junction with the main road through Chantry village. Turn right and walk through Chantry past the church and turn left onto the bridleway.

### 5. Grid ref. ST720472

At the end of the lane turn right onto the East Mendip Way and follow it as it runs between the stream and the high quarry embankment to a kissing gate. Go out into the field and follow the path towards the road. Cross the stream near the road and go diagonally left across next field to the kissing gate in the far corner. Turn left and continue to follow the East Mendip Way round the quarry at Whatley. On reaching the main road, go a few steps along the pavement to the right and you will see the steps and handrail opposite, which is the continuation of the East Mendip Way. Take very great care crossing this very busy road!

#### 6. Grid ref. ST732477

In the field at the top of the steps follow the left hand hedge and fence almost to the edge of the field and then turn right and go straight across towards the large house. Go over the stile in front of the house and then slightly to the left across the field to a stile leading onto the Macmillan Way. Follow the path between the houses, which is very clearly signposted, and turn right by the village field to reach the main road. Turn left and walk a short distance, passing Whatley Farm, before turning right to pass what used to be the Sun Inn. Take the footpath on the right beside the house (signposted Macmillan Way). Continue straight over the field, passing to the right of the concrete water troughs, to a finger post and metal kissing gate in the bottom hedge. Turn sharp left and follow the hedge to the kissing gate in the corner of the field.

#### 7 Grid ref. ST738470

Cross the road to go through the gateway opposite, down the track, over the bridge and turn right into Nunney Combe. Follow the footpath by the stream through the wood, ignoring the foot bridge, to reach the kissing gate into a private garden. Turn left up the drive into the lane (Donkey Lane) and follow this until it meets Frome Road/Church Street. Turn right. Walk through Nunney, passing the church and the George Inn on your left and the castle across the stream on your right. Take the next right turn back up past the post office to the quarry car park on your right.



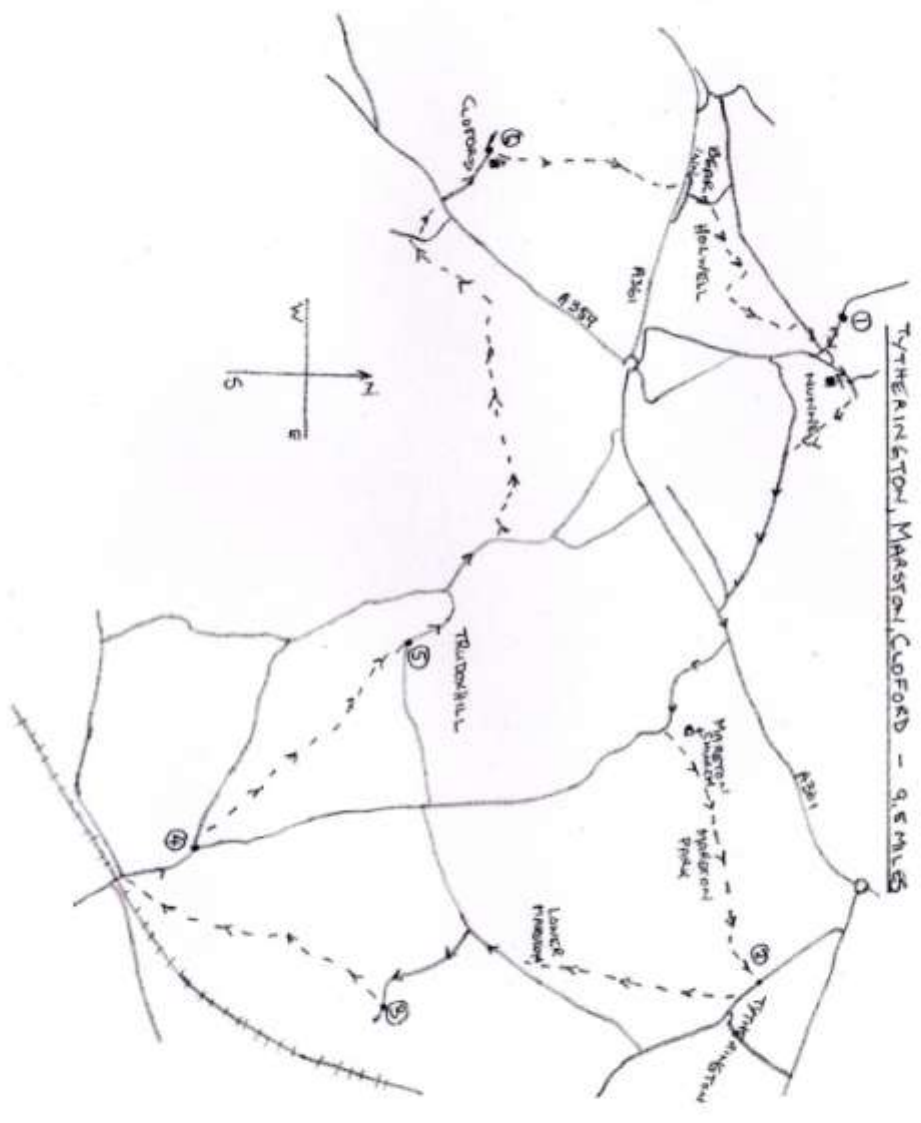
## **Tytherington, Marston, Cloford - 9.5 miles**

### 1. Grid ref. ST735457 – Quarry Car Park Nunney

From car park turn right onto footpath by the picnic table walking towards Nunney village. At the main road, turn left and go straight ahead until you cross the river. At T-junction turn right then opposite the bus stop turn left at the public footpath and follow it up the hill past the children's playground on the left hand side. When you reach the road turn left and walk along this lane for approx.  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile to hamlet of houses. Continue uphill to T-junction. Turn left at STOP sign and continue along this road to reach the main A361. Cross the road with care and walk towards Frome for 150m. At the road junction turn right towards Marston Church. Walk down this lane and when you reach the stone house (1834) near the church take the public footpath on the left across fields heading towards distant farm buildings. Cross the stile between the farm buildings and the woods at the end of the field. Continue straight ahead crossing another stile. Head straight across the field walking towards more farm buildings keeping right of the raised pond with trees in the middle of the field. Cross stile in the barbed wire fence and head for stile beside the farm buildings. Cross this onto the main road.

### 2. Grid Ref. 768453

At the road turn right and continue past the telephone box. Turn right over stone stile then cross another stile into fields and head for the bridge over the brook. Continue straight on heading for left hand corner of the woods where there are 2 stiles. Cross into the next field and head for the gate between thorn bushes. Cross the next field diagonally heading towards the slate roofed house. Go past the house and join the road through the gate. Turn right and follow this lane until you come to a T-junction. Turn left and follow this lane curving left past the private road to Monksham Farm.



### 3. Grid Ref. 769434

At the stone bridge turn right and cross 2 stiles. Cross the small field diagonally then cross 3 stiles close together. After 3<sup>rd</sup> stile cross the field heading for the farm through the gap in the hedge. Continue on to a stile in front of the big farm building. Cross the farm track then walk ahead keeping to the right of the farm buildings and hedge. Turn left at the end of the farm buildings and follow the track to join another farm track, which crosses the brook. Cross the brook and continue along the edge of the field keeping to the right of the hedge. Before the hedge bends left, head across the field to your right (not the field with chimney) walking through the middle of the 2 pylons with tree between them, to reach a public footpath sign to the left of a large tree, in the middle of the opposite hedge. Cross 2 stiles. Head across the field to the farm track, which is between a large tree on the left hand side and ruined iron works on the right. Cross the stile on the left hand side of the farm track then head diagonally across the field to a stile at the bottom right hand corner. Cross this stile then a footbridge and climb up to the main road. Turn right and follow this road curving left and ignoring tarmac lane on the right.

### 4. Grid Ref. 761424

Opposite Iron Mills Farm turn right and cross the stile onto public footpath. Go through 2 gates. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> field head for the gate in the middle of the field then carry on straight across this field to a stile in the centre of the hedge. Cross the next field diagonally keeping farm buildings on your right. Go through 2 gates crossing farm track. Cross this field diagonally heading for a stile in the left hand bottom corner of the field. Cross this stile then a footbridge then 2 more stiles. Walk diagonally across the field to 2 stiles on the left hand side of the tree near the bottom corner. Walk to the next stile seen ahead. Cross these 2 stiles and a footbridge. Walk across this field towards a telegraph pole in the bottom corner. Cross the stile and turn left on the road to Trudoxhill.

## 5. Grid Ref. 750438

Continue along the road into the village and at the Pub turn right and head up the hill to West End Lane opposite the church. Turn left and walk along the gravel road. At the Public Footpath turn right, cross the stile and head across the field towards the gate keeping the hedge on your right. Go through the gate and turn left then walk along the left hand edge of the field. Cross through a gate into the next field and head towards a stile in the right hand corner. Cross the stile and continue ahead looking for a farm track on your right at the field boundary. Go through the gap into the next field and walk beside the hedge on the left hand side. Cross the stile at the left hand corner of this field then cross another stile over an iron gate. Keep straight on following the track between the row of trees eventually crossing another public footpath. Keep straight ahead into the field and continue to far side onto a gap in the hedge where there is a public footpath sign. At the gatepost bear left and head along the path towards farm buildings. Keep to the right of the farm buildings. At the farm track turn left and follow it through the farmyard. Turn right towards the main road. Turn right at tarmac road and walk down the hill. After new stone house turn left. Cross the next 2 stiles then head straight across the field to a stile in the bottom corner onto a main road. Cross the road and continue along the lane to Cloford.

## 6. Grid Ref. 725439

At the church take the public footpath, which runs between the churchyard and a cottage. Cross the stile. Head across the field diagonally, towards a telegraph pole in the bottom left hand corner. Cross the river at the footbridge then follow the path through the woods keeping the river on your right. Cross the next stile into the field and head for the underpass for the A361. Go under the road and follow the tarmac path to the Bear Inn. Continue straight ahead along the tarmac road keeping the pub on your left, towards a hamlet of houses. Bear right at Fairview Cottage At the disused quarry turn right along the path through the woods. You eventually meet the river on your right hand

side. Continue following the path. When you reach a ruined mill turn right and cross all branches of the river. Climb the hill on the furthest bank crossing a stile half way up. When you come out of the woods turn left and follow the track through a stone wall/hedge and continue to the top of the hill. Follow the left hand edge of the field keeping the hedge on your left. Cross at the kissing gate into the next field. Bear right and keep the hedge on you left hand side and follow it around the edge of the field to the kissing gate. (Nunney church tower is visible on your right). Go through the gate and walk down the steps through the combe and cross the bridge at the bottom then bend right and follow the path up to the main road. At Nunna's cottage turn right and walk down to the Post Office. Turn left to return to the car park.

## **Whatley, Leigh upon Mendip, Downhead 11.0 miles**

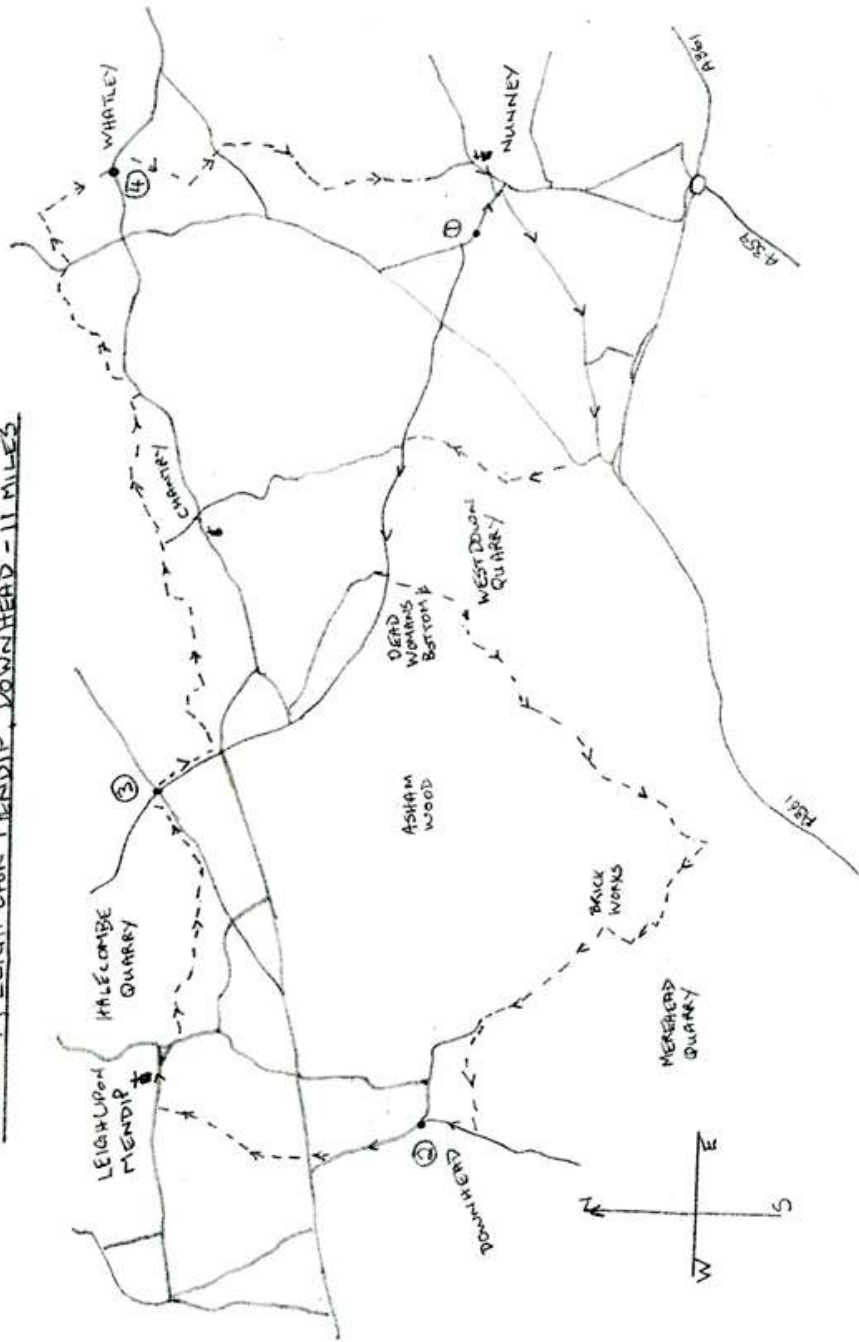
### 1. Grid ref. ST735457 – Quarry Car Park Nunney

From the Old Quarry car park turn left down the road, turn right at the first road junction, follow this road until you pass a large quarry and reach a T junction, turn right onto a busy road follow for approximately 200 metres when the road bends sharply to the right, then take the clearly defined footpath straight ahead. The footpath has a quarry on the right hand side, follow this path until you come to a road, turn left past Stony Lane and continue along this road, down a hill and turn left into a disused quarry. This spot is named Dead Woman's Bottom. Continue ahead into the old quarry, eventually you will have a stream on your left. You will come to an incline, at the top is an open area with lots of tracks, you must continue straight ahead to pass between two large pieces of stone. Continue down the track keeping the stream on your left. You will come to a wooden bridge, a few metres before the bridge you must turn right up a very steep clearly defined path (not marked) when you get to the top of the hill you go straight ahead crossing the paths. Keep the brickworks on your right. You will reach a quarry road, cross this road bearing slightly to your right, go down a clearly marked bridleway. Follow this until you meet a farm road, there are some large iron gates on your right. Turn left then right to follow a bridleway, continue until you reach a road. Turn right at the road. Continue until the road bends to the right, with a row of cottages in front of you.

### 2. Grid ref. ST690459

Turn left, follow up this lane, you will come to a stile on your right. Cross the stile then straight ahead over another stile, cross the lane to another stile into a field. Head straight ahead up to cross another stile and bear slightly to your right towards the church in the distance, cross a stile in the very bottom right hand corner, by an old iron gate. Turn left to cross a stile and a foot bridge, you then head straight up across the field to a stile and a path between the houses to a road. Turn right

WHATLEY, LEIGH UPON MENDIP, DOWNHEAD - 11 MILES



and follow the road down and round a corner with care. Cross a metal stile on your left by a small stream, take the left hand path following the stream round. Go through a gap in the hedge and follow straight across to another stile, after this you bear to the right across some rough ground. In the far corner you come to another stile, cross this and a double stile on your left. Continue up to another stile, cross this and turn left to follow the fence line. If the stile at the end of this field is obstructed, retrace your steps to a metal gate in the fence line, cross this and ascend to a wide path, which overlooks the quarry. Turn right and follow the path until you reach a small gate on your right. This enters a yard with old vehicles etc. pass through this yard onto the road. Cross the road and turn right to reach a junction, cross the road to a bridleway gate on your left.

### 3. Grid ref. ST706472

Pass through this gate to join the bridleway, follow this round going uphill, stay on this bridleway, which turns left away from the road, continue and bear right at a junction. Eventually the bridleway will come to some gates with farm buildings on your right, pass through the gates to cross a small road, which is blocked on the left hand side. Proceed through a kissing gate onto a public footpath. Continue along the path, past a quarry on your left. When you get to a small kissing gate, pass through to an open area, cross this diagonally towards the road. You do not cross the road but turn left to go through a gap in the hedge to cross another open area. Then you re-enter the wood via another kissing gate. Turn left with a river on the left, follow this path and on ahead until you come to some steep steps. Climb the steps to reach the main road. Cross the road to go up some more steps into the next field. Cross the field keeping fence on your left, turn right before the kissing gate and head towards a stile opposite in front of a large house. Pass over the stile into a small paddock slightly to your left, cross another stile to go down a small lane. Follow the drive for a short distance, bear left down a clearly marked public footpath between a wall and a house. Carry on ahead to the road.



#### 4. Grid ref. ST736475

Turn left to follow the road for a short distance, cross the road to turn right past the closed pub called the Rising Sun. Pass over the stile to enter the field, Cross diagonally left past two drinking troughs. Keep going to a kissing gate in the right hand corner, go through this and turn left, pass through another kissing gate to cross a road. Pass by the gate to go down a track to the wood. Stay on the track and cross over a bridge and down a track keeping the river on your right. Continue through this field until you reach a kissing gate to meet a Tar MacAdam track into the village to the main road, turn right and follow towards Nunney Castle. Take the first turning on your right along the path to the castle. Continue ahead to the road, turn right up the hill to the car park.

## **Bedlam, Buckland Dinham, Orchardleigh - 12 miles**

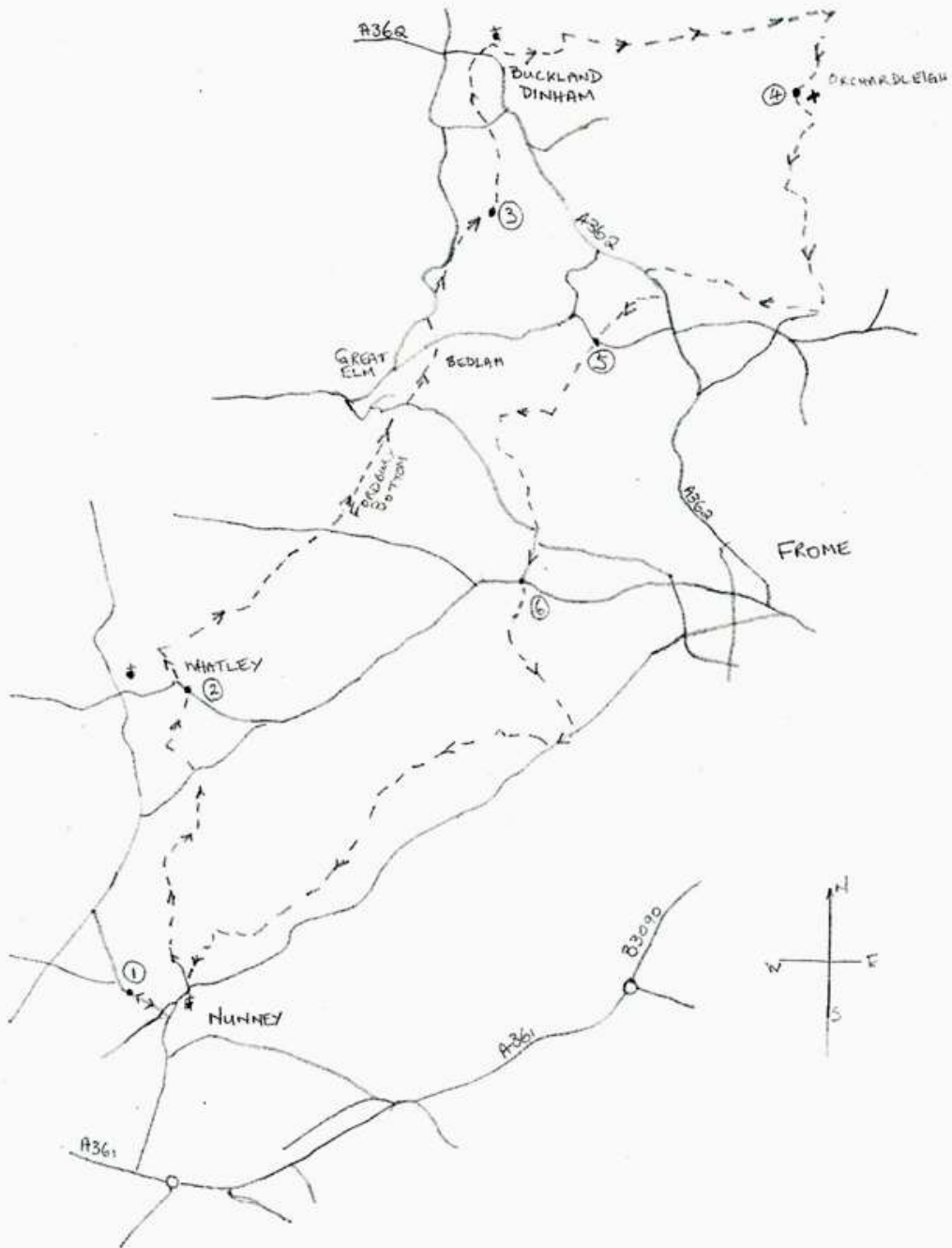
### 1. Grid ref. ST735457 – Quarry Car Park Nunney

Leave the quarry car park and turn left towards Nunney. Take Castle Street, on the left, and walk to the castle. Cross the footbridge over Nunney Brook and turn left to walk past the church. Turn left onto Donkey Lane and continue straight ahead. You are on the Macmillan Way. At the end of the tarmac lane there is a gate and a kissing gate. Take either and follow the path along side Nunney Brook. At the end of this path, turn left over the bridge, and follow the permissive path part of the Macmillan way to the T junction. Cross the road and go through the kissing gate opposite. At the footpath sign ahead turn right over the stile and walk over the planks in the corner of the field kindly put there by Mendip Ramblers' working party as it is liable to flood. Walk diagonally right, across the field, and take the stile to the right of the house ahead. Walk down the drive to the main road. At the time of writing this walk, the Sun Inn was closed down.

### 2. Grid ref. ST737475

Turn left, down the road, and cross over. Take the first turning on your right and immediately left, continuing down the Macmillan Way, signposted, Whatley Cottages. Go through the small gate at the side of the garage and down the drive of the house ahead. Take the path down the right hand side of the house to the stile and into the field. Follow the track to the right and cross the stile into the next field. The next stile is diagonally right about 50 yards. Turn left along the bridleway. Ignore the stile by the water trough and continue down the bridleway to a bridle gate. Go straight on and keep to the right when you come to a marker post. Go through the bridle gate and across the road. You are now at Murder Combe. Follow the path left and round to the right through a bridle gate. Follow the bridleway along Fordbury Bottom. Take the downhill path to the left marked Mendip Way. Keep the stream on

BEDLAM, BUCKLAND DINHAM ORCHARDLEIGH - 12.2 MILES



your left and cross over the bridge. Cross the railway lines and turn right. Continue along this path with the stream on your right. Do not take the steps on your left. Cross the bridge and follow the path to the road. Cross the road and take the permissive path on your right and walk down the side of Mells Stream. Cross the bridge on your left and walk past the front of the house ahead and up to the road. Turn right, cross the road and take the stile on your left. Cross the field to the gate and turn right down the lane. You will pass the sign for the Sustrans cycle path 24 known as the Colliers' Way but continue under the bridge and take the stile on the right by a gate. Cross the field to a gate in the top left hand corner of the field. Turn right down the lane until you come to stile on the right by a tree. You are back on the Macmillan Way. Cross the stile into the field and continue straight up the field to a gate

### 3. Grid ref. ST754502

Go through the gate and cross the track and walk diagonally across the field to the bridge. Buckland Dinham is in front of you. You now come to a gate that is difficult to describe. Lift the bar and walk through it and over the stone stile. Turn right at the road and walk into Buckland Dinham. At the main road, cross over and turn left up the hill. Turn right and continue to the church. Take the path to the right of the church and continue down by the wall into the field. Cross the stream at the bottom of the field, using the bridge, and turn left. Continue around the edge of the field with the brook on your left. At the end of this field turn right, up past the line of trees. At the last tree take the gateway on your left and immediately right up the hill. Cross the stile into Orchardleigh Woods. Ignoring all other tracks continue straight through the woods to emerge onto the golf course. Turn left down the drive and go through the gate at the side of the cattle grid. At the next junction turn right and follow the track down to Orchardleigh Church. This is worthy of a visit.

#### 4. Grid ref. ST773509

If you have visited the church, retrace your steps a few yards and take the track on your left up hill. Continue until you reach the aircraft landing strip. Cross over the airstrip and take the steep down hill, often slippery, path through the coppice and over the stile into the field below. Cross the field and over the next stile into another field. Cross this field to the next stile continue to the next stile and you will come to some houses. This is Spring Gardens. Continue down the tarmac road, cross the stream and take the path on the right through the gap in the wall. Cross the field and go over the stile. Cross the drive and take the stile in the left hand corner. Cross this field and another drive and follow the footpath signs. Cross over the packsaddle bridge across the field and over the next wooden bridge. Turn left at the drive and walk down to the entrance gates to Orchardleigh. Turn left and walk down the main road. Just over the railway bridge, take the path on the right and walk down by the side of the railway line, go over the stile and walk down the side of Mells River. Follow the path around the side of the derelict aqueduct built as part of the Somerset Coal Canal. Cross the stile and go through the woods. Cross the stile onto the road. Take the road you can see opposite.

#### 5. Grid ref. ST760495.

Walk down the industrial area and you eventually come to two large buildings. Walk between these buildings and you will see some large gates in front of you. Look to your left and you will see an opening in the corner. Follow this path with fencing on both sides and the river on your left. Go through the gate into Vallis Vale. As the path opens out into a quarry area there is a little path on the right. If you are interested in geology this is worth a visit. The rocks here show a rare example of what geologists call a De la Beche Non Conformity. If you want more on this then follow <http://www.bgs.ac.uk/mendips/localities/greatelm.html>.

If this does not interest you then ignore this little path and walk down to the river and cross a metallic bridge in front of you. Follow the stream and emerge from Vallis Vale. Turn right and walk down the road, ignoring the road on your left until you come to a T junction. Cross over the road and ignore the private road no entry sign as there is a footpath just along this track on your left.

#### 6. Grid ref. ST756481

Go through the swing gates and into the field. Continue with the hedge on the left. Go through the kissing gates across the next field and through the next set of kissing gates. Head towards the bungalow and take the gate onto the road and turn right. Walk down the road and take the path into the golf course. Follow the drive which bends round left in front of the house ahead. Pass the front of the club house and. On your right will see a large gate in front of a large green building. Go through the gate and follow the footpath signs keeping to the track on the right. Cross over the stile and turn left into the field continue diagonally across the field to the iron kissing gate at the top. Go through the two sets of kissing gates in the corner of the field, into the next field. Keep the hedge on the left. Do not take the path in front but at the kissing gate turn to your left, go into the field and keep the hedge on your right. Go through the kissing gate into the lane. At the next set of kissing gates, follow the path round to the left. At the next iron kissing gate, continue down the path all the way back to Donkey Lane. Turn left and at the road turn right. You are now back in Nunney. Take the footbridge opposite the pub and at the castle turn left. At the end of the road turn right and walk back up the hill to the car park on your right.

## **Witham Friary, Wanstrow and Cloford - 12 miles**

Abbreviations are T=turn, H=half, R=right, L=left.

Grid ref. 735457 - Quarry Car Park Nunney.

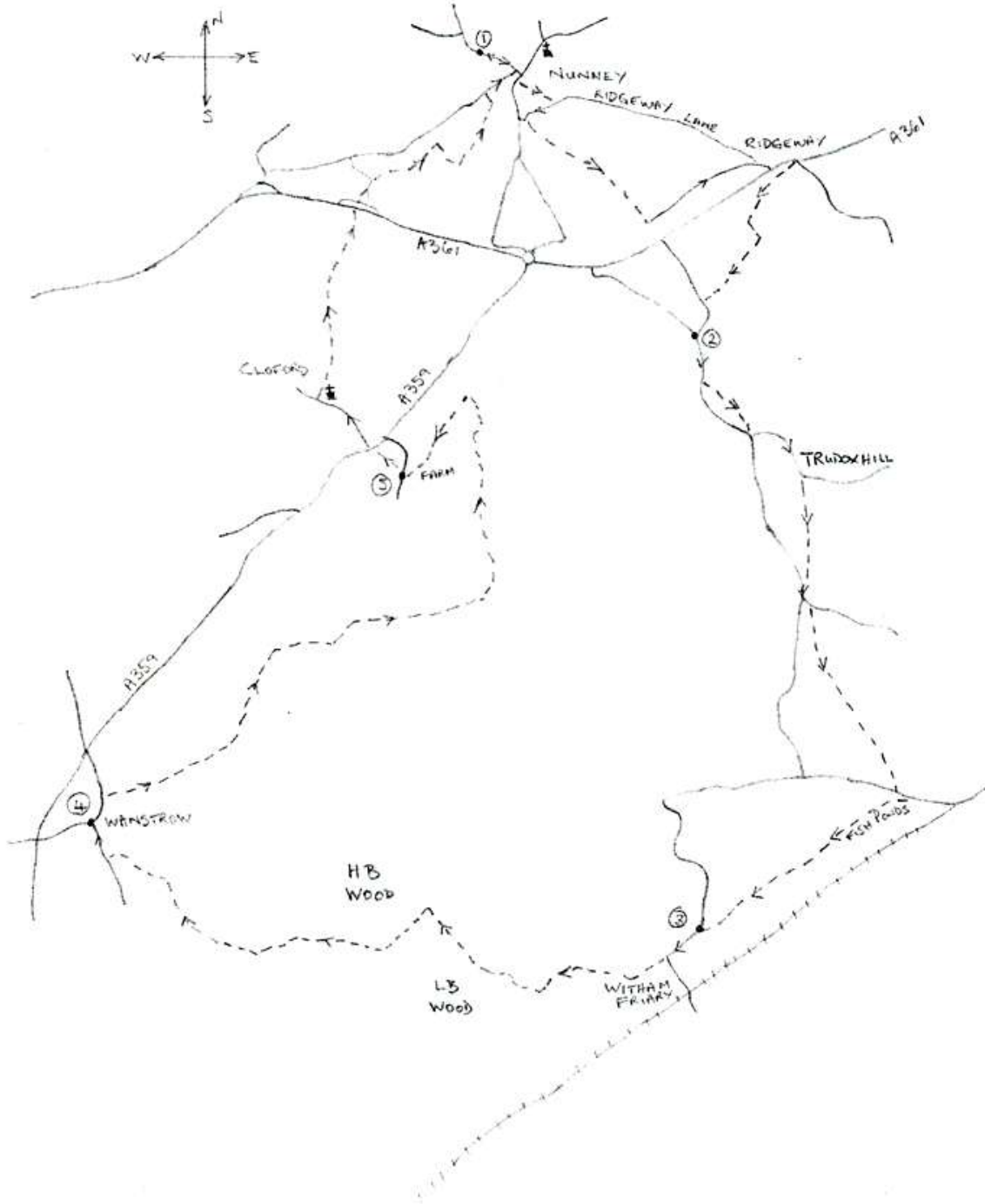
TL out of car park gates or take footpath from beside picnic benches and then TL on road. Downhill past Post Office, over the bridge TR and almost immediately TL again, footpath marked Village Hall. Up this tarmac footpath past play area then village hall on your R to reach a road. TR, continue downhill until a RH bend, TL into Dallimore Lane; main village hall entrance is on R before Dallimore Lane. Lane becomes muddy path, uphill to reach stile by gate with another unused stile on other side of gate. Straight on uphill across open field. Over stile by corrugated metal field shelter, straight on through metal gate and then another metal pedestrian gate with the house on your L (Tower View Farm) to join the road.

TL on road, continue on it for almost ½ mile to junction with A361. Keep to pavement on R as you approach A361, straight across and down a path just to the R of road sign pointing to Ridgeway. Cross stile into wood, straight ahead for a few yards then to R to reach another stile. Cross this into field, continue slightly uphill keeping the hedge line on your R. Watch out for badger holes in the ground as you pass another stile in the hedge on your R. Ignore that stile, continuing till you reach a gate. Do not go through the gate, TL downhill with the fence line immediately to your R. At bottom corner of field TR through field gate and continue HL downhill to reach gate leading into farm building complex. Through the farm to reach Marl Pits lane, TL on lane, follow it to reach main road through Trudoxhill.

2. Grid ref. 745442

This section of the walk now follows the Macmillan Way. Continue on road for about 200 yds, TL over stile opposite West End Lane. HR heading slightly uphill towards large tree, continue on same line past tree, reach metal stile and step in opposite corner to where you entered field. Over stile and on to reach Foghamshire Lane. TL, continue on lane

WITHAM FRIARY, WANSTROW, CLOFORD - 12 MILES





passing Village Hall then Sunny Side farm. At next L bend go over stile on R and continue straight ahead with hedge to R, ignore the stile on R. Downhill through field and over double stile and bridge into next field. Continue straight ahead and over another stile on the far side of the field. Follow post and rail fence to reach stile by a metal field gate then farm drive to reach the road. TL on road, keep L as road forks, towards Gare Hill. 50 yds from fork go through gap in hedge on R, following track hedge to R and farm buildings to L. Over stile, continue straight through narrowish field to reach gap in the far L corner. TR after passing through gap and continue between the line of two old overgrown hedges (now grown into trees). Over double stile to enter open field with electric power lines and pylons crossing it. HL downhill, through gap at bottom L edge of field, downhill through another gap onto farm track, then through a field gate to reach road. TL, after about 50 yds through a gate on R with signs for caravanning and fishing. Follow track, where it forks go R so that fishing lakes are to your L. Continue with lakes on L and hedge on R. Do not follow path to L after passing last lake, straight with hedge on R, over stile to reach long field. Straight ahead for some distance, over stile then short distance R to reach main road through Witham Friary, TL on the road.

### 3. Grid ref. 745412

Continue on road, where it turns sharp L in front of church, go straight ahead on farm track signed for New Manor Farm. Continue on this track with hedge to the L and the field to the R. Follow track as it turns R then uphill to go through field gate. Through gate, follow track to L as it twists and turns uphill till you reach gate into a field. Track peters out, continue straight on with Lower Bitcombe Wood to your L. Wood to your L ends as you reach the next field boundary; straight on more steeply uphill with hedge to L till you reach a track crossing the field. TL on this track, now have Higher Bitcombe Wood on your R. At edge of wood go over stile into field, THR aiming to reach far field boundary about 100 yds to the L of large agricultural building in field. Through field gate, TL around edge of the field, keep hedge on L until you reach field gate with bridle gate next to it. Through and along (normally muddy) lane with

hedges on both sides. Lane becomes tarmac after reaching and passing to L of Hunters Lodge farm. Continue downhill, R at the T-junction, R again at next road junction onto Mead Lane.

#### 4. Grid ref. 714417

Along Mead Lane for about 200 yds, just before reaching 40 mph sign TR through metal kissing gate then L uphill, over stile into paddock. TR, follow post and rail fence over another stile, straight ahead with stream to the L to reach stile then bridge over the stream. Cross bridge, THR across field, with Old Rectory to your L, reach double stile and crossing timbers over ditch. Over and HL downhill across field to reach another double stile and crossing timbers over ditch at lowest point of field. Continue on and over further stile onto farm track, TL then TR over another stile to the L of track T-junction. HL uphill, passing under power lines, reach double stile and crossing timbers in top L corner of field. Over these, straight ahead through field gate 50 yds on. THR, head for opposite corner of field through another field gate, straight downhill. Through another field gate, on over bridge then THR uphill to reach gap in overgrown hedge (small wooded area is to R). Continue uphill slightly L to reach double stile in top L corner of field. Over this, straight ahead keeping old overgrown hedge (now trees) on L; to R some distance off are power lines. Continue on this almost due easterly direction parallel with power lines and old hedge to your L for almost ½ mile. Farm track joins from L close to a ruined building. TL up this track passing ruin close on your R, keep L when you join the main farm track. Continue straight on track past tall transmitter. Straight on, when the main track goes L, over a stile on bumpy farm track with an overgrown hedge to your L. Again straight on after passing into next field. Line of the path is actually to L along old sunken lane but it is partially blocked with trees and undergrowth so easier option is to continue in field. Reach stile across old lane, over and almost immediately go through gap in the hedge to L. Straight ahead slightly uphill, through field gate, continue with tree boundary just to R. Head for Cloford Common Farm that you can see ahead, keep to R of farm buildings, through double metal farm gates, then R onto farm track and short distance to lane.

## 5. Grid Ref. 730435

TR on lane and TL almost immediately to reach stile up the bank. Over, across small paddock, over another stile, straight across field to reach stile by side of A359. Straight across and up lane opposite to Cloford, see Cranmore Tower on ridge ahead and to L. TR immediately after church, over another stile with side wall of churchyard to R. Straight ahead, following direction of line of church wall, reach sizeable bridge across a stream at the far L corner of the field. Across bridge, TR then over stile into field about 100 yds further on; continue with hedge on L. THL at end of hedge to reach gate that leads onto A361, straight across towards the Bear Inn, then TR on road that goes past it. (Safer alternative to crossing A361 is to go under it by side of stream but this is not a public right of way. At end of hedge THR, then through gate that leads onto concrete path by side of stream. Follow this under the A361, then up to Bear Inn.) TL on road immediately after Bear Inn; it initially appears to be the Inn car park. About 200 yds on, just before L bend by house, take narrow path leading down to a bridge over the river. Cross bridge then TL and into Valley Saw Mills. Continue through taking care of traffic in mills yard. Straight on with stream to your L through saw mills, reach riverside path at the far end. Leaving saw mills, continue on riverside path for further 200yds. Keep close watch for stile up to R, cross this and continue uphill with small wooded area to the L. At end of wooded area TL, continue downhill to reach kissing gate, straight on through kissing gate and uphill. Almost immediately TL following fence line on L (not one with kissing gate that you have just passed through). Follow fence line to kissing gate on L, through, down some stone steps, cross bridge over the stream. Footpath ascends to reach road. TR downhill along Horn Street to reach the Post Office. TL back up to the Old Quarry Car Park.