



Public House Walks

The Talbot Hotel

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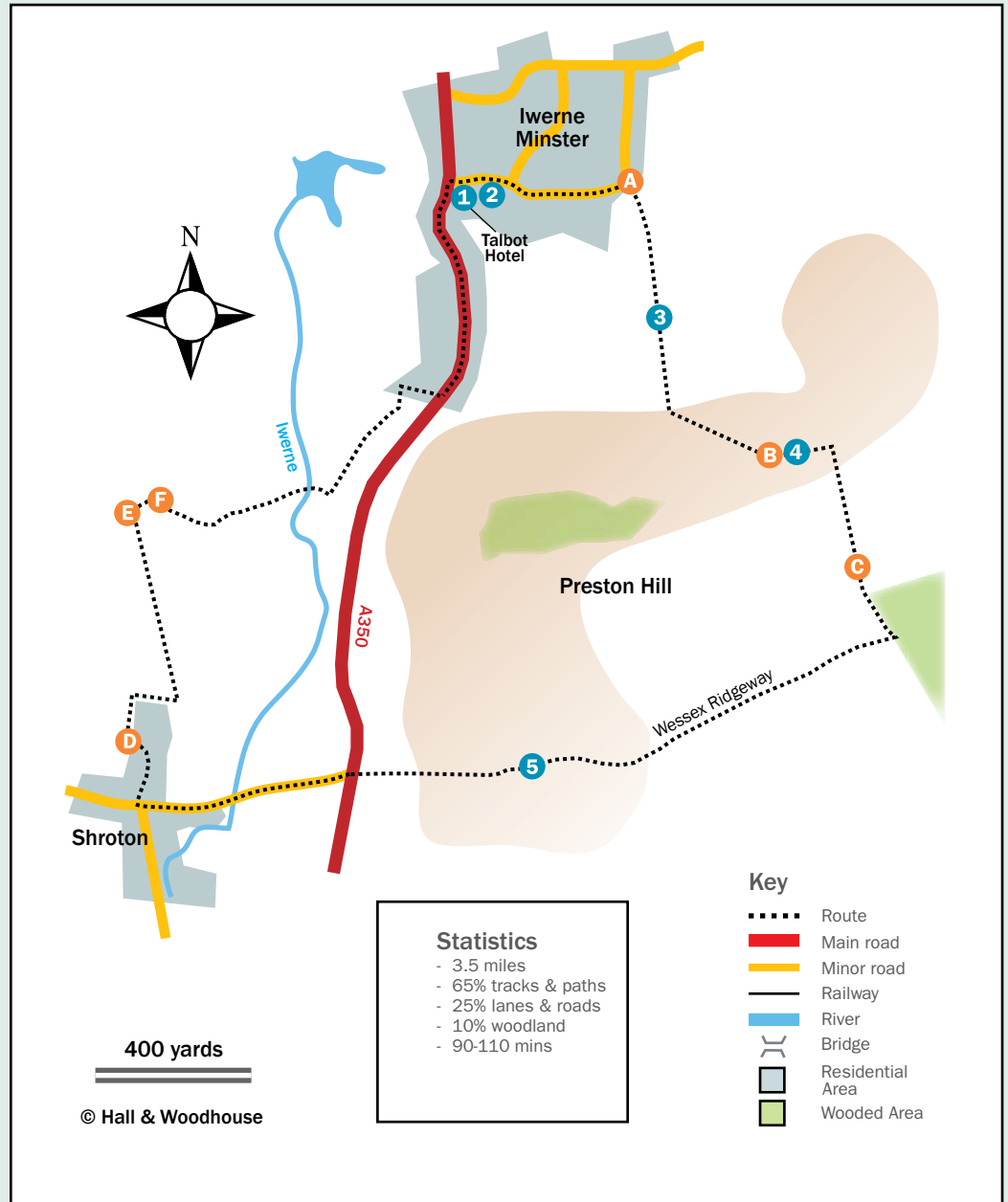
"A lovely undulating ramble through the delightful village of Iwerne Minster and on to the chalk downs. Great views before heading down the Wessex Ridgeway into Shroton and back to the pub."

3.5 miles

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- 1** From the pub, turn immediately right into the lane and continue, passing village stores to left and chapel to right. 70 yards on, lane bears right then left. Follow for 80 yards with stream to left and a further 150 yards when road bends
- A** left. Turn right (see assist) and continue up track for 100 yards past beech hedge to left.

- Head straight between
- 3** fields on grass path for 300 yards, pass through wood gate and up incline to another. Pass through, bear left and head uphill on grass track between
- 4** fences for 120 yards then bear left on to made up track. After 100 yards,
- B** bear left on to track (see assist).

- 120 yards on, track turns right, heading up a steady gradient. After 150 yards, the path levels out and 70 yards on, opens out. Pass metal gate to left, bear right then left and walk
- C** through wood gate (see assist). Continue on path ahead keeping to left edge of field with trees to left.

After 130 yards, turn left through wood gate in field corner and follow path through trees for 30 yards. Turn right and continue ahead on made up track.

300 yards on, as tracks bends left, walk ahead through wood gate and continue, keeping to right edge. 200 yards on, path heads downhill with

- 5** Shroton and Hambledon Hill in the distance.

Path curves to the right and gradient increases. 200 yards on, cross track then over stile. Continue sharply downhill for 120 yards to next field corner and cross stile to right. Keeping to right edge, walk gently downhill for 200 yards to the main road.

Cross stile then road and head along the lane opposite into Shroton. After 600 yards, pass thatched cottages and turn right at the crossroads into The Corner. Follow lane, pass chapel to left and 50 yards on, bear left at 10 o'clock and pass through

- D** metal 5 bar gate ahead (see assist). Turn right and walk with houses to right for 100 yards.

- Turn right through metal gate down track for 70 yards to next gate. Pass through, turn left and continue ahead through another gate keeping field edge to left. After 280 yards, bear left at footpath sign, through metal gate and turn right on to track (see assist).

- E** Follow for 70 yards and bear right before gate (see assist). Continue on track for 220 yards and pass through wood gate with stream to left. Walk ahead past cottages then stream and turn left at the footpath sign. Pass through wood gate and follow grass track between fields for 120 yards.

- Pass through wood gate and turn left down to 5 bar gate. Turn right on to lane and head for 80 yards up to main road. Turn left and follow pavement for 350 yards back to the pub for some well deserved hospitality.

