



Public House Walks

The Oddfellows Arms

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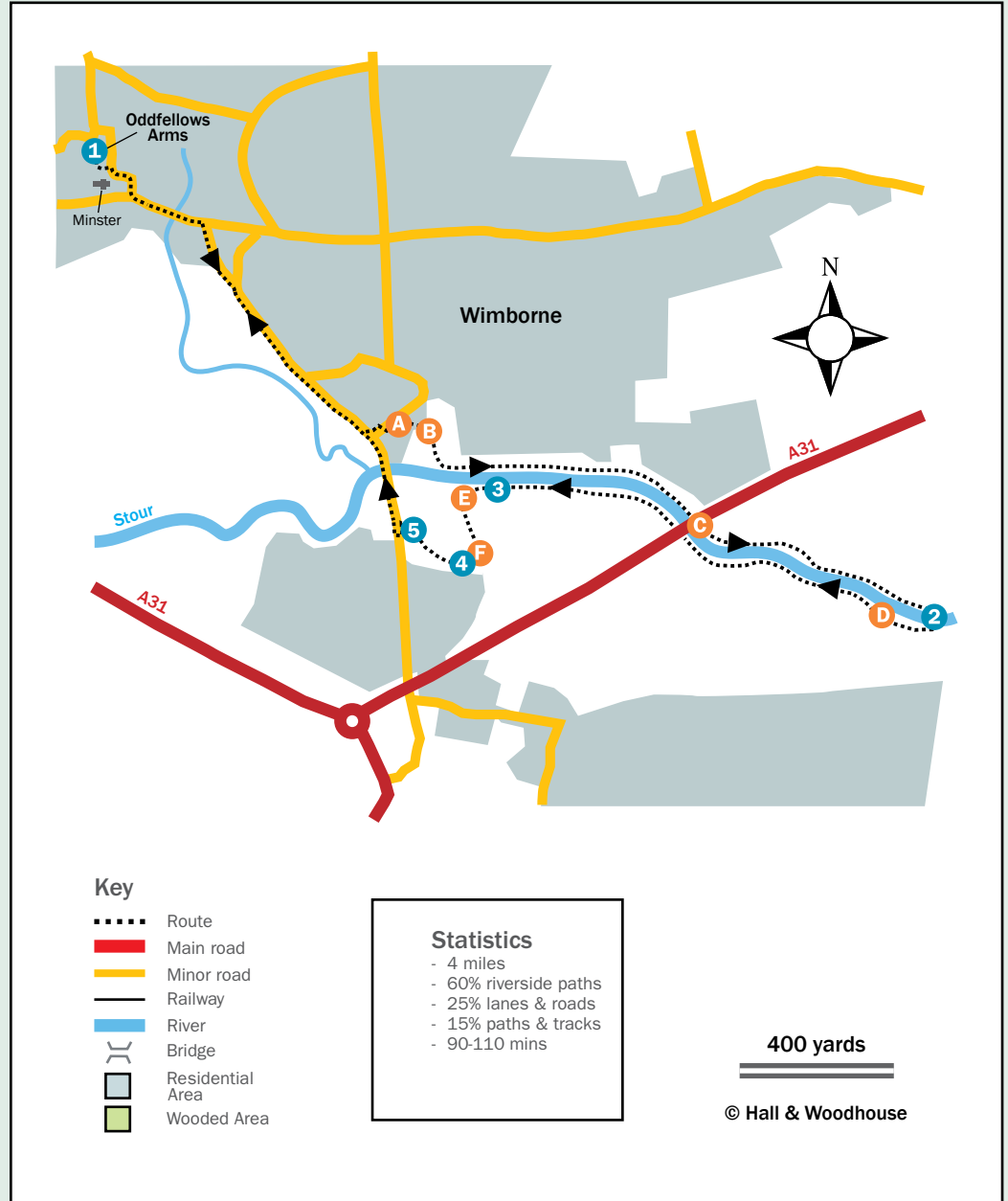


"A lovely walk along the river Stours and it's water meadows. A peaceful ramble that includes some quirky elements including a suspension bridge, ornate railway bridge and Victorian turnstile."

4 miles

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- 1** With pub behind, turn left and walk for 60 yards. Turn left before Minster then 45 yards ahead, turn right and follow High Street round for 130 yards on pavement.

Turn left at T junction into East Street. Follow pavement for 130 yards and pass Rising Sun to right. Cross bridge and walk ahead past pedestrian lights. Continue for 80 yards and turn right into Poole Road.

Follow pavement for 200 yards then pass junction to left keeping railings to right and road to left. 200 yards on, pass entrance to Deans Court on right and continue ahead on pavement.

After 400 yards, cross road at pedestrian lights then bear left into side road. Pass benches to left and cross over road. Follow pavement with road to left for 50 yards then bear **A** right on to gravel track (see assist).

Walk ahead for 50 yards then continue on path for 40 yards. Bear right and follow road past houses **B** to right (see assist). Pass

metal gate ahead then bear left and follow tarmac tow path.

Walk ahead past benches to left and River Stour to right. After 600 yards, path may be soft underfoot in places. Follow for 170 yards and pass under A31 bridge. Continue ahead **C** past metal gate (see assist) and resume on tow path with meadows to left and Stour to right.

300 yards ahead, bear right and follow narrow path through trees and undergrowth for 60 yards (may be soft underfoot). Cross 'V' footbridge and continue along right edge of meadow.

300 yards on, bear right and head towards suspension footbridge. **2** Cross over Stour, bear right across grass and follow tarmac track through trees.

Pass boat houses to right then bear right on to tow path (see assist). Follow made up path with river to right and meadows to left for 600 yards. Walk under A31 bridge then past cattle grid and resume on tow path. **D**

- 3** 600 yards on, made up path ends. Continue ahead and enter trees. After 30 yards, bear left and ascend steps (see assist). Follow path through trees for 150 yards then turn right and descend steps (see assist). At the bottom, turn right and walk through wood gate passing footpath sign. **E**
- F**

- Worth pausing to look **4** at the magnificent 1847 railway bridge. Follow made up track through trees for 200 yards then pass **5** through Victorian turnstile ahead. Continue up gravel track and turn left along pavement.

Walk for 30 yards and cross road at pedestrian lights. Double back along pavement with road to right and cross footbridge back over the Stour.

Continue on pavement for 90 yards and pass pedestrian lights. Retrace your steps along pavement for 600 yards and bear left into Poole Road.

200 yards ahead, turn left and follow pavement. 80 yards on, pass pedestrian lights, cross



bridge, walk 130 yards and turn right into High Street.

Follow for 130 yards, turn left past Minster then right. 60 yards ahead and you're back at the Oddfellows Arms for some well deserved hospitality!