

Portesham to Abbotsbury

Over Portesham Hill

- Walk on the pavement by the main road towards the minor road junction by the Kings Arms. Take the road past the pub, a green telephone box, the old school house and St Peter's Church. Bear right at the corner by the duck pond.
- After 100m, take the gravel road to the right signposted "Hardys Monument". Continue to a gate into a field. Keep straight on with the hedge/wall on the left to the top, with great views of Portesham and the Jurassic Coast.
- Turn left through a gate and along a field path with the hedge on the right, to a gate and T junction with a gravel road. Turn left down to a ruined barn and bear left along the South Dorset Ridgeway.
- Take the footpath on the left through the wood to a stile and a field. Continue on the field path, over a couple of stiles with the hedge on the left, to a stone stile.
- In the next field, continue along the path with the fence on the right to Hampton Barn Farm. There are good views across to Portland from here. Cross the road and take the farm road past the farm on the right and continue to the Hampton Stone Circle. Continue on a field path with the hedge on the right.
- Take the South Dorset Ridgeway path to the left over a stile down to a path junction with a marker stone. Turn right up to a minor road. Turn left for 50m to a gate on the right and a farm track, still following the South Dorset Ridgeway. Go along the track to a gate on the left with a fingerpost to Abbotsbury. Take this path, now leaving the South Dorset Ridgeway, down over the fields to arrive at a minor road.
- Turn right down the road to Abbotsbury. At road junction, take Rosemary Lane to the Swan pub bus stop or Back Street to the Ilchester Arms bus stop.

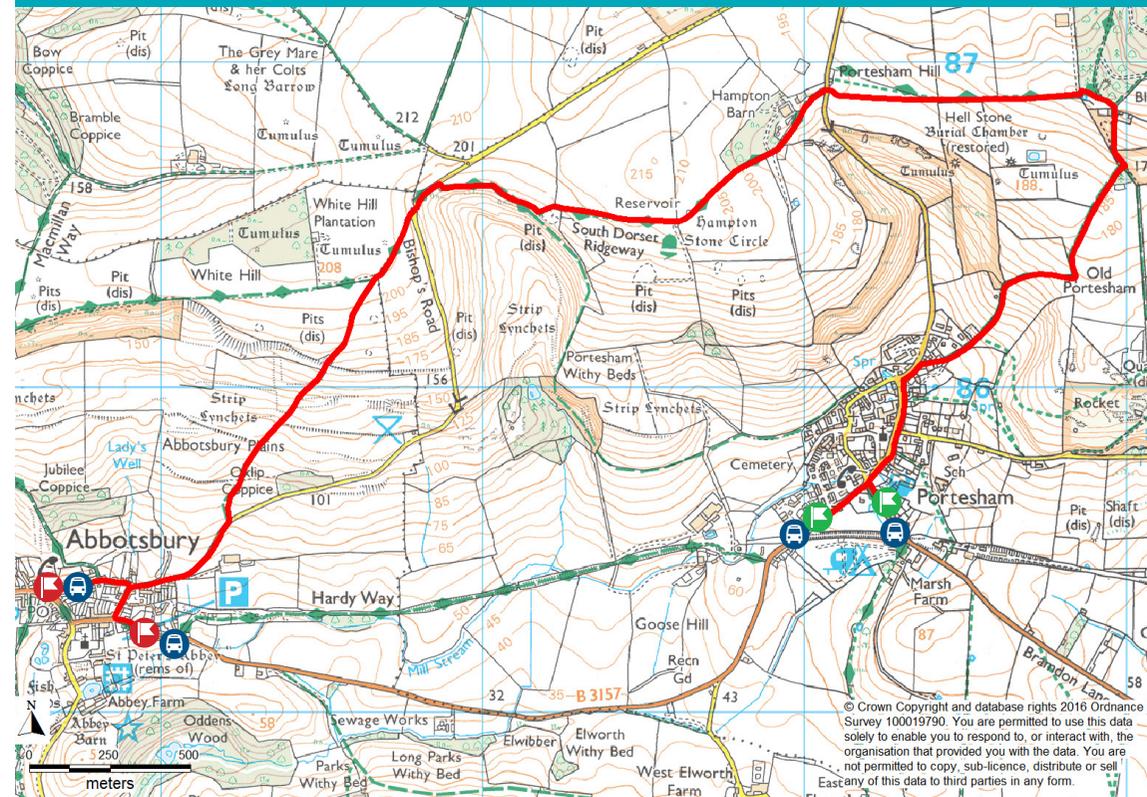


This walk can be made into a circular walk by taking the 1.8 mile Abbotsbury Walk, "Portesham by the Old Railway".

Portesham's chalk stream exposes the wealth of the ancient ridgeway – water and sarsen stones. While the fresh springs of water brought life Neolithic architects worked the sarsen stones into their culture, creating ritual stone circles and communal burial sites.

Walk Facts

Start point	Village Hall bus stop or Kings Arms bus stop, Portesham
Distance	3.8 miles / 6km
Walking Time	100 mins not including stops
Difficulty	Moderate



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