

## POOLE HARBOUR TRAILS

Our aim is to provide easily recognised cycling and walking routes around Poole Harbour. The walking route around the harbour is divided into 6 linear walks:

- Walk 1** Poole to Greenlands. (12 km 7½ mls)
- Walk 2** Greenlands to Purbeck Park, formerly Norden Park & Ride (11 km 7 mls)
- Walk 3** Purbeck Park, formerly Norden Park & Ride, to Wareham (12 km 7½ mls)
- Walk 4** Wareham Quay to Sandford (12 km 7½ mls)
- Walk 5b** temporary walk, Sandford to Turlin Moor (13.5 km 8½ mls)
- Walk 5** Sandford to Turlin Moor – next phase of Poole Harbour Trails project
- Walk 6** Turlin Moor to Poole Quay (11 km 7 mls)

The above walks can be found on [www.pooleharbourtrails.org.uk](http://www.pooleharbourtrails.org.uk). Each of the above linear walks is associated with several circular walks, Walk 1a, 1b etc. leading to local attractions or additional viewpoints, all of which can be found on the above web site.

### THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE

#### Respect other people

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Park carefully so access to gateways and driveways is clear
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Follow paths but give way to others where it's narrow

#### Protect the natural environment

- Leave no trace of your visit, take all your litter home
- Don't have BBQs or fires
- Keep dogs under effective control
- Dog poo - bag it and bin it

#### Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead, check what facilities are open, be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs and obey social distancing measures

### OPEN ACCESS LAND

Open Access is a right of access on foot. Riding bikes or horses (except on bridleways designated public rights of way), driving vehicles (except mobility vehicles), camping or feeding animals are not allowed. Dogs must be on a short, fixed lead up to 2 metres long near livestock and from 1 March until 31 July to protect nesting birds. Sometimes restrictions on access may be in place, please check details online.



### WALK 4b WAREHAM STATION AND WAREHAM FOREST



- **Start:** Wareham Station bus stop.
- **Ordnance survey map:** OL15 Start and finish grid reference: SY 920 882
- **Transport** (check current timetables):  
Wilts and Dorset bus: 40 Poole/Swanage.  
First Group:- X54, Weymouth/Poole via Wareham  
South West Trains: Poole, Bournemouth, Wareham stations.  
Car Parking: street parking near Wareham station.
- **Approximate distance:** 6 km (4 mls), allow 2½ hours.
- **Facilities en route:** refreshments in Wareham, toilets at Wareham station.
- **Nature of route:** woodland paths and heathland; some roads.
- **Special interest:** Wareham Forest used to be part of the harbour: note the small hills that used to be sand dunes.
- **Connecting trails:** Northport Greenway, Sika trail (small blue plaques), Purbeck Way.
- **Connecting harbour walks:** Walk 4 - Wareham Quay to Sandford; Walk 4a - Wareham Station and West Mills; Walk 4c - Wareham Quay, Rivers Frome and Piddle; Walk 4d – Wareham Quay and Wareham Walls.
- **Waymarks:**-the linear walks are now waymarked with small, green roundels but these may not give the correct directions for the circular walks.

1. Take the path on the opposite side of Bere Road to the bus stop. This is signed as a cycleway/footpath.

At a fork, go straight ahead out onto Northmoor Way. Continue along the road and when you see an opening on your right, turn right towards the main road. Turn left along the A351.

2. Pass over a bridge and bear left at the bus stop just before the Sandford sign.

Along the road, just past the last house on your left, take the narrow path through on your left onto the heath.

3. Go straight ahead into the woods and then follow a right hand bend. Bear left at forks twice to follow the better track. You come to a small open space where several paths meet. Take the good track on your right, heading NE. Soon turn left and bear left at the next fork.
4. Go through a gate on your left and continue gently uphill. Enjoy the view over Wareham Forest on your left. Keep on this good, sand and gravel track heading N and NW for just under a kilometre ignoring a grassy path on your left. Arrive at a T-junction.

Turn left. Soon you can see a good track below you on your right. Turn right from the track you are on to join it and turn left. Go on towards a bridge

5. Once over the bridge take the track on your right. You are now on the Sika Trail, indicated by wooden posts bearing small blue plaques. Soon after turn right at the next junction. Continue along this track and just before a gate and the start of the wooded area turn left off the main track. This path can be wet.

Follow this footpath for 0.5 km and turn left up the hill on a footpath.

6. At the narrow service road cross over to continue uphill. Continue straight ahead, up a gentle climb through the woods passing a bench on your right.

When you come to the main track, turn right towards the car park

7. Just before the car park, take the wide grassy path leading off to your left. Follow this track as it goes downhill and bears left, passing a bench on your left at a view point.

8. Just after the bench ignore the track coming in from the right, continue straight ahead.

When you come to a major cross track junction turn right.

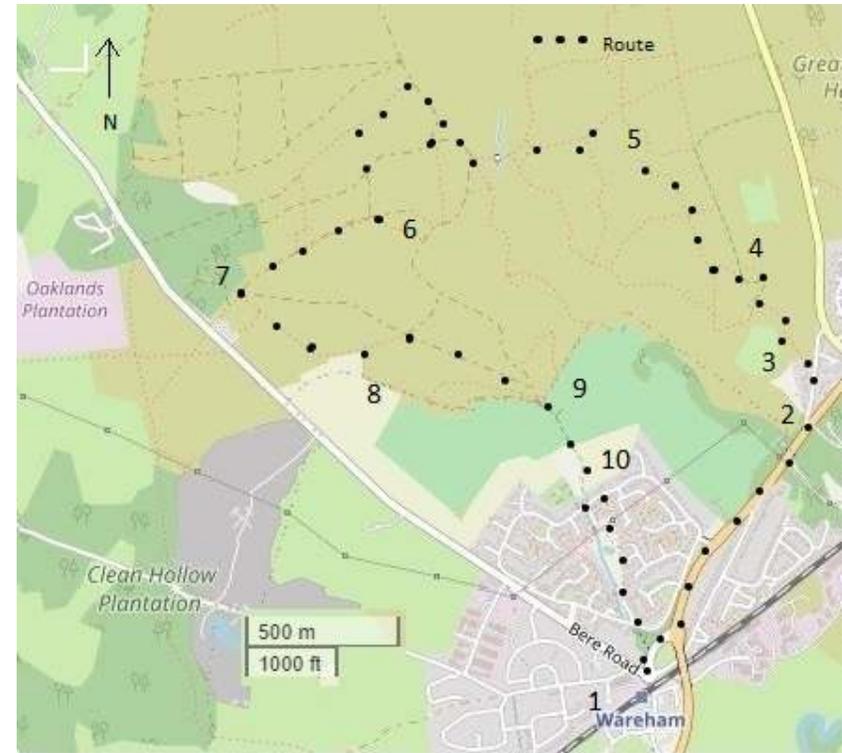
9. Once down the hill turn right at a T-junction and go straight ahead through the barrier into the golf course.

Pass through the golf course and out onto a road. Turn left.

10. Shortly turn right down a passageway between the houses following the blue pedestrian signs and keep straight ahead with the open green space on your right.

Bear left at the road then right onto a footpath through a wooded area.

Follow this around to the right to finally reach the station.



Walk 4b: Wareham Station and Wareham Forest

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