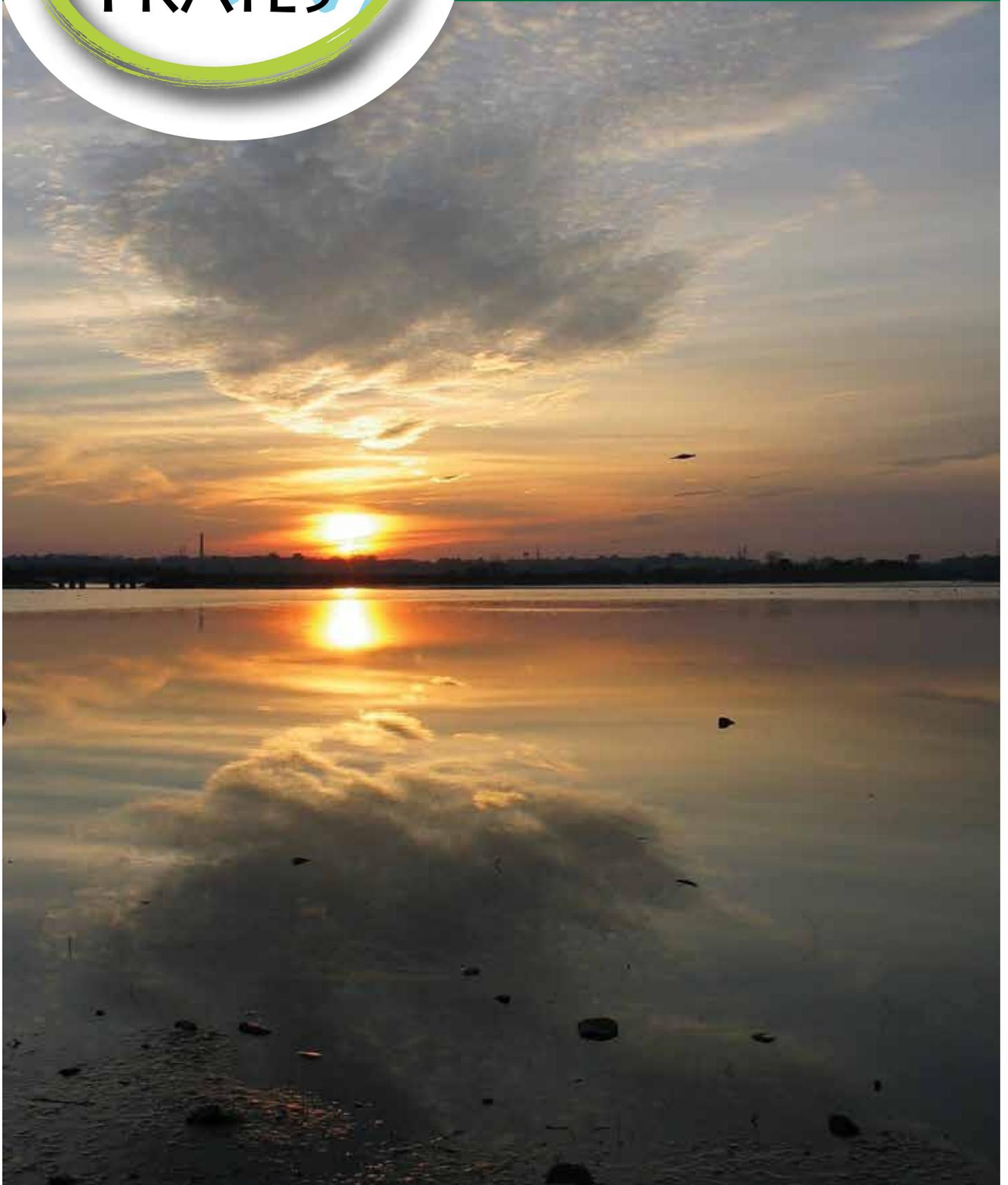




## WALK 6

TULIN MOOR  
TO POOLE QUAY



## LOCAL HISTORY

### GEOLOGY

Poole Harbour is one of Europe's largest natural harbours, formed from a band of gravel and clay behind the Purbeck chalk ridge. The Piddle and Frome rivers drain most of South Dorset into the harbour. Ham Common represents a mixture of the natural heathland once abundant across the whole area with plentiful supplies of easily mined ball clay.

### PEOPLE

The county of Dorset is named after the Celtic iron-using tribe that settled in it, the Dwr y Triges - people near the tidal water - or Durotriges as the Romans called them.

The Romans used Poole Harbour as a supply route for the invasion of Dorset, shipping men and equipment along the coast from Chichester via a fort at Hamworthy. Later tin was exported from here to Gaul via the Cherbourg peninsula. Smuggling long played a role in the area, with the most notorious raid being by the Hawkhurst gang, reclaiming tea and brandy impounded in the King's Cellars on Poole Quay, now Poole Museum.

The 1920s Poole Lifting Bridge and the 2012 Twin Sails Bridge are the latest two bridges between Poole and Hamworthy, formerly a toll-bridge, or a rowing ferry.

### INDUSTRY

After the Roman invasion, the port at Hamworthy seems to have been a hub for much trade. Purbeck stone was used in Roman times for roofing across Dorset, Wiltshire and Hampshire and Roman Purbeck marble mortaria (as in pestle and mortar) have been found

as far afield as Kent. Poole Pottery is famous for items from humble wall tiles to fancy bowls. Much industry and innovation have taken place in the area.

Lakes, such as the one on Ham Common, were created in the 19th Century when quarrying for clay for the pottery industry was undertaken.

### WAR

Flying boats were first seen in Poole in around 1918. During World War II, the flying boats relocated from Southampton, and there was a significant fuel depot for them in the area.

Vital wartime industry was undertaken, for instance at the Royal Naval Cordite Factory at Holton Heath, in the building of landing craft at the Dorset Yacht Company and at Bolson's Yard, now part of Sunseeker's on Hamworthy Quay.

During World War II, Round Island was requisitioned together with Lake Camp at Hamworthy, as HMS Turtle, a combined operations assault gunnery school, training troops for the D-Day landings.

Hamworthy became the centre for the Special Boat Squadron. They can often be seen exercising in the harbour, although their operational sorties are rather more secret.



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Ordnance survey map: OL15

**Grid reference:** Start - SY 980 915  
Finish - SZ 011 903

**Transport:** (check current timetables)

**More Bus:** 8, clockwise circular, Poole/Hamworthy/Turlin Moor.

**South West Trains:** Poole and Hamworthy stations.

**Car Parking:** side roads at Turlin Moor, town car parks in Poole.

**Approximate distance:** 11 km (7 miles), allow 4 hours.

**Facilities en route:** toilets in Upton Park, refreshments and toilets at Poole.

**Nature of route:** footpaths, tarmaced paths and roads. No stiles.

**Connecting trails:** Castleman Trailway at Upton Park.

**Note:** a compass would be useful.

The route given uses Open Access land, roads, footpaths and bridleways that are public rights of way. Please note that while walkers can use any of these, cyclists and horse-riders are permitted to use only the roads and bridleways.



## COUNTRYSIDE CODE

► **Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs.**

Check weather conditions and take adequate maps and equipment.

► **Leave gates and property as you find them.**

A gate may be open to give animals access to water, so leave gates as you find them and use access points provided.

► **Protect plants and animals and take your litter home.**

Don't touch animals and be careful not to leave a lighted match or a smouldering cigarette behind.

► **Keep dogs under close control.**

Your dog must not scare or disturb wild or farm animals. Pick up after your dog and dispose of the results responsibly.

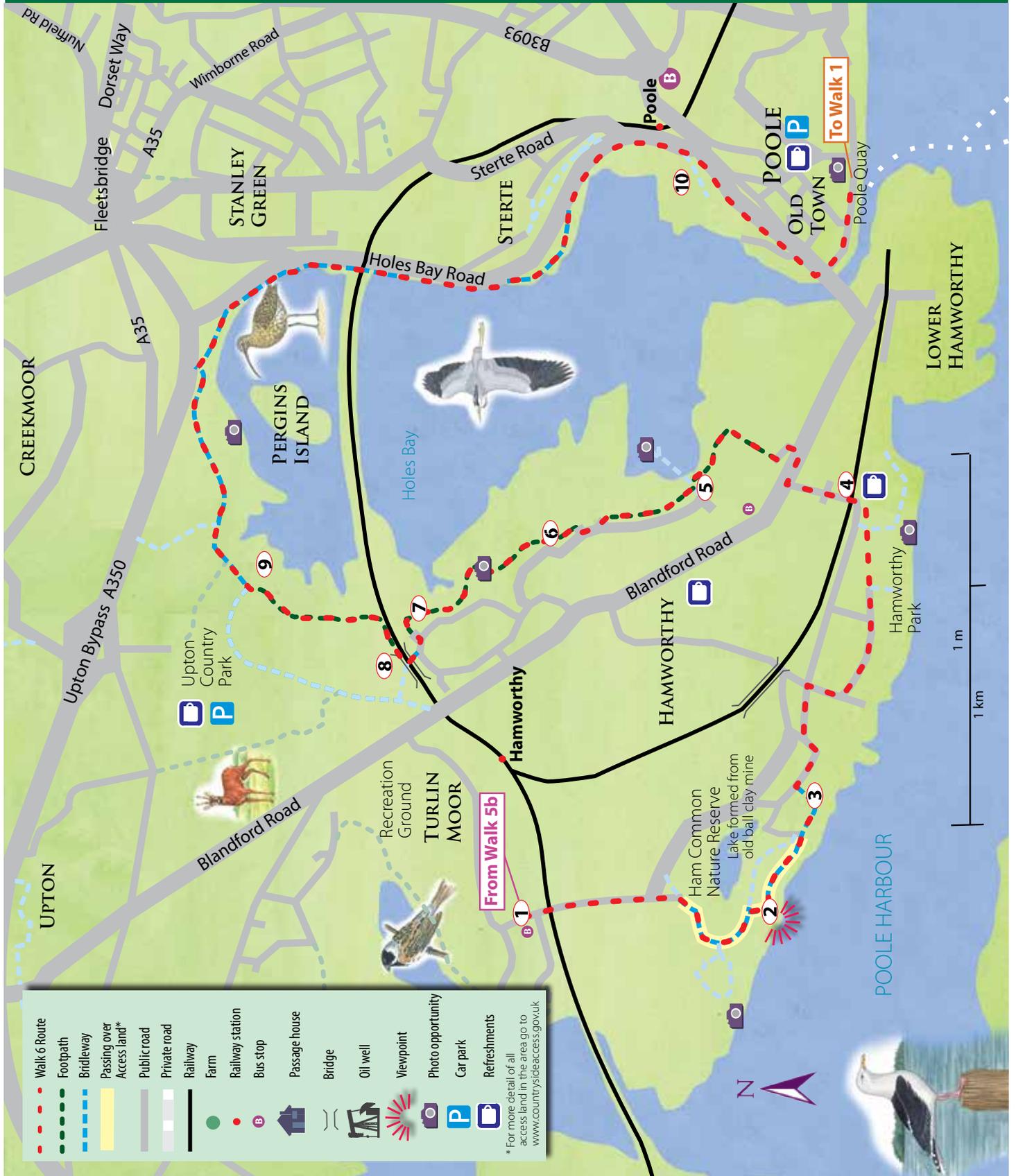
► **Consider other people.**

Share transport or use public transport where possible and don't block access.

## 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. Open Access is shown on our maps by pale yellow. Sometimes restrictions on access may be in place, please check details online or observe notices en route.

# WALK 6 ROUTE ~ TURLIN MOOR TO POOLE QUAY



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## ~ TURLIN MOOR TO POOLE QUAY

- 1 Take the number **8 More Bus** clockwise circular (Poole/Hamworthy/Turlin Moor) to its **Foreland Road** stop. Go over the railway footbridge and up to the road that serves the caravan park. Proceed through the gate opposite and onto **Ham Common**. Follow the track around to the right and to the cliff overlooking **Arne**, the **Wareham Channel** and **Ham beach**.



- 2 The track drops down onto the beach at some steps. Turn left along the beach to the car park. Go across the car park onto the beach on the other side.
- 3 Take a road between two houses to the left of the beach to join **Lake Drive** and turn right. Pass the marine base on your right, the road bears left, then turn right into **Lake Avenue**. After passing a walled complex turn right into **Lake Road**.

You will pass some old **Hamworthy** cottages on your left before turning left into **Branksea Avenue** and following through to come out into **Hamworthy Park**. (There is easy access to the harbour along a promenade here). Cross the park and head for the exit near the public conveniences. (By turning right, you could go along the beach for a few hundred metres instead).



**Flying Boats** ~ There was a Flying Boat Station at Hamworthy during the Second World War. Its support network, and six marine runways in Poole Harbour, made Poole a target for bombing.



- 4 Leave the park and go over the level crossing (near the car park) and on to the lights at the end of **Ashmore Avenue**. Turn right onto the **Blandford Road** and left at the traffic lights into **Blandford Close**. The road turns left and before the school entrance turn right onto a track alongside the football pitch up to the top corner of the tennis court. Turn left and follow the track along the back of the courts until you come out onto the water's edge. If too muddy or overgrown bypass by going back along **Blandford Road**, right down **Hinchcliffe Road** and left along footpath.
- 5 Turn left on the bridleway and right down the footpath between the houses and the harbour. Follow this through until you reach the boatyard and turn left up to the road. Turn right along the road and turn in a while into the boatyard. Take the left hand pathway just before the entrance to the boatyard. This turns right at the end of the boatyard buildings and leads on to open ground.



Egrets and black-headed gull in Poole Harbour

- 6 Head across the open ground towards the harbour and follow the pathways near to the shore around to the end near the railway embankment.
- 7 Turn left at the road between houses then right for a few metres before you go through a metal barrier on your right onto a footpath leading to an archway underneath the railway line.
- 8 Turn right at the gate in **Upton Country Park** and follow the track around as it winds its way alongside the embankment, over a long boardwalk and follow the footpath alongside the harbour.



Upton House

**Upton Country Park** ~ Upton House is a late Georgian Grade 2 Listed Building situated within Upton Country Park. It was built by Poole merchants of the Newfoundland trade. Part of a Roman road, which connected Hamworthy and Corfe Mullen, runs through the estate and there is evidence of an old pottery. The estate was given to the Borough of Poole in 1957 by the Llewelin family.

**Civil War** ~ Poole supported the Roundheads and successfully defended the town with the help of the town ditch and barricade that was situated near the Hungerford Bridge between the railway and the old town.



Holes Bay

- 9 Continue to the gate and join the pathway that runs alongside **Holes Bay**.
- 10 When you arrive in **Poole** bear right, keeping **Asda** on your right to go down **West Quay Road** on to **Poole Quay**.

**Poole Town Bridge** ~ The first bridge from Poole to Hamworthy was built by William Ponsonby, the local MP, in 1834. It was a wooden toll bridge that was too steep, causing difficulties for horses. It was replaced in 1885 by a flatter iron swing bridge. In 1927 the Poole Lifting Bridge was opened and another crossing, the Twin Sails Bridge was opened in 2012.



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# POOLE HARBOUR

Purbeck and the Isle of Wight were once joined, Old Harry and the Needles having much in common. The rivers Frome and Piddle join at Wareham, and drain much of Dorset. Originally, these joined the Stour and the Avon at Christchurch with all these joining the Hamble to break out into the Channel through Spithead, east of the Isle of Wight. Since the end of the last Ice Age, about 12,000 years ago, the sea level has risen dramatically. The sea eventually broke through the chalk ridge, flooding the river valleys and dividing off the Isle of Wight.



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## POOLE HARBOUR TRAILS LEAFLET SERIES

**WALK 1** - Poole to Greenlands - 12 km (7.5 miles).

**WALK 2** - Greenlands to Norden Park-and-Ride - 11 km (7 miles).

**WALK 3** - Norden Park-and-Ride to Wareham - 12 km (7.5 miles).

**WALK 4** - Wareham Quay to Sandford - 12 km (7.5 miles).

**WALK 5b** - Sandford to Turlin Moor - 13.5 km (8.5 miles).

**WALK 6** - Turlin Moor to Poole Quay - 11 km (7 miles).

Other connecting routes can be found on our website.

Check your nearest Tourist Information Centre for information on other local walks.



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