

Walk title/location	Higher Bockhampton
Why this walk is a favourite	A walk around Higher Bockhampton and through Puddletown offers a gentle journey through Thomas Hardy country, with tranquil lanes and wooded paths steeped in literary history. Starting near Hardy's Cottage, the route weaves through Thorncombe Wood before descending into the charming village of Puddletown. Along the way, you'll pass open farmland, ancient hedgerows, and quiet streams, with chances to spot local wildlife. It's a peaceful, varied walk that combines natural beauty with cultural significance.
Start and finish points	SY 72521 92143 DT2 8QH
Distance in miles	6.7
Key viewpoints	There is an opportunity to visit Hardy's cottage (book in advance) and there is also a visitor centre and café.
Parking/public transport	Visitor centre car park
Level	Moderate
Accessibility	No stiles.
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