

Dorset Area of the Ramblers: Favourite Walks

Title of walk	Kingston Maurward, Stinsford and Puddletown Forest. 7-10 mile
Why this walk is a favourite	Thomas Hardy interest. The forest plus riverside walk at Stanford
Linear or circular walk	circular
Start and finish point(s)	Kingston Maurward visitor centre DT2 8PX SY716910
Distance in miles	7-10 mile depending on how far one walks in the forest
Key viewpoints	
Parking/public transport	Park near visitor centre at Kingston Maurward, where there is a shop and café. Obviously the carpark is for customers so it's important to use these
Level Easy/Moderate/Hard	Moderate
Accessibility	Not suitable for wheelchairs in the Forest.
Map or brief description	Walk from Kingston Maurward to Stinsford, (Hardy's heart buried here and he worked as architect on the church) then along river to Lower Bockhampton , then over river bridge and along fields to Norris Mill, cross the road and across a field to Puddletown Forest. Visit Rushy Pool, Hardy Cottage where he was born, Roman roads, Rain Barrows etc, then walk back from visitor centre at the Forest to Kingston Maurward and through paddocks to carpark.