

Village Links in Action

A Series of walks through Nether Stowey and neighbouring parishes

From Holford over Woodlands Hill to Nether Stowey

5. Follow this path for about 1km through a wood. If very muddy in parts, a secondary path among the trees can be used.
6. Turn left when you reach Five Lords, the old coach road, and walk downhill until the road turns sharply left. This is the site of Walford's Gibbet, where a young John Walford was hanged for murder in 1789. Here go through the gate ahead and follow the direction of the finger post of the Quantock Greenway sign, over the brow of the hill (note old workings from a copper mine) where you will see the next gate below you in the right hand hedge.
7. Go through the gate and turn right down the hill. At the bottom turn left by Broomsquires Cottage, way-marked to Nether Stowey. Follow this path, known as Watery Lane, through to Bincombe Combe.
8. At the road turn left, then right at the next junction and up Castle Hill. At the top you can make a detour over the stile on the left and round the Castle Mound. Then continue down Castle Hill back to the Cross at the centre of Nether Stowey.

The details of this walk were correct at the time of publication but may be subject to minor changes particularly when walking over open ground or farmland. If you do have any problems or feel the directions could be clearer, please contact:-

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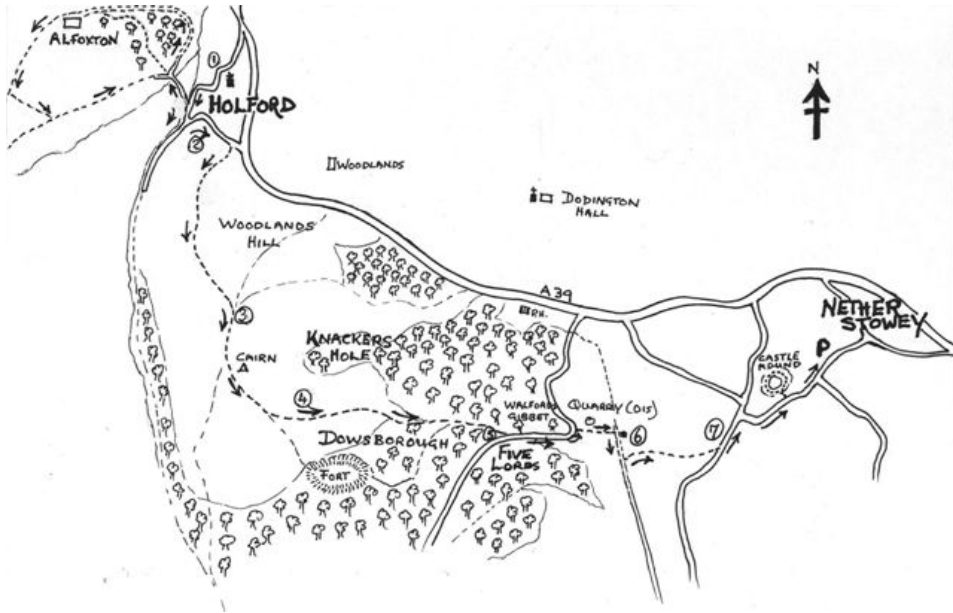


View from Walford's Gibbet

Length: 3.9 miles or 6.3 kms

Start: Castle Street, Nether Stowey. GR 187396

Map: OS Explorer 140—Quantock Hills & Bridgwater



This is a linear walk using public transport for the outward journey. Allow two and a half hours. The walk is suitable for most weather conditions, but some paths can be muddy, so stout footwear is essential.

1. Catch bus 14 from Castle Street, Nether Stowey. (Check times beforehand from bus stop). Five minutes ride to Holford Phone Box.
2. Walk down lane immediately to the right of the Plough Inn for about 5 minutes. **Either** continue as far as the Silk Mill signpost. **Or** take an interesting detour, which can be a bit slippery in wet weather, by taking the path marked on the right just past The Dye House, over the bridge and up the other side to join the drive way to Alfoxton (once rented by the Wordsworths, now an hotel). Turn left, and left again at the Dog Pound with its plaque, and continue along the lane skirting Holford Bowling Green to the Silk Mill signpost. (The mill was in the Combe, its wheel driven by the stream).
3. Continue along the lane towards Holford Combe for a few metres, and then bear left at The Triangle signpost along the old road to Stowey. Before reaching the A39 turn right on to Woodlands Hill, closing the gate to keep sheep and deer off the road.
4. Walk up through the wood, passing a standing pool on the left, until you reach open heathland. Bear right at the next fork, and continue up the hill past a cairn of stones, with the top of Dowsborough (also known as Danesborough) in view ahead. At a crossing of pathways marked with a Quantock Greenway signpost, turn left.