

17. Carefully cross the A39 and take farm road directly opposite to New Stowey Farm.
18. Go right alongside the farm keeping the hedge on your right over a stile, through a gate and over a second stile.

NB. This area can be very muddy in wet weather and you may need Wellingtons to get through it.

19. Follow path alongside houses to gate on to lane at end.
20. Turn right along South Lane crossing junctions to Banneson Road and Wilson's Close.
21. Shortly after this take marked footpath on left and follow it to the end.
22. Go diagonally right and slightly uphill across field to iron kissing gate.
23. Go through gate and across road on to Nether Stowey Castle
24. On the far side of the castle from where you entered go down between the last bungalow and the pine tree
25. Go down over stile and steps and into Butcher's lane.
26. Go right up the lane and down the other side to join Castle Hill.
27. Turn left down Castle Street back to car park.

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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Village Links in Action

A series of walks through Nether Stowey and neighbouring parishes

Nether Stowey Circular

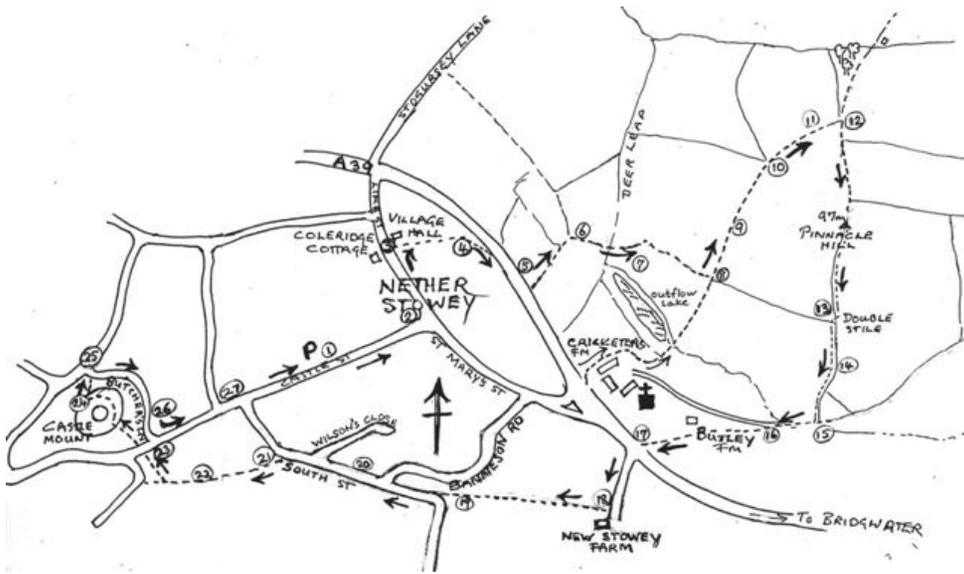


Length: Approx 3.5 miles

Time: About 2 hours

Start: Village Car Park (free) Grid Ref: ST 191396

Map: Explorer 140—Quantock Hills and Bridgwater



Starting from the centre of the village, this route makes a complete circuit of Nether Stowey with views over the village and the surrounding countryside and coast across to South Wales. Ascents and descents are fairly gentle and the going underfoot generally good although some parts can be muddy in wet weather. These are noted in the text. The walk as a whole is unsuitable for wheelchairs there are sections where buggies could be used in dry weather.

The main A39 is crossed twice and great care needs to be taken with this busy road.

1. Leave the car park and turn left down Castle Street.
2. At the Cross turn left up Lime Street.
3. Just past Coleridge Cottage go up slope on right past the Village hall and on to the grass verge of the busy A39.
4. Bear diagonally right to cross the road opposite the 'Cricketer' sign and marked footpath. Extreme care needs to be taken here.
5. Enter field by stile and follow hedge on left to field entrance at top.

6. Go right keeping hedge on right to stile in corner of field.
7. (Note on Cricketer Dairy and outflow lake on right)
8. Go over stile keeping hedge on left and over the double stile onto the farm track.
9. Go left following track up hill to the 'T' junction at the top.
10. Turn right and continue on track to next 'T' junction.
11. You now begin to get views across the Severn Estuary to South Wales and towards Burnham on Sea plus views to the River Parrett and Bridgwater.
12. Turn right and cross the stile on to Pinnacle Hill.

NB. This is a permissive access area so please take note of the notice board on entry to the field.

For the best views go diagonally to the top of the hill.

Looking north you can see the coastline of South Wales as well as Hinkley Point power stations and Flat Holme and Steep Holme islands.

Other points of interest are Glastonbury Tor and the Mendip Hills to the north east, the Quantock Hills with Dowsborough Fort to the south west. You can also see the churches in Nether Stowey, Over Stowey and Stogursey. Other points on this walk including Nether Stowey Castle are also visible from this point.

13. Dropping down from the brow of the hill and keeping the hedge on your left go to the double stile at the bottom corner of the field.
14. Over the stile go right, downhill, with the hedge on your right down to the farm track at the bottom.
15. Turn right and then almost immediately go over stile on your left.
16. In a further 50 yards cross the stile on your right and follow the field headland around keeping the hedge on your right past farm buildings round a 90 degree bend and continue to the farm road leading to the A39