

# PWM17 Sherborne Park, Burford

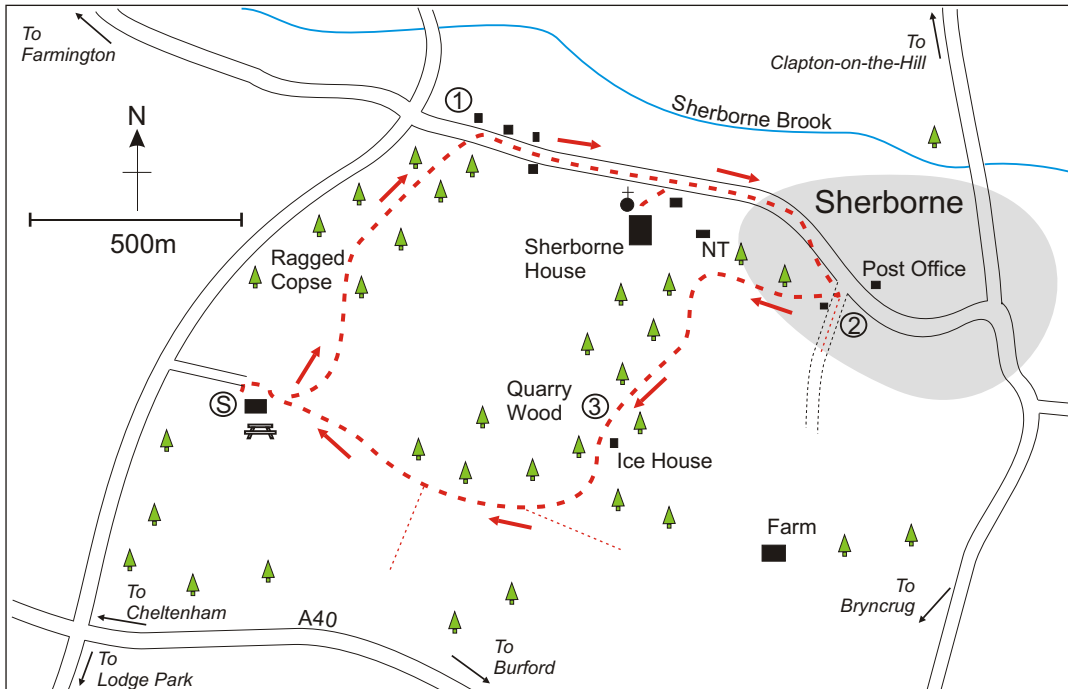


## Outline Information

Distance: 2.75 miles (4.4km)  
Time: 1 hour 30 minutes  
Grade: Easy  
Map: OS Explorer OL45  
Grid Ref: 158143

A perfect pushchair walk along broad woodland and field paths and quiet country roads. The route takes you through the tranquil Sherborne Estate with fine views of Sherborne House and Church and with a number of sculptures hidden within the woodland.

Sherborne Estate comprises of six tenant farms, a 17<sup>th</sup> Century Grandstand (Lodge Park) and the village of Sherborne. Sherborne House itself is a Grade II listed country mansion and was once the residence of Lord Sherborne. The estate was bequeathed to the National Trust in 1983 by Charles Dutton, 7<sup>th</sup> Lord of Sherborne.



## Getting there

From the A40 west of Burford and take the turning to Sherborne opposite the turning for NT Lodge Park. Drive along the road and take the next right to Ewe Pen Barn Car Park. The car park is down the lane on the right. Honesty box payment.

**S.** Leave the car park via the exit, turn right and walk along the lane with the farm buildings on your right. When you reach the end of the buildings don't follow the lane to the right but continue ahead onto a grass path marked with a purple arrow. This path takes you around the edge of the field. *There are lovely views of Sherborne House and Church across the fields to your right.*

The path heads down into woodland (Ragged Copse). *There is a sculpture of a shepherd and his dog at the entrance to the woodland.* The path takes you down through a small clearing where there is a second sculpture and some benches. At the next junction follow the main path to the left and follow this down to a road.

**1.** Cross the road, turn right and walk along the pavement towards the village of Sherborne. The road takes you past Bourton Lodge and the entrance to Sherborne House.

*There are glimpses of Sherborne House through the trees on your right. To your left is the Sherborne Brook which is a protected area. However, it is often possible to see Herons, Swans and a variety of ducks in the reeds and on the water.*

It is possible to visit Sherborne Church. To do this turn right up a steep path (signposted To Church), go through the gate and follow the path to the right with the old stables to your left. Once you have seen the church return to the road along the same route.

**2.** Continue along the pavement until you reach the war memorial just before the village. *There is a post office and village stores on the left just beyond the war memorial.*

Turn right at the war memorial, do not go up the lane but turn right again to pass through a doorway to the right of the telephone box (purple arrow). Follow the path back into woodland (Pleasure Grounds). The path continues with fields to your left and views of Sherborne House and grounds to your right. Go up the hill and past a sculpture on your right. Once past the sculpture turn right, next to a bench, back into the woods (purple & blue arrow). Go right at the fork in the path and stay on the main path following the purple and blue arrows. You will soon come to a clearing with a bench enclosing a tree on your right. Continue to a junction where you turn right and up to a gate.

**3.** Go through the gate and then you will see the Ice House on your left. *The Ice House was built before 1820. Ice was collected from a local pond and delivered here by horse and wagon. The cool environment allowed the ice to be stored for a longer period enabling the owners of the house to use it in the preparation and storage of luxury foods.*

Follow the marked path up to a further gate and back into woodland (Quarry Wood). Go through the woods and up to another gate with a bench alongside. Once through this turn right and walk along the field track with the estate wall to your right. Continue straight ahead at the junction in the track and this takes you back towards the farm and car park. Go through the gate before the buildings and then through a small gate to the right. Follow the lane to the car park.

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