

Abbas & Templecombe Circular Walk

The Full Circle will take 4 to 5 hours. You can of course join or leave the route at various places ([indicated in Blue](#)).

To follow the route by map use: - Ordnance Survey Explorer 129
1:25 000 Scale

PLEASE FOLLOW THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE

- Be safe - plan ahead & follow any signs.
- Leave gates & property as you find them.
- Protect plants & animals, take your litter home.
- Keep dogs under close control.
- Consider other people.
- Take extra care when crossing Railway Tracks

STOP- LOOK & LISTEN

A “ Guide to Public rights of way” is available from: -
Somerset County Council Tel: - 0845 3459155



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NOTES

Please remember that although you have the right to walk on Public Rights of Way the land you cross often belongs to the Farming community. For farmers the fields are a food production area. Please treat them as such.

For most footpaths and tracks you need to be able to cross stiles and open & close heavy gates.

Good footwear and a drink are a good idea.

Please report any problem areas to the parish council on 01963 370527.

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Circular Walk Part 1

St Mary's Church to Bowden Road (1 Hour)

Start by walking down Lily Lane opposite the Church



Continue to the end of Lily Lane



Through the gate into fields



Straight on through the Bristol Gate



After about 100 Yards turn left to cross the railway bridge



Follow the Yellow arrows all the way up to Bowden Lane beside Newleaze Farm



Have a look over your shoulder on the way up for views to Alfreds Tower.

If you turn left the road will take you back to Bowden Road Templecombe.

To continue the walk turn left then right (sign for Yenston).

Circular Walk Part 2

Bowden Road to Yenston (1 Hour 30 M)

Crossing Bowden Lane heading towards Templecombe 100 yards on, take the footpath on the right signed to Yenston



Walk diagonally left across the field towards the gap



Then head for the woods but **DO NOT** go straight on through the gate but instead follow the edge of the woods to the L/H corner



In the corner you will find a stile making a short excursion into “Martins Copse”



Again follow the hedge on the side of the copse for a further two stiles and a second excursion into the copse. Further along the hedge turn right over the stile beside a gate



Follow the yellow arrows through a further stile and up onto Windmill Hill



From the top of the hill make for the gate leading to a track, towards the farm buildings



Through another gate then, half way down the track, turn diagonally left to the corner of the field passing the power line pole



Proceed carefully through the large gate and out onto the main A357



Turn left to return to Templecombe High Street.

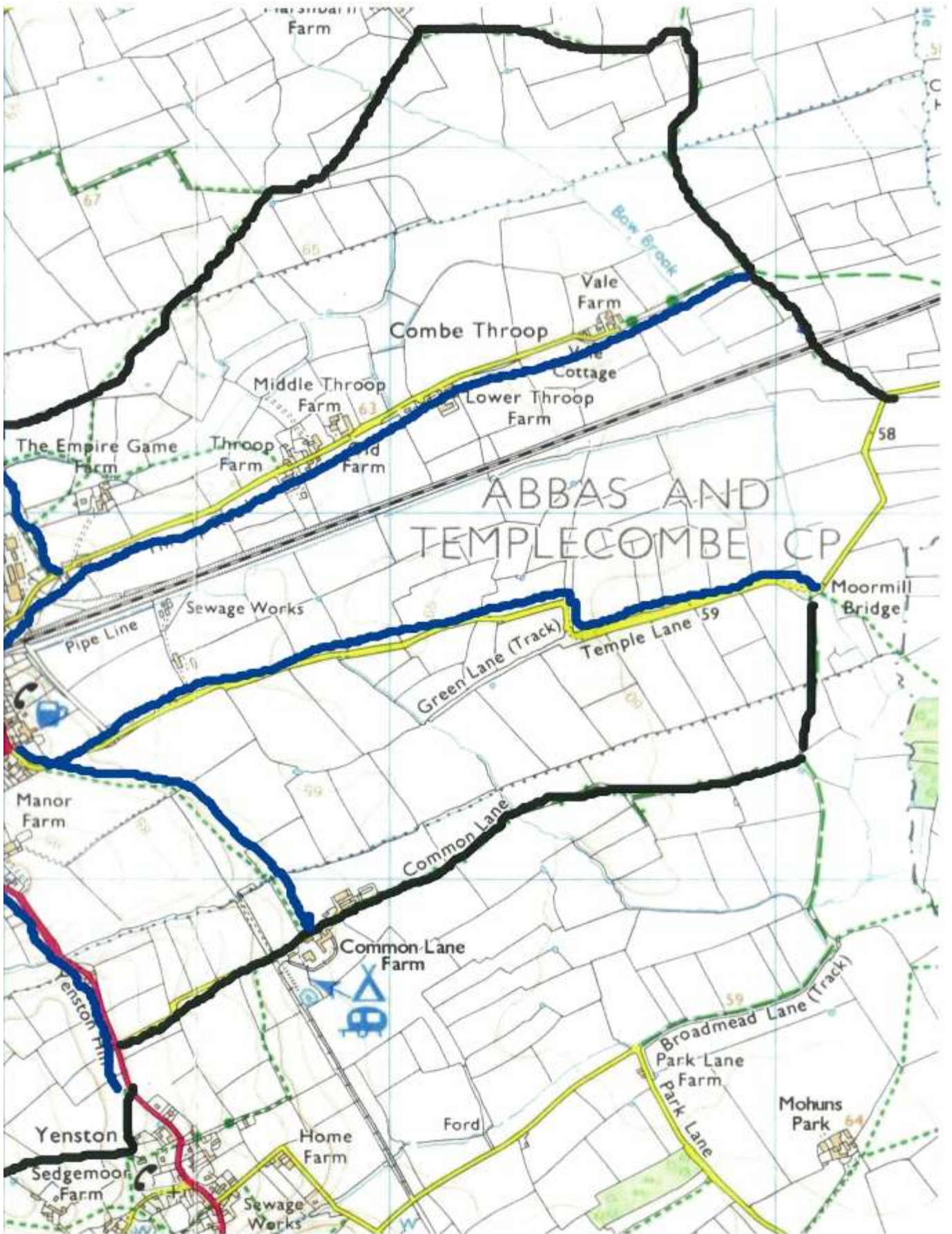
To continue the walk (part 3) turn left then right down Common Lane.



Joining Routes Circular Walk

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Circular Walk Part 3

Yenston to Temple Lane (1 Hour)

Proceed down Common Lane



From opposite Gartell Railway a footpath takes you back to Templecombe East Street (follow the yellow and white arrows)



Continue down Common Lane



At the end of the track, enter the field and head for the left hand corner



Where you will find a gate



Through the gate and straight on through another gate until you come to Moormill Bridge on Temple Lane



Turn left and Temple Lane will lead back to Templecombe via East Street.

To continue the walk turn right and follow Temple Lane for about ½ mile where you enter fields via a stile on the left hand side of the road.

Circular Walk Part 4

Temple Lane to Slades Hill (2 Hrs)

Enter field from the stile by the Telephone junction box



Cross the field to the Railway Level Crossing **OBEY THE SIGNS** and cross the track



Follow the “boardwalk “, crossing the stile, keep to the left of the field. Through the gate and you join a Bridle path indicated by Blue arrows. Continue straight on



If you turn left through two gates it leads through to Throop Road and back to Templecombe.

Follow the bridle way across two fields. You cross diagonally right in the third field, through the gate followed by two small fields and gates. At this point you leave the bridle path by turning LEFT a yellow arrow can be seen on a left post just through the gate.



Go through the gate **on the right** of the two gates in front of you. Yellow arrows can again be seen. Head towards the farm buildings that can now be seen (Marshbarn Farm) Aim for the right hand hedge where eventually a path is found



At the Farm take the second gate on the LEFT again well marked with arrows. **Go in the direction of the arrows even though there appears to be no exit.** In the hedge you will find a bridge and stile.



Follow the direction of the yellow arrows carefully. Again the stiles are hidden until you are close to them. When you reach two stiles take the **LEFT** one or use the gate further along the hedge.



Templecombe should soon be in sight. The arrow in the corner of the field beside the entrance to the game farm is in **WHITE** indicating a permissive path. This will lead you to a bridge and eventually the High Street near Slades Farm



Just before this gate on the left is a track leading to Throop Lane



Upon reaching the High Street **TURN LEFT** for the Church and under the bridge for the **TEMPLARS RETREAT** public house

THE WALK IS NOW COMPLETED

In spring and early summer cows with calves can be very dangerous!

Farmers would usually prefer you to detour around the field containing cows and calves and join the path further on.

If you are accompanied by a dog the cattle will become extremely agitated.

If a dog wanders off out of sight and does not come when called, then it should be walked on a lead.



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