

## **Circular Walk from Kingston, near Corfe Castle – duration is approx. 3 hours**

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Start at Kingston car park about 1 1/2 miles south of Corfe Castle. Turn off B3069 at Kingston, by Scott Arms, fork right in front of church, car park about 1/4 mile down lane on left. Start walk by turning left out of main car park entrance onto lane you arrived on. Lane then leaves woods and you fork left by sign to Encombe Farm - track goes between gate pillars, but immediately turning to gate on right. Follow the track across a field, forking right and reaching gate. Keep forward on track, with wall and belt of trees on right. At stile bear sharp right [in front of stile] follow track along top edge of hillside [sign posted to Kimmeridge], with fence on left. After a little over a mile the track descends to road - turn left at road junction take signposted stile for Kimmeridge church. Path descends to churchyard.

Beyond church, go forward on road through village about a mile to the sea fork left by houses, then take track on right about 50 yards on [signposted Toilets]. Where track bends left, take path straight ahead, reaching coast and turn left on coast path, down steps, then up steps past the tower. Walk along cliff top path. About 3 miles on coast path makes a major ascent to Hounstout Cliff, with undercliff down to right. Turn left at top by stone seat, over stile, leaving coast path. Follow path by wall along top of ridge.

After a mile, enter woods, passing house on right, turn right at T-junction, avoiding immediate right turn [private road] but, just after, taking right-hand of three tracks signposted Kingston. Opposite signpost to Hounstout turn left back into car park.

Nice Pub at Kingston and a tea room in Kimmeridge [or at least used to be!]