

WALK 6 ROUTE ~ TURLIN MOOR TO POOLE QUAY



1 Take the number 9 Wilts and Dorset bus (Poole/Hamworthy/Turlin Moor) to its Foreland Road terminus.

Go over the railway footbridge and up to the road that serves the caravan park. Proceed through the gate opposite and onto **Ham Common**. Follow the track around to the right and to the cliff overlooking **Arne**, the **Wareham Channel** and **Ham beach**.



2 The track drops down onto the beach at some steps. Turn left along the beach to the car park. Go across the car park onto the beach on the other side.

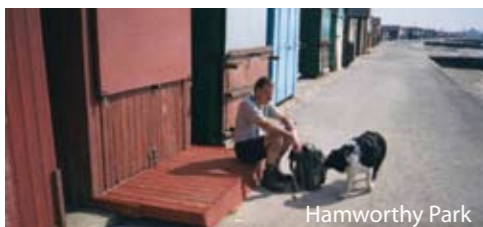


Ham Beach

Flying Boats ~ There was a Flying Boat Station at Hamworthy during the Second World War. Its support network, and six marine runways in Poole Harbour, made Poole a target for bombing.

3 Take a road between two houses to the left of the beach to join **Lake Drive** and turn right.

Pass the marine base on your right, the road bears left, then turn right into **Lake Avenue**. After passing a walled complex turn right into **Lake Road**. You will pass some old **Hamworthy** cottages on your left before turning left into **Branksea Avenue** and following through to come out into **Hamworthy Park**. (There is easy access to the harbour along a promenade here). Cross the park and head for the exit near the public conveniences. (By turning right, you could go along the beach for a few hundred metres instead).



Hamworthy Park



4 Leave the park and go over the level crossing (near the car park) and on to the lights at the end of **Ashmore Avenue**. Turn right onto the **Blandford Road** and left at the traffic lights into **Blandford Close**. The road turns left and before the school entrance turn right onto a track alongside the football pitch up to the top corner of the tennis court. Turn left

and follow the track along the back of the courts until you come out onto the water's edge.

5 Turn left on the bridleway and right down the footpath between the houses and the harbour. Follow this through until you reach the boatyard and turn left up to the road. Turn right along the road and turn

in a while into the boatyard. Take the left hand pathway just before the entrance to the boatyard.

This turns right at the end of the boatyard buildings and leads on to open ground.



Egret in Poole Harbour

6 Head across the open ground towards the harbour and follow the pathways near to the shore around to the end near the railway embankment.

7 Turn left at the road between houses then right for a few metres before you go through a metal barrier on your right onto a footpath leading to an archway underneath the railway line.

8 Turn right at the gate in **Upton Country Park** and follow the track around as it winds its way alongside the embankment, over a long boardwalk and follow the footpath alongside the harbour.



Upton House

Upton Country Park ~ Upton House is a late Georgian Grade 2 Listed Building situated within Upton Country Park. It was built by Poole merchants of the Newfoundland trade. Part of a Roman road, which connected Hamworthy and Corfe Mullen, runs through the estate and there is evidence of an old pottery. The estate was given to the Borough of Poole in 1957 by the Llewelin family.

9 Continue to the gate and join the pathway that runs alongside **Holes Bay**.



Holes Bay

Civil War ~ Poole supported the Roundheads and successfully defended the town with the help of the town ditch and barricade that was situated near the Hungerford Bridge between the railway and the old town.

10 When you arrive in **Poole** bear right, keeping **Asda** on your right to go down **West Quay Road** on to **Poole Quay**.

Poole Town Bridge ~ The first bridge from Poole to Hamworthy was built by William Ponsonby, the local MP, in 1834. It was a wooden toll bridge that was too steep, causing difficulties for horses. It was replaced in 1885 by a flatter iron bridge which was purchased by the Council in 1926. In 1927 the present bridge was opened. A fourth crossing is anticipated soon.

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