



Key

- Route of walk
- P Car park
- Site of historic interest
- ☕ Pub

Information



Wherever you see this symbol you have 'open access' which means you can walk freely and don't need to stick to paths

If you're on access land you need to keep your dog on a lead from the 1 March to 31 July to protect ground-nesting birds

- ➔ Footpath
- ➔ Bridleway
- ➔ Byway
- National trail

Countryside Code

- **Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs.**
- **Leave gates and property as you find them.**
- **Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home.**
- **Keep dogs under close control.**
- **Consider other people**



An historic landscape walk, with various options, through woods, lakes, and castles. The walk takes in footpaths, a recreational trail and Forestry Commission permissive land.

- A** Starting from Tisbury rail station* (Exeter - London Waterloo main line), cross the River Nadder and go west on footpath along south side of Tisbury (one of King Alfred's royal burghs). Pass earthworks of the medieval village of Wyck along south facing slopes overlooking the River Nadder to East Hatch. You can take a small diversion to see old chapel now used occasionally for art exhibitions as part of Wylde Valley Art Trail. Go to West Hatch picking up the Wessex Ridgeway path then cross the River Nadder to pass New Wardour Castle now converted into flats, with a Catholic church and set in ornamental landscape grounds. Carry on to Old Wardour Castle (under English Heritage guardianship) with good ruins, grotto and banqueting house.

- C** *You can take a short cut and drive to Old Wardour Castle and park in the English Heritage car park.

- D** Walk past the lake and alongside woods with excellent views over parkland to New Wardour Castle, through pastures and between ornamental ponds into Park Copse Wood (good place to collect sweet chestnuts). Enter the village of Donhead St Andrew - food and drink are served at the "Forester Inn" (beer garden in summer, log fire in winter).

Return: go back to Park Copse to pick up Forestry Commission permissive access around Horwood Pond and South Hill copse to return to Old Wardour castle through historic arch gateway.

- D - B** There are plenty of other options for the return walk to Tisbury. You can go through Donhead St Andrew village to Ricketts Mill and through fields to Park Gate Farm, Westfield farm, up to New Wardour castle/Old Wardour castle and from New Wardour castle along Nightingale lane and back to Tisbury across fields on higher ground; or back through east hatch and Wyck; or from Old Wardour Castle towards Ansty to cross Old Park Pale (deer park boundary) then a choice of paths to get back to Tisbury.

For information on access in **England:** www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk
Wales: www.ccw.gov.uk and **Scotland:** www.outdooraccess-scotland.com

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