



Public House Walks

The Crown Hotel

BLANDFORD



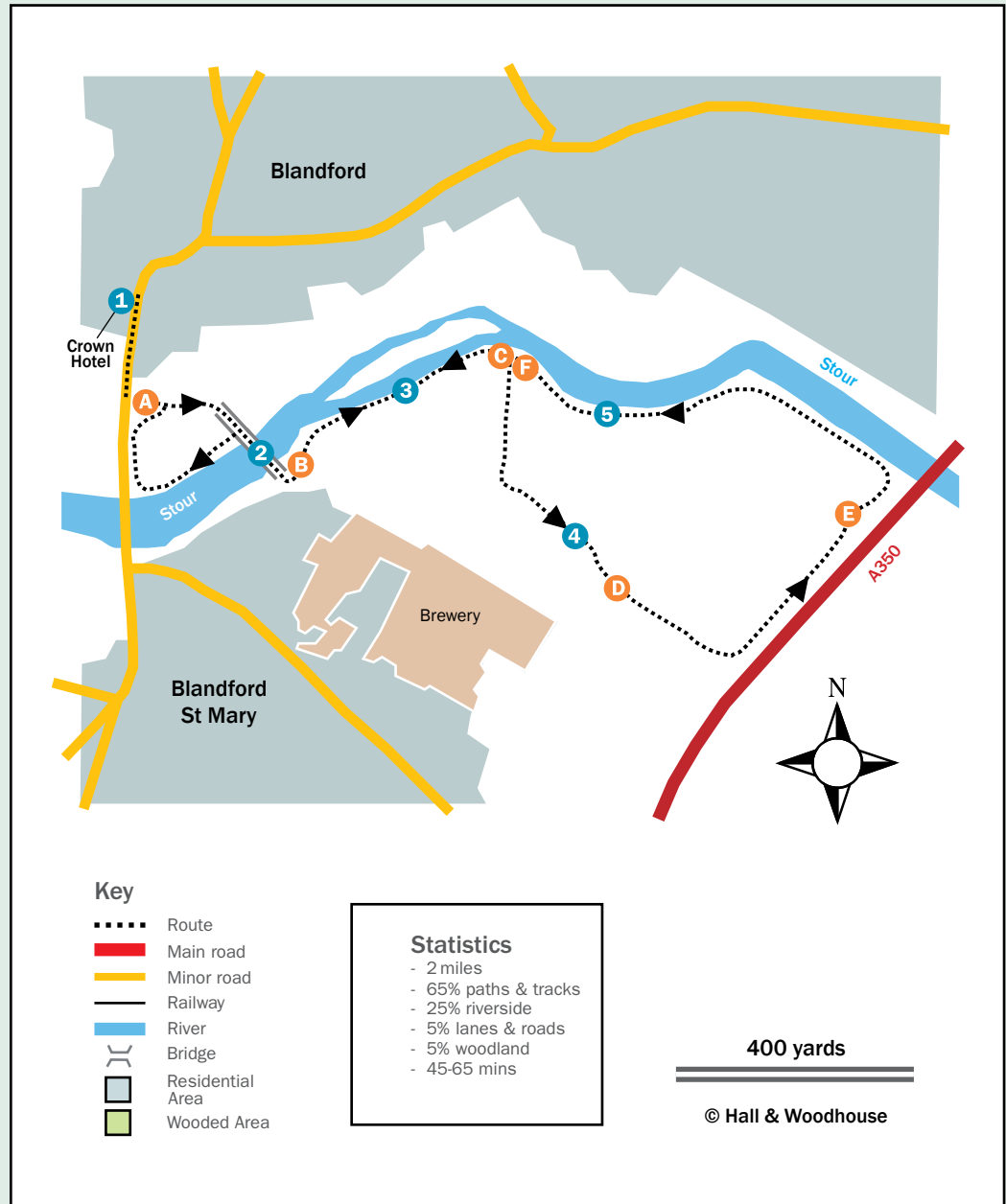
"A delightful walk exploring the Stour water meadows. Level and easy under foot, this gentle ramble has a year round appeal."

2 miles

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1 From front entrance of hotel, cross the road with care, turn right and walk along pavement. After 160 yards, turn left into car park entrance.

Keeping close to brick and flint wall on the right, walk

A ahead for 80 yards (see assist). Head up short ramp then bear right and **2** cross blue metal Stour bridge for 150 yards.

Turn left and bear left at **B** fork 15 yards ahead (see assist). Follow path down on to water meadows and **3** continue ahead with river to left.

After 370 yards, with **C** footbridge at 11 o'clock, turn right (see assist) and continue along tarmac path. Follow (with brewery in the distance) for 180 yards and path curves to the left.

4 Continue, ignoring path to right. 180 yards ahead, as path curves to right, bear left then ahead on to **D** grass path (see assist).

Follow, passing lake bed to left for 220 yards and path bends to left.

Continue round and walk with trees and main road to right for 130 yards.

E Bear right at fork in path (see assist) and follow for 160 yards. At next fork, bear left and follow path round to left.

Continue ahead with trees/ river to right and meadows to left for 500 yards. Pass remnants of old rail bridge on opposite bank of river.

5 Stay on path for 150 yards, pass metal footbridge to right, cross track and continue ahead at 11 o'clock back along grass path (see assist).

Follow for 370 yards with river to right then head back over Stour footbridge. After crossing main bridge over the river, turn left down blue metal steps on to meadow.

Continue ahead and follow round with river to left passing weeping willows. Head towards old stone bridge, bear right and walk through car park, turn left and head back towards the road.

Turn right at T junction and retrace your steps for 160 yards. Cross the road with care and you're back at the Crown Hotel for some much deserved hospitality!

