



Public House Walks

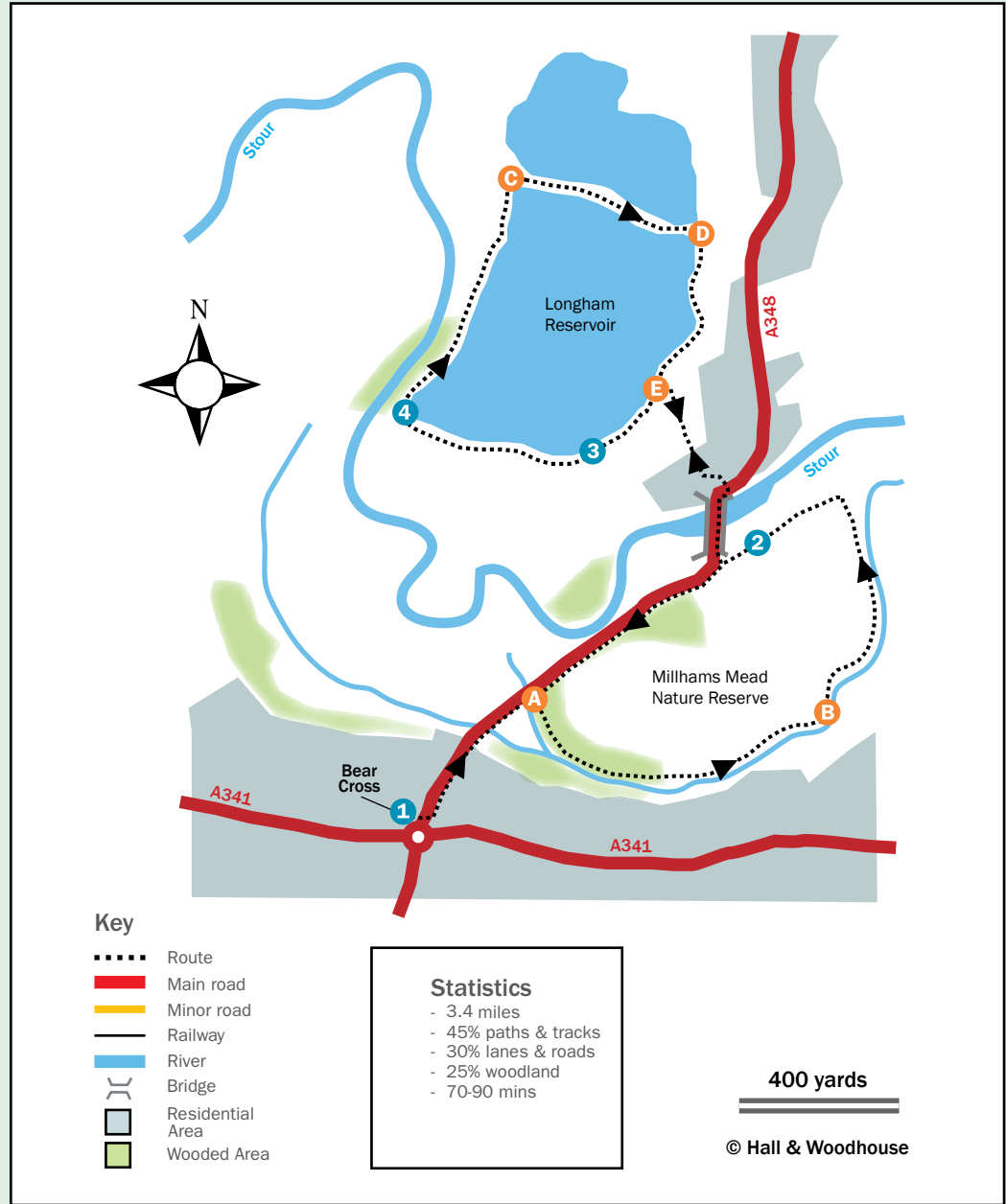
The Bear Cross BOURNEMOUTH



"A rewarding and level walk that includes a riverside ramble and circuit of the Longham Reservoir. Great for birdlife with lots to see and enjoy."

3.4 miles

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1 From front of the pub with roundabout ahead, turn left and cross over Ringwood Road (A348). Turn left and head gently downhill on pavement passing petrol station to left.

150 yards on, cross bridge then 80 yards ahead, cross another. 20 yards on, turn right through metal kissing gate and walk ahead on track

A (see assist) with small river to right.

After 400 yards, pass wood footbridge to right. Continue ahead with river to right for 420 yards. With brick bridge to right, turn left on to tarmac track for 10 yards and

B turn right (see assist).

Follow winding gravel track with river to right. After 200 yards, pass large pylon to left. Continue for 300 yards and path bends left away from the river.

2 Walk for 350 yards up to the main road, pass through metal kissing gate, turn right and cross Longham bridge.

On opposite side, road bends to right. Follow pavement for 30 yards, cross road with care and turn left at footpath sign on to gravel track.

Follow round past metal gate and on to grass path with water works to left. Cross stile and continue ahead for 100 yards. Pass through 'V' stile then cross stile 12 yards ahead.

Continue on narrow path between fences then cross stile and turn left. follow gravel track for 60 yards up to reservoir and bear left. Continue round with reservoir to your right for 1200 yards.

As gravel track ends, pass lifebuoy and turn right **C** (see assist). Follow track between reservoirs for 400 yards and turn right **D** (see assist). Continue with reservoir to your right for 400 yards and turn left at 8 o'clock (see assist). **E**

Walk down gravel track for 60 yards (retracing your steps). Cross stile and turn right on to narrow path.

Follow for 350 yards back to the road, cross with care and turn right along pavement. Cross back over bridge and continue ahead along pavement.

After 400 yards, pass under power cables then, 100 yards on, pass metal kissing gate to left.

Continue along pavement for 450 yards and cross road (just before roundabout) back to the Bear Cross for some well deserved hospitality!

