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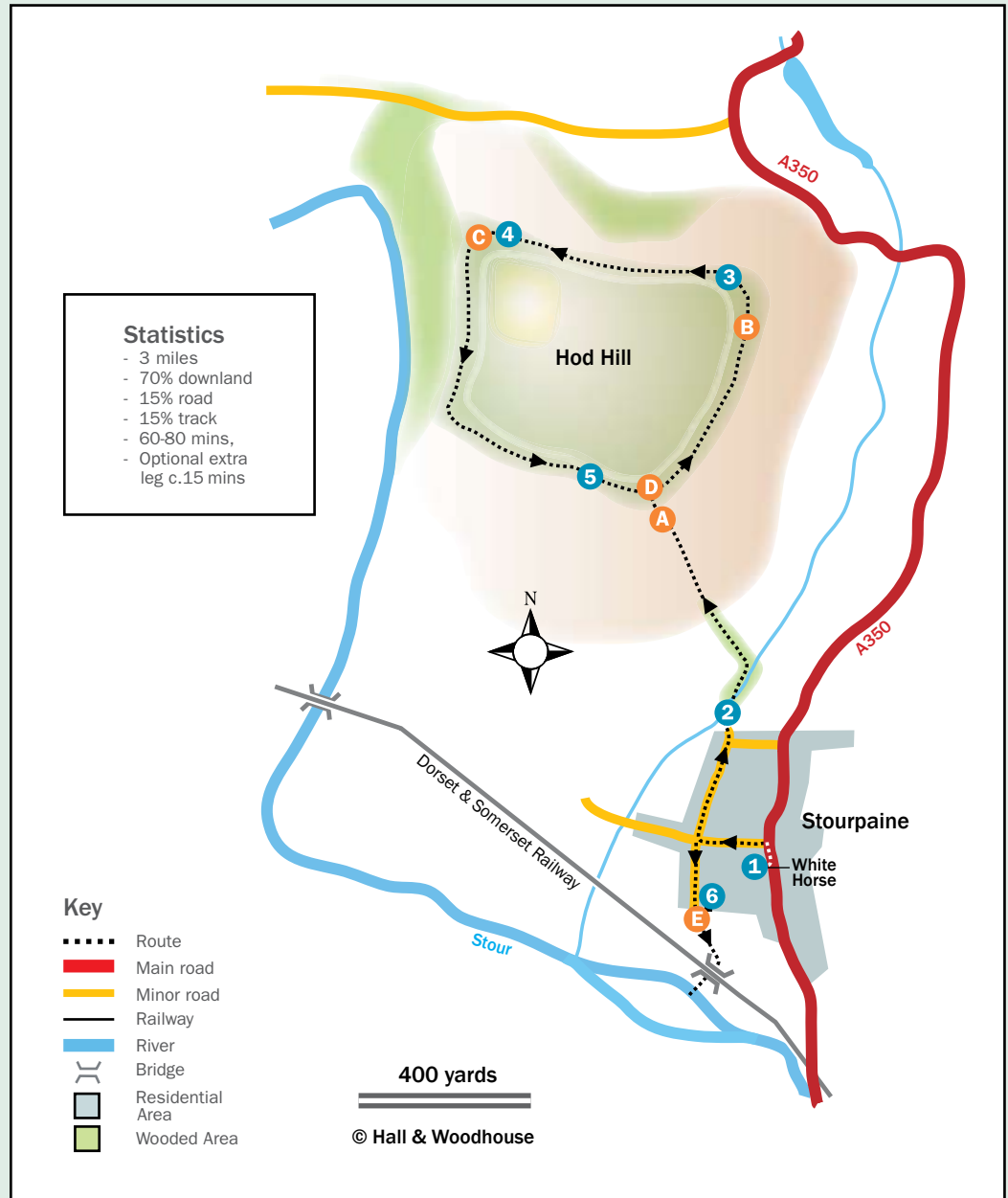# Public House Walks

The White Horse

STOURPAINE

"A classic pub walk to the ancient iron age fort of Hod Hill, captured by the Romans in 43AD. The ramparts provide stunning views and the hill is a haven for wildlife and chalk downland flowers."

3 miles

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Statistics
- 3 miles
- 70% downland
- 15% road
- 15% track
- 60-80 mins,
- Optional extra leg c.15 mins

Hod Hill

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A350

Dorset & Somerset Railway

Stour

Stourpaine

White Horse

Key
- **Route** (dotted)
- **Main road** (red)
- **Minor road** (yellow)
- **Railway** (black)
- **River** (blue)
- **Bridge**
- **Residential Area**
- **Wooded Area**

400 yards

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THE WHITE HORSE

1. From the White Horse, turn left along the main road and left again into South Holme. Walk down the to the crossroads and turn right into Manor Road. Continue for a few hundred yards past delightful houses and gardens. The road bends left becoming a path and a stream appears on the left. Continue over & the steam is now to your right.

2. View left at 5 bar gate up to Hod Hill. Follow the path and leave the stream as it bends to the left. Follow path up a lengthy steady gradient until you reach a stile with National Trust sign.

Cross the stile and follow
A. path up to the right (see assist) and on to the rampart. Continue anti-clockwise. There are some gaps in the rampart & you need to walk down & up to
B. rejoin (see assist).

3. Superb northerly views to Melbury Hill and Shaftesbury in the distance. Continue west along the rampart for 500 yards.

4. View across to the largest yew wood in Dorset on Hambledon Hill's southern flank. Turn to head south
C. (see assist). Follow the path downhill staying on the rampart.

5. Great view to Stourpaine and Holy Trinity's tower. Continue until reaching the point you started the
D. Hod Hill circuit. Use path assist to return dowhill, cross the stile and follow path back, retracing your steps.

At the junction of Manor Road & South Holme you can choose to extend the walk. Continue along
6. the road past Holy Trinity church and through the
E. gate (see assist). Follow path with the old railway embankment on your right to next gate (strong spring). Turn right on to the track.

Walk under railway bridge and follow track 100 yards to the Stour bridge.

Retrace your steps back to the pub for some well earned hospitaility!