

Orange Walk

From the A4251 (London Road), turn into Westbrook Hay drive and follow it all the way to the top of the hill, then take the second track on the left, which will lead you into the car park next to the Old Barn.

From the Old Barn ①, proceed along the boardwalk and follow it down the track ②. Enter the wood and continue along the boardwalk as it wends its way through the trees.

On your left ③ can be seen a ditch and remnants of a laid hornbeam hedge, denoting the boundary of an old protected field. The original ancient woodland is to the left of the boundary.

To the right you will pass a bird feeding station and, a little further along, a small woodland pond ④.

Continue along the boardwalk to the end, where you will emerge from the wood ⑤. **From this point on, the terrain may be subject to changing weather conditions and a flat, stable surface cannot be guaranteed at all times of the year.**

Follow the mown pathway across the field ⑥ until you come to a 'T' junction. Turn right and continue to a gate. Go through the gate and follow the track through another gate into the next field. Proceed along the mown walkway, which goes slightly uphill ahead of you across the field ⑦. Keep following the directional arrows, turning right towards the field boundary at a point where two walkways cross. When you reach the fence, pause for a moment to look at the view behind you. Box Lane runs through the valley towards Bovington, and the wood on the hillside beyond is Bury Wood.

At the fence ⑧, either turn right and follow the boundary of the field, or go through the gate and turn right along the bridleway. Either way will bring you back to your starting point at the Old Barn.

Mobility Scooter

A mobility scooter is available on loan from the Trust Centre for use on this walk. Please ring in advance to arrange. Tel: 01442 253300.

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Users of Wheelchairs, Pushchairs or Mobility Scooters

The boardwalk is the main section of this walk suitable for wheelchair users. It is 367 metres long and ends where Hay Wood meets Preston Hill, at which point there is a broader area of boardwalk to facilitate ease of turning for wheelchairs and mobility scooters. The visitor will have to assess the suitability of the rest of the walk but this will depend on weather conditions, as some of the ground is uneven with puddles and mud after rain. There are also a few small sections of loose gravel that could cause difficulties for pushchair users. Benches are situated at several points around the route for your convenience.



Car Park Access

The car park will normally be open at weekends between the hours of 8 am to 9 pm (1st April to 31st October) and 8 am to 7 pm (1st November to 31st March). The Box Moor Trust reserves the right not to open the gates for reasons of maintenance or in an emergency. During the week, electronic keys for the gate can be borrowed from the Trust Centre on request during office hours.

