

## POINTS OF INTEREST

**1** The **Railway Bridge** is one of the few remaining structures on the old Salisbury and District Junction Railway which closed in 1964.



**2** **Sutton Holms** is now looked after by the Dorset Wildlife Trust and is part of 'The Great Heath Living Landscape'. At one time there was a brickfields site in Boys Wood.



**3** The nature reserve is a mix of woodland, meadows and a pond. In late April, the woods are covered with a carpet of **bluebells** much admired by local walkers and their families.



**4** This **Boundary Marker** marks the edge of the Earl of Shaftesbury's Estate which covers over 5000 acres to the south of Cranborne Chase.



**5** The **River Crane** was once used to irrigate surrounding fields through a Water Meadow system which had a series of sluice gates, channels and hatches.



**6** **Dewlands Common** is an important site for native flora and fauna. In past times, commoners used to graze their horses here and it was also home to a cricket team – 'The Furze Hackers'.



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## VERWOOD WALKABOUTS

### WALKABOUT 5 The Bluebell Walk

A circular walk around local woodland starting at the end of Margards Lane, Verwood (approx. 6.5 miles).

This is one of a series of circular walks from Verwood through the surrounding countryside. They are mainly on Public Rights of Way, with some on paths with access permitted by the landowners.

These walks are intended to encourage exploration and appreciation of the variety and beauty of the countryside in this locality, on foot. Cyclists are not permitted to ride on public footpaths and by law must give way to walkers and horseriders on bridleways.

When walking, please remember the Countryside Code, particularly:

- respect the local community, farmland and others enjoying the countryside
- leave gates and property as you find them
- leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- keep dogs under effective control
- keep to the marked paths and cause no damage to crops, livestock or wildlife

Appropriate footwear is recommended, since wet or muddy conditions can be encountered at any time.

The Verwood Walkabouts have been developed by the Verwood and District Ramblers to mark their 50th Anniversary and have been produced in association with Dorset Council. They are available from Verwood Town Council Offices, Verwood Library and the Heathland Heritage Centre. They can also be downloaded from [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/walkabouts](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/walkabouts)

Further information can be obtained from Verwood Town Council on 01202 820880.



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## THE BLUEBELL WALK

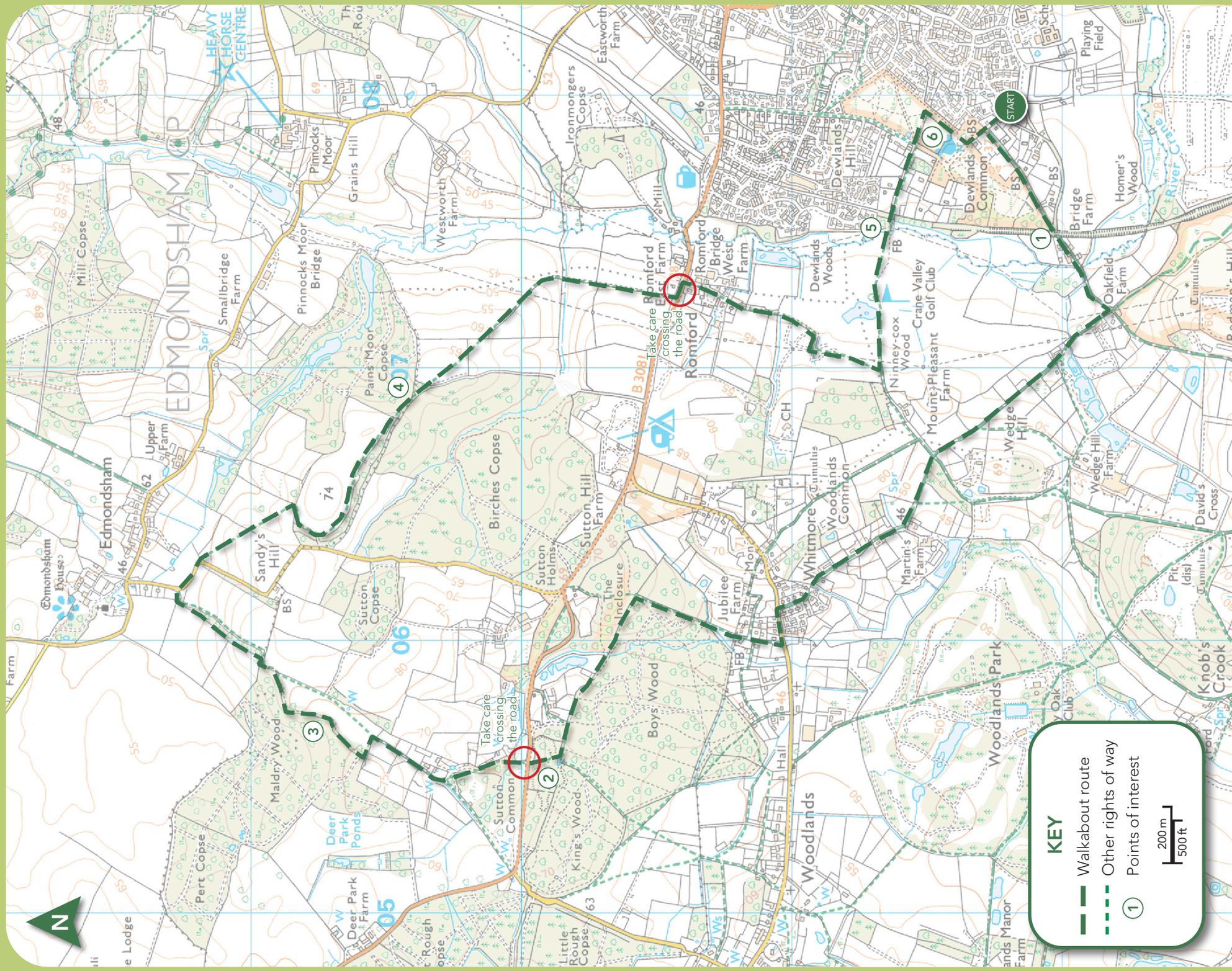
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## STARTING POINT

Margards Lane,  
Verwood, BH31 6XW

## DISTANCE

approximately  
6.5 miles



## KEY

- Walkabout route
- Other rights of way
- ① Points of interest

200 m  
500 ft