



View towards Westwood

Wingfield is a small village on the very western edge of Wiltshire bordering Somerset. It is nestled on the B3109 halfway between Bradford on Avon 2½ miles (4km) to the north and Rode 2½ miles (4km) to the south. 1 mile (1.5km) to the east lie the outskirts of Trowbridge, the county town. Less than a mile to the west beside the River Frome is the hamlet of Stowford, also part of Wingfield parish.

At the heart of the village is the well-frequented Poplars pub, complete with its own cricket pitch, as well as a thriving church community and the Mead primary school. Bus services run from Monday through Friday to surrounding towns and villages including Bath, Trowbridge, Frome and Melksham.

Surrounded by wide expanses of open fertile land, Wingfield is home to numerous farms producing dairy produce, eggs and arable crops. Lacing across their fields is a network of public footpaths, with popular routes south along the River Frome to Tellisford and Rode, northwest to Westwood with its manor owned by the National Trust, and east into Trowbridge and Southwick. Paths to the north lead you to the outskirts of Bradford on Avon.

Ordnance Survey Explorer Maps 143 and 156 will provide more detail of the area covered by this map.



Stowford Manor Farm

- The Poplars Inn, Wingfield**
Popular local pub serving home-made food and well-kept Wadworths ales. Ample parking. Dog-friendly.
Tel. 01225 752426 www.poplarsinn.co.uk
- Camping & Cream Teas at Stowford Manor Farm, Stowford**
Riverside camping on the banks for the river Frome next to the 15th century farm buildings. Easter to end of October. Cream Teas served in the front room and garden of the Manor house, 2-6pm everyday Easter to end of September. (Walk 1)
Tel: 01225752253 [e: camping@stowfordmanorfarm.co.uk](mailto:camping@stowfordmanorfarm.co.uk)
- The New Inn, Westwood**
Friendly pub serving food and local ales. Dogs welcome. (Walk 1)
Tel. 01225 863123 www.thenewinnwestwood.co.uk
- The Cross Guns, Avoncliff**
Cosy 16th century free house situated between the canal and the River Avon. Waterside gardens, dogs welcome.
Tel: 01225 862335 www.crossgunsavoncliff.com
- The Inn at Freshford**
Riverside country pub serving local selection of drinks, and popular with diners. Dog-friendly.
Tel: 01225 722250 www.theinnatfreshford.com
- Kettlesmith, Bradford-on-Avon**
Brewery & Taproom, open for sales Monday-Saturday, occasional beer and music festivals. (Walk 2)
Tel. 01225 698411 www.kettlesmithbrewing.com
- The Boathouse, Bradford-on-Avon**
Family and dog-friendly canal-side pub and restaurant. Live music and comedy nights. (Walk 2)
Tel. 01225 309318 www.boathouse.pub
- Widbrook Grange, Bradford-on-Avon**
Hotel and restaurant with gin bar. Dog-friendly including rooms. (Walk 2)
Tel. 01225 864750 www.widbrookgrange.co.uk
- The Farmhouse, Southwick**
Popular Wadworth tied house serving traditional pub food. (Walk 4)
Tel. 01225 764366
- The Mill at Rode**
Spacious historic converted mill-house, with wide selection of drinks and food, and delightful riverside garden. (Walk 3)
Tel: 01373673112 www.themillatode.com
- www.wingfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk
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PARISH MAP

The Countryside Code

- Be safe – plan ahead and follow any signs.
- Check weather conditions before you leave, and don't be afraid to turn back.
- Part of the appeal of the countryside is that you can get away from it all. There are some places without clear mobile phone signals, so let someone know where you're going and when you expect to return.
- **Leave gates and property as you find them.** A farmer will normally leave a gate closed to keep livestock in, but may sometimes leave it open so they can reach food and water.
- Respect the needs of local people and visitors alike – for example, **don't block gateways, driveways or other paths with your vehicle.**
- **When riding a bike or driving a vehicle, slow down or stop for horses, walkers and farm animals and give them plenty of room.** By law, cyclists must give way to walkers and horse- riders on bridleways.
- If walking in a group, make sure the last person knows how to leave the gates.
- **In fields where crops are growing, follow the paths wherever possible.** Use gates, stiles or gaps in field boundaries when provided – climbing over walls, hedges and fences can damage them and increase the risk of farm animals escaping.
- **Leave machinery and livestock alone** – don't interfere with animals even if you think they're in distress. Try to alert the farmer instead.



- **Wild animals and farm animals can behave unpredictably** if you get too close, especially if they're with their young – so give them plenty of space.
- **Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home.**
- Protecting the natural environment means taking special care not to damage, destroy or remove features such as rocks, plants and trees. They provide homes and food for wildlife, and add to everybody's enjoyment of the countryside.
- **Keep dogs under close control.**
- By law, you must control your dog so that it does not disturb or scare farm animals or wildlife.
- You do not have to put your dog on a lead on public paths, as long as it is under close control. But as a general rule, keep your dog on a lead if you cannot rely on its obedience. **By law, farmers are entitled to destroy a dog that injures or worries their animals.**
- **If a farm animal chases you and your dog, it is safer to let your dog off the lead** – don't risk getting hurt by trying to protect it.
- Take particular care that your dog doesn't scare sheep and lambs or wander where it might disturb birds that nest on the ground and other wildlife – eggs and young will soon die without protection from their parents.
- Everyone knows how unpleasant dog mess is and it can cause infections, so **always clean up after your dog and get rid of the mess responsibly.** Also, make sure your dog is wormed regularly to protect it, other animals and people.

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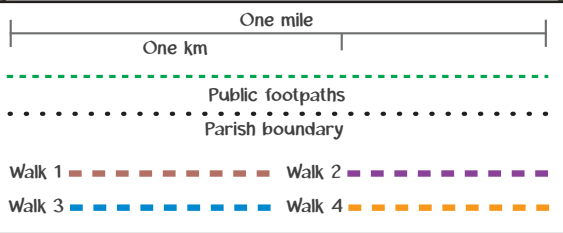
Suggested Walks - the numbers on the map correspond to the walk described below.

- Walk 1** ~3.5miles/5km: Follow the path northwest then north across the fields leading to Westwood Manor and St Mary the Virgin Church. Take tea at the Parish rooms then return southwest along the lane, joining the path south to Stowford Manor Farm then return westwards through fields to Magdalen lane.
- Walk 2** ~6miles/10km: The road past The Green leads to a footpath northeast to join the Westwood Road. Follow the road left down to the dip, take a right then left across the Wid Brook and follow the path to Bradford on Avon. Enjoy a beer at Kettlesmith Brewery. Return via the towpath and Trowbridge Road, taking a right past Widbrook Grange to rejoin the path to Wingfield.
- Walk 3** ~10 miles/15km: From the crossroads take Pomeroy Lane, take the path rightwards by Pomeroy Cottage, skirt anti-clockwise around the farm and head down through Pomeroy woods. Follow the River Frome south to pretty Tellisford, then on into Rode. Enjoy refreshments at the Mill pub before tracking back along the Macmillan Way to Farleigh Hungerford, following the river back to Stowford and paths to Wingfield.
- Walk 4** ~3 miles/5km: Take Chapel Lane to the end and join the footpath that leads Southwards to join Hoggington Lane. Take a left at the A361 into Southwick, stopping for a drink at the Farmhouse pub. Continue on to Southwick Country Park, following the footpath North-west back to St Mary's Church in Wingfield.



St Mary's Church

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The Poplars

