

The River Parrett Trail

Section 5: Langport to Bridgwater

Overview

After a brief walk through Langport the route soon joins the grassy riverbank of the Parrett and then follows it to Moorland where it switches to the mainly firm towpath of the Bridgwater and Taunton Canal and follows it to Bridgwater.

This is a level walk throughout.

Length of Walk: 13.55 miles

OS Explorer Maps: 129 Yeovil & Sherborne and 140 Quantock Hills & Bridgwater



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Parking: Westover Trading Estate and other car parks in Langport. Car park at the foot of Burrow Mump, a short walk from the Trail, and car parks in Bridgwater.



Travel and Transport: Visit www.travelsomerset.co.uk or www.travelinesw.com for help in planning your logistics.



Toilets: Public toilets in Langport and Blake Gardens, Bridgwater.



Places to Eat and Drink: Pubs in Langport, Burrowbridge, Moorland and Bridgwater. Independent shops and cafés in Langport. High street and independent shops, cafés and restaurants in Bridgwater.



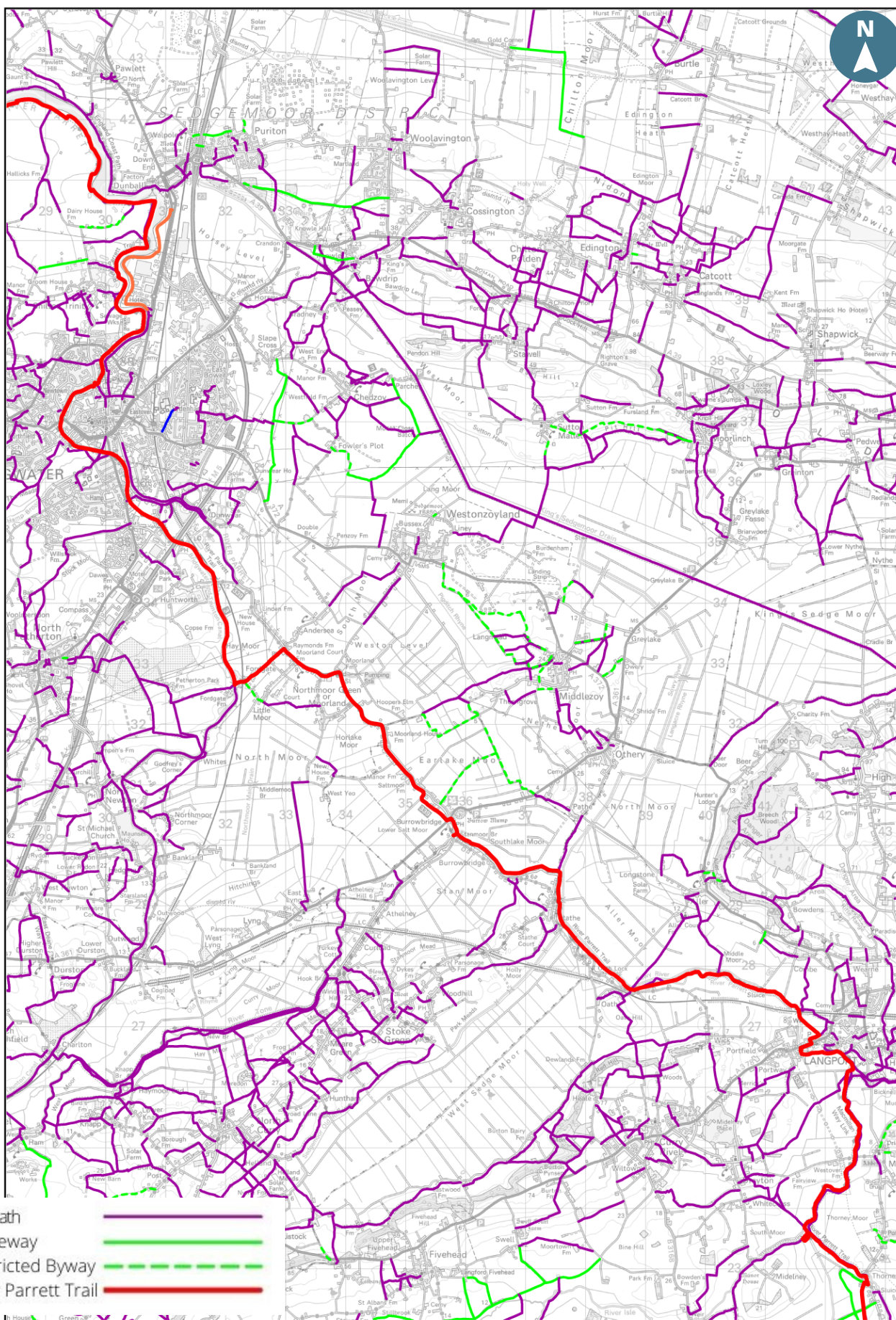
Look out for: The recently re-introduced cranes are a regular feature of the Somerset Levels. Barn owls hunt this section in the evening and early morning. Ditches, locally called rhynes are home to water voles and meadowsweet. Spot wading birds at nearby RSPB Greylake.



While in the Area: Climb Burrow Mump for extensive views across the Somerset Levels. Explore Bridgwater, especially the Blake Museum, and compare Brunel's railway bridge over the Parrett to the new 52m bridge by Colley Lane Industrial Estate. Westonzoyland is home to the Pumping Station Museum with a collection of stationary steam engines and pumps, many operating on the Steaming Days, and the village church for an exhibition about the Battle of Sedgemoor.

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Disclaimer - The Public Rights of Way shown on the map are only intended as an indication of the general route. To determine the exact route of a Public Right of Way, the Definitive Map (1:10560 scale) should be consulted.

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1. ST 419 267 LANGPORT (from Sections 3 & 4)

At main road turn **R** into Bow St. and walk along road for 200yds. Cross the road and in 100yds, turn **L** on footpath, go through gate at end and turn **R** along **R** hand edge of field at the back of houses. When you reach gate to Town Garden on **R**, turn **L** and go across middle of field to footbridge. Cross bridge and go straight ahead to reach riverbank and railway bridge.

2. ST 416 272

Go through kissing gate and under railway bridge to follow **R** hand bank of River Parrett, passing through several metal gates to reach Monk's Leaze Clyse. Cross the sluice bridge over the River Sowey and keep to the high bank between the rivers.

3. ST 375 291 STATHE

Go past bridge and continue along **R** hand bank of river, signed River Parrett Trail, passing through metal gates. Follow permissive path sign to Burrowbridge, continuing to follow **R** hand bank for 1.5 miles until you reach road and pub on **R**.

4. ST 358 304 BURROWBRIDGE

Turn **L** on road, cross river and take first road on **R** signed to Moorland. Walk with care along road for one mile. After one mile when road bends **L** away from river keep ahead – signed “no through road” following **L** hand bank of river. Continue following footpath on **L** hand bank before reaching the distinctive chimney of Westonzoyland Pumping Station on opposite side of River.

5. ST 339 328 WESTONZOYLAND PUMPING STATION

After passing pumping station keep ahead and re-join the road after the second kissing gate. Continue along road and pass pub and cottages on **L** and turn immediately **L** on footpath with stream on **R**.

6. ST 329 332 MOORLAND

Continue straight along road, over railway until you reach the swing bridge across Bridgwater & Taunton Canal at Fordgate. Do not cross the bridge, instead turn **R** and walk along **R** hand towpath of canal for 1.5 miles to reach pub.

7. ST 353 350 BOAT & ANCHOR, HUNTWORTH

From pub continue past canal bridge on **R** hand towpath under M5 motorway. On reaching next bridge (Crossways Swing-bridge) cross track and follow **L** hand towpath to Bridgwater Docks/Marina, approximately 2 miles.

8. ST 299 365 BRIDGWATER DOCKS/MARINA

Continue down towpath to the Bridgwater Docks. Walk along the **L** hand side of quay and on reaching far end bear round to **R** and then **L** to meet road. Turn **L** down this road (Russell Place) and then immediately cross road and take path on **R**, with small canal basin on **R**. Continue to reach bank of River Parrett where it meets the Docks entrance.

Start here for Section 6 (Bridgwater to Stert Point)

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