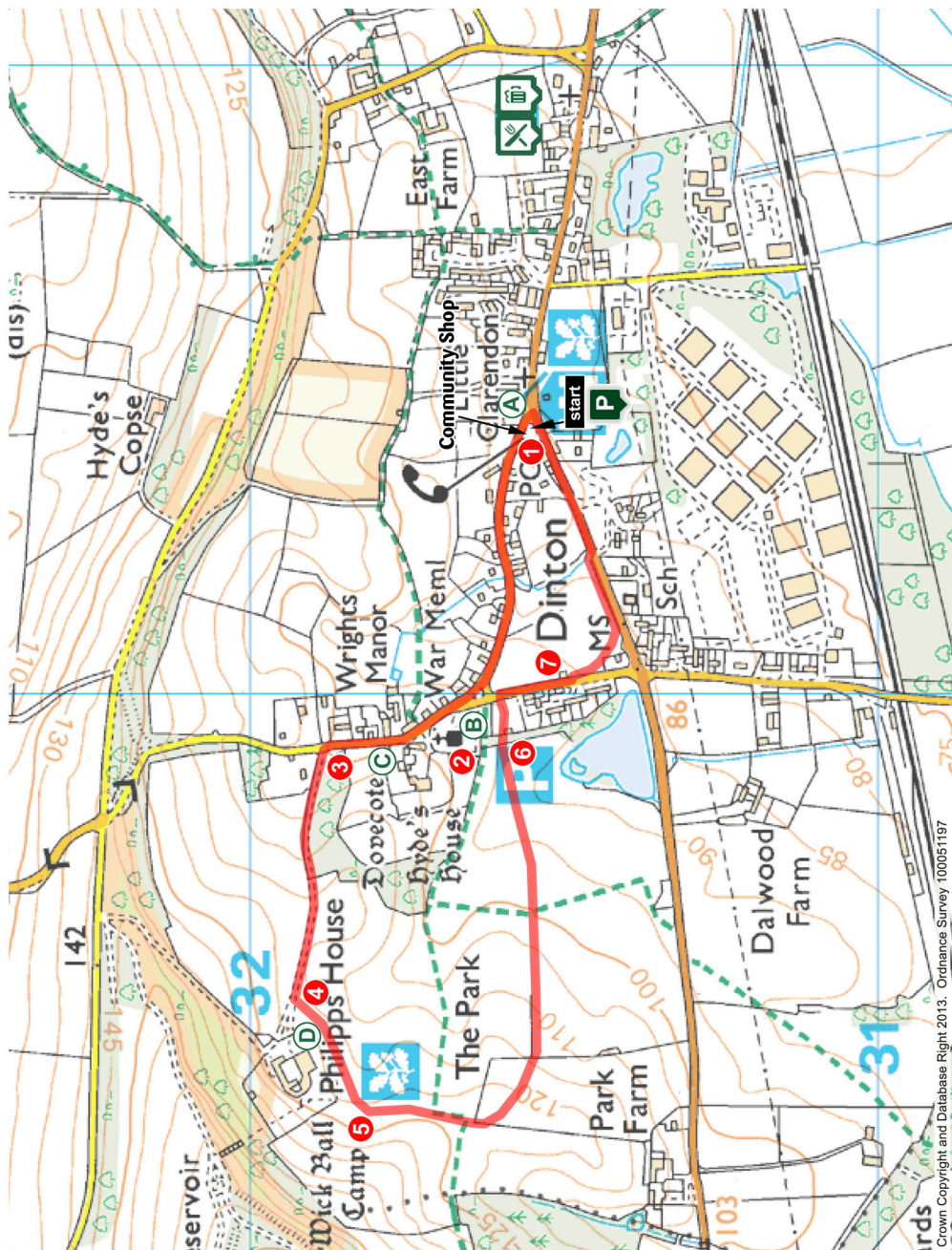


## Walk 3: Dinton Park Easy Access Walk

**Length of Walk**  
1.5 miles (2.8km)

**Ordnance Survey map:** Explorer 130  
**Walk Start:** SU 01417 31542



### Key

 Walk route with waypoint


 Parking

 Pub

 Place to eat

 Historic Site

 Nature Reserve

 Point of Interest

**Distance:** 1.5 miles (2.8km)

**Time:** Allow 1.5 hrs

**Terrain:** Field path, tracks and quiet lanes with easy gradients

**Start:** Dinton Village Stores, car-parking along Snow Hill near shop\*

**Start Grid Reference:**

**X :** 401417

**Y :** 131542

**Latitude :** 51.083196

**Longitude :** -1.9811499

SU 01417 31542

**OS Explorer Map (1:25 000)**

Salisbury and Stonehenge  
No. 130

**Notes & Refreshments:**

The Wyndham Arms on the main road (B3089) running through Dinton.

\* Alternatively, you can park in the National Trust car park along St Mary's Road, next to St Mary's Church.

Explore the beautiful parkland of an elegant Georgian Mansion, the picturesque village of Dinton, historically, the home of wealthy landowners, famous horticulturalist and composers. An easy access circular walk for all the family to enjoy.

1. From Dinton Village Stores, continue straight ahead across the road (Snow Hill) in the direction of Salisbury. To your L, are Lawes Cottage and Little Clarendon, the prestigious homes once belonging to two great men born in Dinton. From Little Clarendon (now owned by the National Trust and occasionally open to the public), turn back towards the shop and bear R along Snow Hill, an unspoilt back lane, and continue to the end where it meets St Mary's Road and turn R.

2. Go along the well surfaced path to visit the 13th Century church of St Mary's which is well worth a visit. Leave the church and turn L along St Mary's Road past Hyde's House on your L and Wrights Farm on your R.

3. Turn L through the main gates leading to Dinton Park and Philipps House.

4. Continue along the road leading to Philipps House. Just before the road forks off to the house, bear L along the footpath crossing the field in front of the house.

5. Just after the house, start to circle back. Bear L and continue past the gnarled trunks of ancient oak trees full of cracks and crevices and valuable for bats and birds like woodpecker. All three species of woodpecker are found on the estate. Continue past a hedgerow of brambles to your L and bear L along a more substantial hedgerow and continue straight heading towards the pond. Keep the pond to your R.

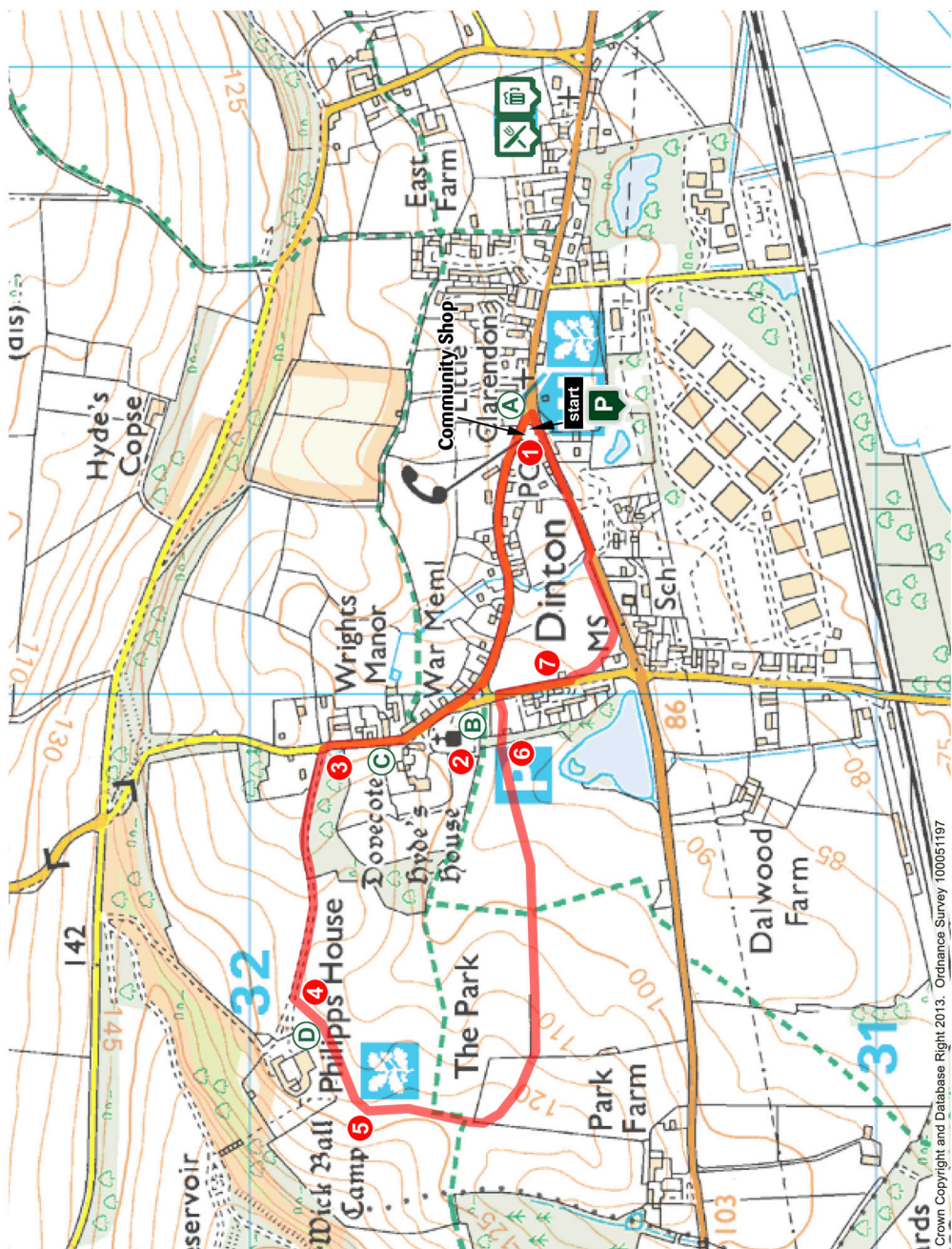
6. Go through a gate through a small section of woodland to the National Trust Car-Park and St Mary's Road and turn R.

7. Enter the Parish Recreational Ground on the R where there are playing fields and a children's play-area. Walk downhill and leave the Parish Recreational Ground through the kissing gate at the bottom L hand corner of the site and continue along the B3089 Hindon Road back to Dinton Village Stores. Further on along Hindon Rd on the L is The Wyndham Arms country pub, named not surprisingly after the Wyndham family, where you can stop for refreshments.

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### Countryside Code

- Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them.
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home.
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people



### Points of Interest

**A Little Clarendon and Lawes Cottage.** The home of George Engleheart, a well known horticulturist who cultivated many new species of daffodil in the 1900s from his garden at the property. Next door, Lawes Cottage was believed to have been the home of Henry Lawes and his brother William. Henry, a 17th century composer, was one of the most outstanding composers and court musicians of his day, and brother William also a talented musician. Henry wrote music for the Coronation of King George II held in 1685.

**B St Mary's Church.** Another of the Nadder Valley churches to arise from the ruins of an earlier Saxon one. Inside the church is an organ and royal coat of arms of George II dated 1740; both memorials to composer Henry Lawes, although Henry is buried at Westminster Abbey. In the churchyard are the remains of the base and socket of a Medieval stone cross brought from Fisherton after the Reformation.

**C Hyde's House.** Named after Edward Hyde born in Dinton in 1608 and baptised in the local church. Hyde was Lord Chancellor and first Earl of Clarendon. His daughter married the future King James II and was mother to two English Monarch's Queen Mary II and Queen Anne.

**D Dinton Park and Philipps House.** The neo-classical mansion house set in beautiful parkland was built in 1816 by William Wyndham and designed by Sir Jeffrey Wyatt (or Wyattville), a great English Architect who is believed to have based his designs on Pythouse near Tisbury. The house was originally called Dinton House but Bertram Philipps upon purchasing it in 1916, renamed the house Philipps House after himself! It was granted to the National Trust in 1943. (Check opening times in advance if you wish to visit the house). As well as being owned by wealthy landowners, the building has been used by the United States Army during WWII with Nissen huts springing up across the park, and as a YMCA. On the ridge behind the house on private ground is Wick Ball Camp, an Iron Age Fortress.