

# North Winterbourne and Nightingales Bridge

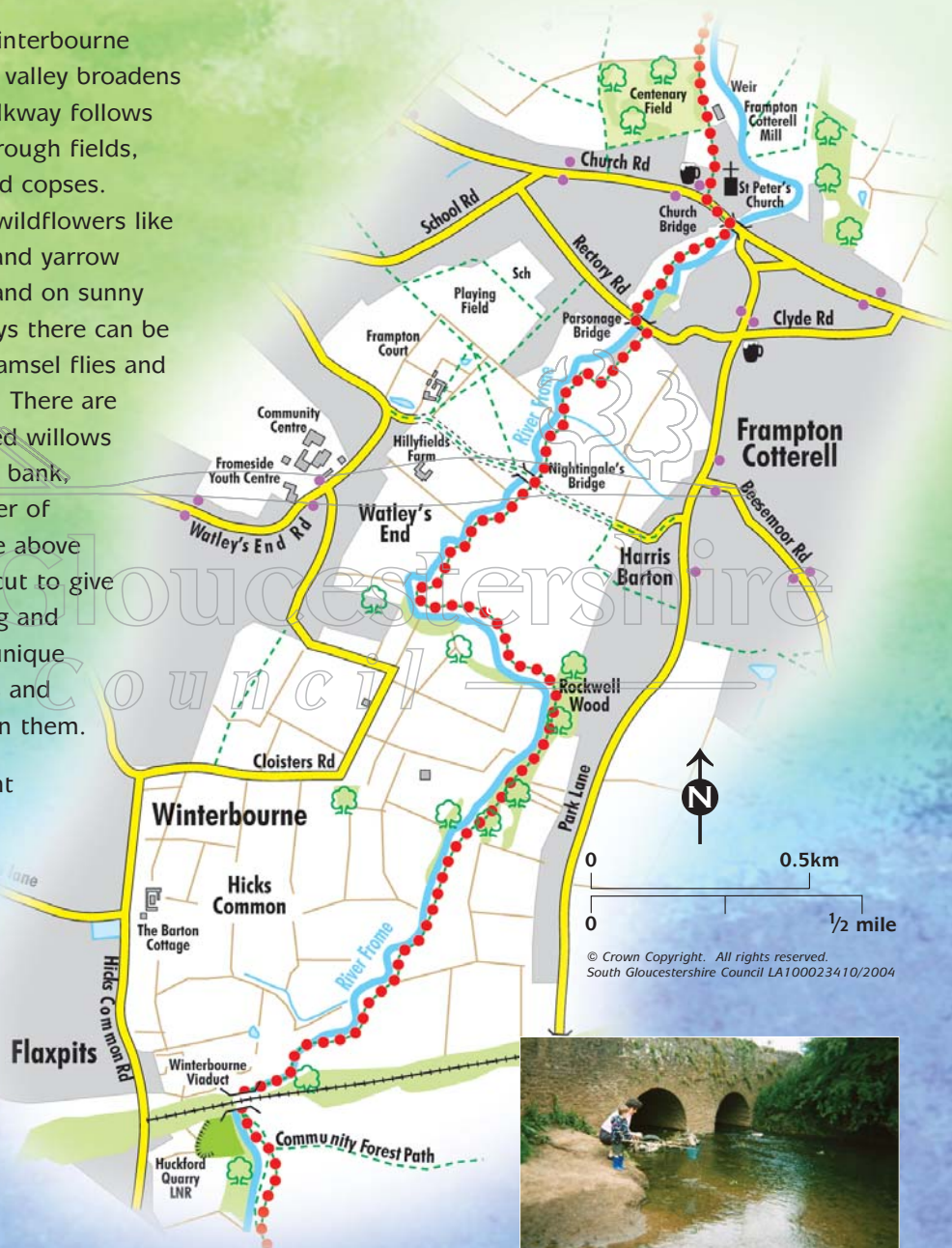


Frome north of Winterbourne Viaduct

North of Winterbourne Viaduct the valley broadens and the Walkway follows the river through fields, pastures and copses. Traditional wildflowers like knapweed and yarrow grow here and on sunny summer days there can be clouds of damsel flies and butterflies. There are old pollarded willows on the river bank,

with a cluster of branches sprouting about one metre above ground, where they were regularly cut to give successive crops of poles for fencing and firewood. Pollarded willows are a unique habitat for many plants and animals and can even have other trees growing in them.

**Nightingale's Bridge** is an ancient stone packhorse bridge carrying a bridleway and footpath over the River Frome between Harris Barton and Watley's End, near Winterbourne. The gravel-covered riverbed and deep pools have made this a favourite swimming spot for generations of local people. This section of the Frome often floods in winter and after heavy rain - please take extra care if the ground is muddy.



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## Key for Route Maps

	Route
	Link Walks
	Motorway
	A Road
	B Road
	Minor Road
	Lane
	Track
	Railway
	Footpath
	Field Boundaries
	Public House
	Church, Chapel
	Leisure Centre
	Parking
	Toilets
	Telephone
	Buildings
	Ponds, Streams, Rivers
	Built-up Areas
	Local Nature Reserve Sites (LNR)
	Parks
	Woodland
	Trees
	Station
	Information Centre
	Bus Stops