



# Hanham Abbots



**The Hanham Abbots Parish Access Trail follows the River Avon and passes through some beautiful countryside taking in many interesting historic features, views and the odd Inn, along its length.**

**As with all of the routes in this guide there have been improvements to make the paths more accessible, however there is an ancient stone stile, which makes this route unsuitable for any users that may find this an obstacle.**





## Directions

The walk commences at The Chequers Inn next to the River Avon at the end of Ferry Road.

The car park, looking east towards Bath, you are standing on was once the common field of the village. The field contained 11 plots and was a classic English watermeadow, fertilised by deposits brought in each Winter's flood from the adjoining River Avon and therefore producing excellent crops. As a result it was known as "Edensfield".

Head along the River, towards Bristol, past the **Old Lock & Weir (1)**, Nearby is **Hanham Lock (2)**.

Pass under the Ring Road Bridge constructed in 1992 then take the path which rises up to the west side of the



Ring Road. Here follow the new footpath/cycletrack until you reach Abbots Road.

Join Abbots Road, now heading east over the Ring Road. On your right you will pass the **Duck Pond (3)**. You have now entered the Hanham Abbots Conservation Area.

A few doors further on is a Grade II listed cottage in original Georgian livery. The two stone pillars hereabouts once marked the entrance to Hanham Court. To your left can just be made out what remains of the original Village Pound.

On the far side of the **Stephens Green (4)** go through the kissing gate and join the path to Hanham Court and **St Georges Church (5)**.

Passing the Church on the right, take the path which leads into a series of fields, the first known locally as "The Park" and then into "Westfield". Looking to the left you will see "**Sally on the Barn (6)**". Along this section of the route is an ancient stone stile, this may be a slight obstacle for some trail users and thus should be avoided if there is any doubt.

The wood on the right is ancient, being depicted in Creswicke's map of 1670. Descending from the ridge you arrive at "Jackie White's Cottage" and then back to the River at Londonderry Wharf, once the end of the line for the Avon & Gloucester Railway. The Siston Brook joins the River Avon at this point, marking the boundary between the Parishes of Hanham Abbots and Bitton. Follow the River to the east to the Lockkeeper Inn and hence to Bitton or Keynsham.



But to return to the start, follow the River westwards, with the Chocolate Factory, once Frys and now Cadburys on the far bank. This peaceful section of the River takes you through low lying fields back to "Edensfield" and the car park of the Chequers Inn.

