

## Fordingbridge, Godshill Walk



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Distance: 3.25 miles

Start: Godshill Cricket pitch

The River Avon runs through this small town that lies 13 miles south of Salisbury. To the east is the New Forest and to the west are the Western Downlands and Cranborne Chase. Fordingbridge is surrounded by attractive villages and hamlets including Bickton, Breamore, Godshill, Hyde, Rockbourne and Woodgreen. The area was populated from early times with the remains of significant Roman occupation which is still evident at Rockbourne Roman villa.

### Directions

From the Godshill Cricket Pitch car park walk towards the Fighting Cocks pub and take the first right. Walk 150 yards past the village hall and take the footpath on the left (stile). Follow path to the end of the field and then turn right descending to a stile. Follow the path through a copse, across a gravel track and continue on until you reach a metal gate.

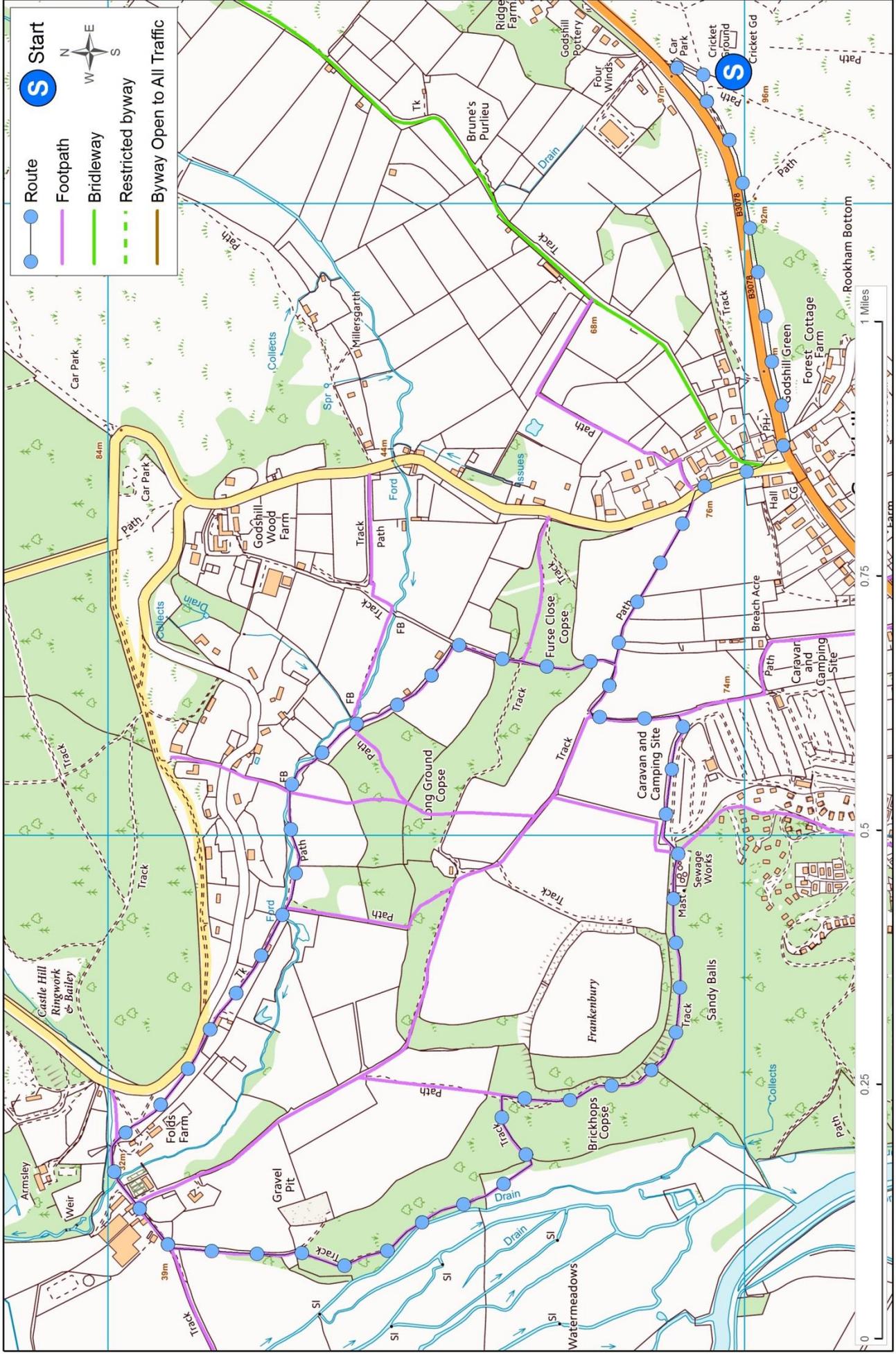
Turn left follow the footpath signs (stream on your right), crossing stiles and eventually a bridge. After this, walk between hedges to reach two cottages (Brook and Arden). Follow the route along the edge of the road descending down eventually to a cattle grid (gate and stile).

Continue along, passing buildings and a yard, taking the second path on left. Follow this then take the footpath on the right through woodland to reach a stile into a field ahead. Cross the stile and bear left across the corner of the field following the fence on the left for 50 yards to a stile into woodland. Proceed uphill on the gravel track. Ignore path and stile to the left and bear right continuing on gravel track.

Follow the path past sewage plant and phone mast. Bear slightly left on main track and go through a gateway. Take stile on the left into field and follow field edge to another stile exiting onto a hedged path. Turn right and keep straight ahead into another field. Follow hedge on left through a kissing gate and turn right to follow field edge to reach road.

Turn right and walk up road. At Fighting Cocks pub turn left to return to the car park.

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