

GW² is a journey through Wessex that visits so much of interest in Dorset and part of South Wiltshire. Starting in the medieval cathedral city of Salisbury, it finishes after 174 miles at the famous Cobb Harbour of Lyme Regis or, alternatively after 199 miles, at Sherborne Abbey, by heading north from Bridport.

For almost all of the Way the AoNB's of Cranborne Chase and Dorset are crossed and also part of the World Heritage Jurassic Coast.

Marvel at the landscape. Rolling chalk downland, hidden villages and far reaching hill top vistas. Visit ancient thatched and stone villages that have not changed with time. So much is unspoilt and a hardly a sole can be met on a whole day's walk.

Coastal Dorset produces amazing geological features, switchback paths, towering cliffs and glorious sea views.

History is present in abundance. Ancient earth works, the largest collection of Iron Age hill forts in the UK and this is the country of Dorset author Thomas Hardy so well described in his books. Shaftesbury's Gold Hill, the estate village of Milton Abbas, the ruins of Corfe Castle and the lost village of Tyneham. are but some of the many sights. The Purbeck Coast and Portland provide an intriguing insight into the history of limestone quarrying, used in so many famous buildings.

The Way has been planned to provide convenient daily walking sections varying between 6 and 13 miles, with an average of 11 miles so that accommodation is available in the many B & B's and pubs. In this way it can be walked as a challenge over 17 or 19 days. Splitting the Way into shorter sections or walking one day at a time are also possible.

Whatever your choice, you cannot but fail to enjoy the experience of discovering the feel of beautiful Wessex on **GW²**.



Great Wessex Way

Packaged walking holidays for GW² providing accommodation, baggage transfer and detailed self guidance instructions are available from

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A long distance walking trail

