



Creech, Ruishton and Thornfalton



TREASURE HUNT

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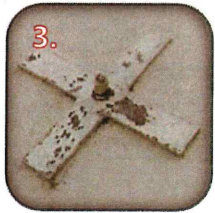
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Our trail starts from St. George's Church in Ruishton TA3 5LL, finishes at St. Michael's Church in Creech St. Michael TA3 5PW, and includes an optional leg to Holy Cross Parish Church in Thornfalton TA3 5NP.

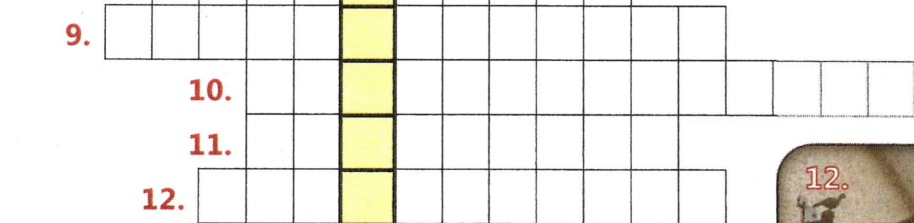
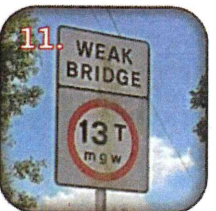
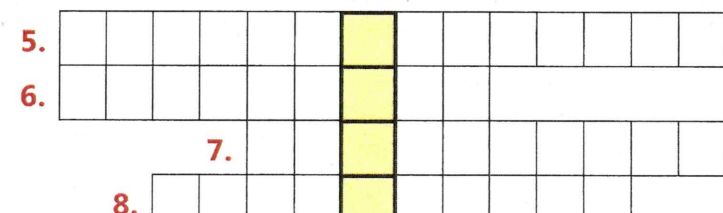
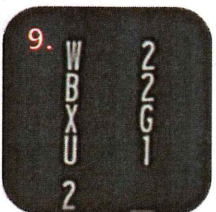
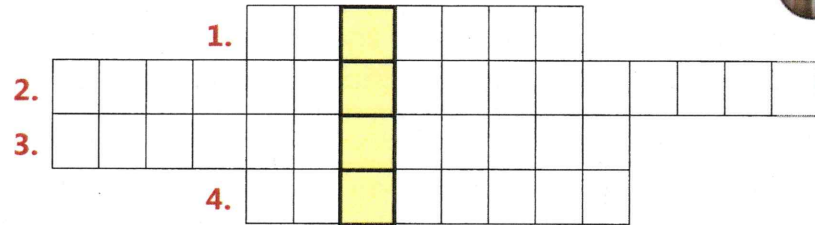
In total, the trail is around 4.5 miles long, and should take 2 to 3 hours to complete.



The route takes you along a combination of footway, carriageway and river bank, so care should always be taken on uneven surfaces, and when walking adjacent to moving traffic. All answers to clues can be seen from the public highway / public rights of way. There are two sorts of clues to answer: The first thirteen are images that you can see somewhere along the route, in no particular order. See if



you can spot them and write their house name in the relevant row (no gaps). You'll then see something in the middle column that we hope to enjoy this summer!



The rest of the clues below are questions about what you might see along the trail, in the order you'll reach them... **So, follow the directions and enjoy the hunt!**

13. With the church behind you, head down Church Lane and turn left onto Cheats Road, crossing the road when safe to do so. What now lies in front of you for 470 yards?

14. Now, you've already walked past the Ruishton Inn, but which other two inns might you have caught a weekday ride from (on the 374 or 375) to get here?



15. Stay travelling along the main road and keep an eye out for any side roads... Which one might, Dean, Chris and Ricky all live on?

16. As you head onwards, see if you can find out what kind of parties Hannah offers, amongst her many specialities?

17. Follow the bend around to the right and spot where you might be able to see a mini gondola?

18. Keep walking along Cheats Road, continuing across Lawn Meadow, and then cross the main road at the crossing point, carrying on towards the playing field. What three things are not allowed there?

19. Moving on along the same route, have a look out for some warning lamps and find out who you should call if you spot a red lamp (they may no longer answer)?

20. Keep on till you reach the Lipe Lane junction and turn left. But before going too far, see if you can work out how far would it be in total to Ilminster, Stoke St Gregory and Taunton?

21. Make your way along Lipe Lane, past the old aqueduct (partially hidden behind vegetation), look around carefully and take a note of what Glynwed Brickhouse manufacture?

22. When you reach the Ham Road junction, cross the road when safe to do so, looking to see what's the only thing that vehicles over 18 tonnes can access, if heading to Creech?

23. Head down Ham Road and keep an eye to the ground and test your mental maths skills... Count the number of yellow horizontal lines (some might be tricky to see) and add to the two-digit white numbers in circles along this section of route. What number did you get?

24. Whilst completing your calculations, see if you can also spot which utility company has etched 9S193I somewhere noticeable?

25. Continue along Ham Road and you'll come across a house that sounds like an entire country but, in fact, only a tree... What is its name?

26. Further on, keep looking at the houses and you'll find one that seems to be made of its own name... What's its telephone number?

27. As you continue around the bend, watch out for oncoming traffic, as the railings seem to have suffered a few knocks from vehicles... The marker posts trying their best to protect them are which three colours?

28. As you carry on towards another signposted junction, turn your attention to Kerrow House... How many matching outside lights does it have, that you can see from the road (look carefully)?

29. As you come to the junction with White Street, continue walking straight on (*if you don't want to do the optional leg to Thornfalcon and back, turn left and skip to clue 39*)... Either way, if you were cycling, what National Cycle Route would you have been travelling along?

30. Stay walking along the same road, being careful to look out for vehicles as you go... As you reach the water recycling centre, see what the nearby solar powered black sign is (perhaps ironically) warning us of?

31. Follow the main road round the bends and past the junctions until you find a house whose owner got a bit 'mixed up' when he said feel free to 'tour my land.' See if you can work out the house name?

32. Continue some distance, still watching out for traffic, and also look at the field gates. What vowel can be seen in the metalwork of more than one of these gates, as you head up the hill?

33. You'll soon head past the driveways to three properties on your left. What symbol/image is shown on the farm name plate (although it would perhaps be even more appropriate on the sign below)?

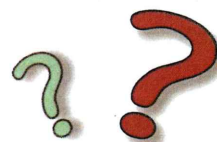
34. Finally, as you reach the war memorial, congratulate yourself for making it up the hill! Then look to find out until what time on Saturday would Queen Victoria be able to send a letter?

35. Now take a left, past the memorial and up the track to Holy Cross Church. Now see if you can discover which visitors are making holes in the graveyard?

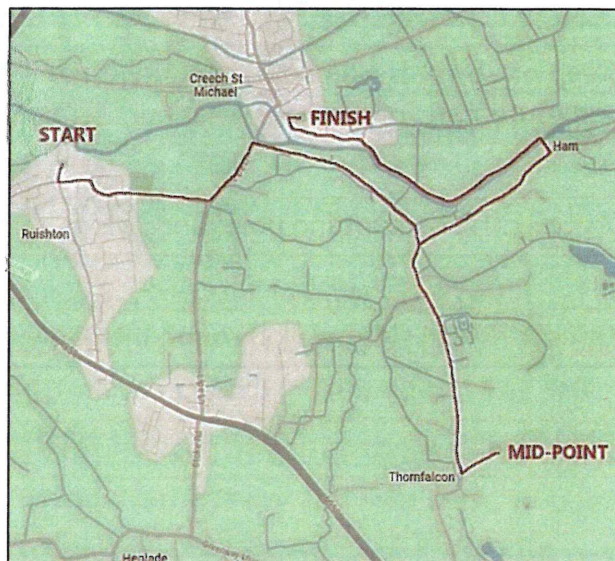
If you want to, and you have time, you can follow the footpath opposite the church, across the fields up to the 'clump', from which you can enjoy some amazing views (but there are no clues to find up there!)...

36. After taking a bit of a breather (it's a good spot for a picnic), you can now head back the way you came, going down the track from the church to the memorial, which is engraved with various years. Which is the earliest year chronologically that you can find carved in the stone?

37. Now turn right onto the main road and continue back down the hill, and spot which residence with a rustic, half-barrel planter also sells free range eggs?



38. Keep going (again, be wary of vehicles) and you'll return to the Wessex Water site. There's a sign on each side of the road (one blue and one black), each with acronyms made up of three consonants, but only one of them has the three letters in alphabetical order. What are these letters?



39. Retrace your steps all the way to the Ham Road junction and, this time, turn right. You won't travel far before being able to answer, who stays at Milo's hotel?

40. Keep on towards Ham and, although there's not much to see along this part of the route, can you find out what number pole was last tested in August 2021?

41. As you carry on spotting poles and pylons, do you know what number you should call in an emergency?

42. Upon arrival in Ham, walk through the hamlet and see what kind of animal tops the Fair Oaks gateposts?

43. Look at all the houses as you pass, and see which one's name could easily describe Sherwood Forest?

44. You then won't be able to miss Ham's central old red phone, box but what's its postcode?

45. A bit further on and you'll be able to confirm which house the blacksmith uses to access his work?

Continue until you reach the Court House and then turn left in front of that house, heading towards the river. Cross over the footbridge and turn left along the riverbank, keeping the river on your left.

It's a lovely walk but please note that the bank is uneven under foot. So, if easier, you can retrace your steps through Ham and re-join the trail in Creech St. Michael, heading over both bridges and turning right down Bull Street, following it to the river. You won't miss any clues apart from these optional bonus ones:

How many can you see of these: Permanent sets of steps (not ladders) to the river? Life Rings?

46. As you leave the river, you'll notice an overgrown military pill box. Many years ago, it used to house war-time ammunition, but what lives there now?

47. Turn left on entering Bull Street, unlike the frequent lost Sat Nav users when searching which post code?

48. Carry on until you find Toad House and see if you can spot what golden item is hanging in its porch?

49. Continue along Bull Street, still keeping an eye out for perhaps one final image from the front page... Then try to see through this penultimate clue and work out what names begin with the S and the K?

50. Round the bend, up the hill and you've nearly made it to St. Michael's Church and the end of our trail... But, before you get there, take a final look for someone feeding birds by their wall, and find the house's appropriate name (although they may not like the seed on offer)?



That's it! You've now completed the hunt, so how many clues did you find the answers for?

To be in with a chance of winning a prize, make sure you add your name and contact number / email to the front of this clue sheet and you can then hand in your finished clue sheet by posting into the boxes located in any of our three churches that you passed along the route, **by 1st September 2024.**

The highest scoring sheets will go into a prize draw, and how great would a win be, to finish the summer?!