

# Walk 7

## River Tone - Windmill Hill -Willows & Wetlands Centre

3.1 km (1.9 mls) Updated April 2026

4.1 km (2.5 mls) with extension to Willows & Wetlands

One short steep hill to climb. A few stiles. Option of visiting Willows & Wetland Centre, with shops and Cafe

Starting with your back to the shop and the Royal Oak **1** turn right into Willey Road and then through the gate on your left into the footpath alongside the school **2**. Go straight across Huntham Close and through the next path into a field / back garden. Continue straight till you reach some apple trees **3** and turn right up towards a stile **4** at the top of the field. Go over the stile into a green lane, cross that and up some steps which are fairly steep but do have handrails into the playing fields. Keeping along the hedge alongside some poplar trees, walk across to the stile **5** and then over the stile into the field and then through two gates or over the stiles alongside onto the main road through Meare Green **6**. Walk straight down the road opposite (Curload) until you pass a stile on your left **7** and reach the drove on your left **8** which goes towards Hook Bridge over the River Tone. Not far past the last house on the left, which is part thatched, and as you reach the river bank, there is a kissing gate on your left **9**. Follow the bund round till you get to another kissing gate on your left. Go through that and turn left - this gets very muddy after rainfall - and then right up the steep but short hill (easier going up than down!) and through the gate at the top of Windmill / Garlands Hill **10**. There is a viewpoint there, where a windmill once stood, with lovely views in all directions. The sewage works is visible across the field. Head towards that and through the gate **11** alongside the sewage works - not for long! Turn left at the entrance to the sewage works **12** and follow the track to the main road **13**. Cross the road diagonally right and walk past two cottages on your left towards the gate **14**. Go through the gate and keeping to the right and then left and into the next field turning left **15** along the hedgerow to a gate **16**. Go through the gate. Straight ahead is a gate on Huntham Lane. To get to this gate walk diagonally slightly to the right until you reach a hedge line, then walk diagonally slightly to the left to reach the gate on Huntham Lane **17**. Turn left and walk back to the starting point **1**.

*At the sewage works **12** you can extend the walk by going down some steps to the right and across a couple of fields then turn left **13a** on to the drove to the Willows and Wetlands Centre for coffee, etc. Exit the centre on to the main road. Cross diagonally to the right **13b**, go through a gate and walk along a sunken path to another gate **13c**. Go through the gate and turn left, follow the hedge round until you get to the gate at **16** and follow the directions above.*

