

The Walks

● Short woodland stroll (Red route) 1 mile, allow 30 mins

This is a short, flat and easy route, but there's lots of wildlife to see. It is spectacular in autumn when the Beech Avenue glistens in copper and gold.

Wildlife: buzzard, hare, roe deer, cowslip, and fungi like the shaggy ink cap and bracket fungus.

● Family fun walk (Purple route) 2.5 miles, allow 1.5 hours

An ideal walk for families, this route takes in peaceful farmland, woodland and the village. Highlights include the lovely views over Sherborne Brook and the valley beyond. Don't miss the stunning springtime displays

of snowdrops, daffodils, aconites, crocuses and alliums. Children will love the amazing wildlife sculptures.

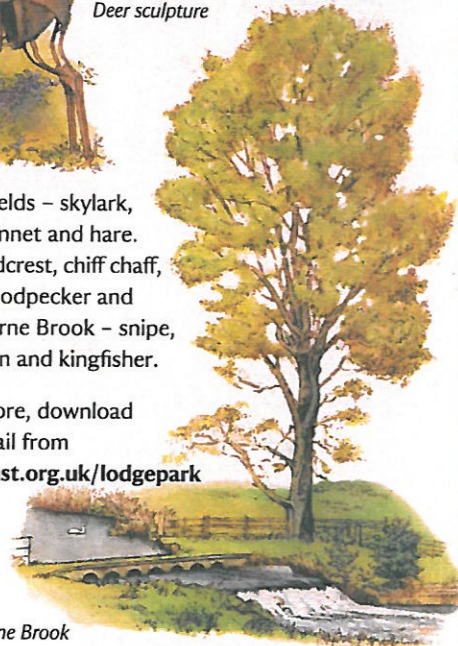


Deer sculpture

Wildlife: in the fields – skylark, yellowhammer, linnet and hare. Woodlands – goldcrest, chiff chaff, great spotted woodpecker and fungi. On Sherborne Brook – snipe, wigeon, teal, swan and kingfisher.

To help you explore, download the free family trail from www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lodgepark

Sherborne Brook



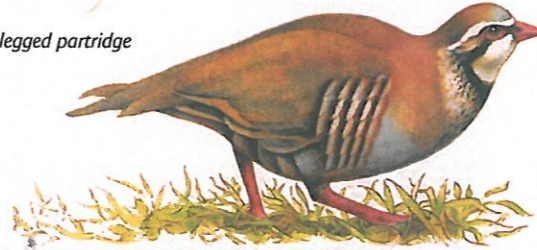
Shepherd sculpture

● Historic farmland hike (Blue route) 3 miles, allow 2 hours

This is the longest of our walks and takes you through the historic landscape of Sherborne, shaped by farming, forestry and quarrying. This route offers the best views of the surrounding countryside.

Wildlife: badger, fox, hare, meadow flowers, and farmland birds such as the dunnock, great tit and red legged partridge, as well as fieldfare and redwing in the winter.

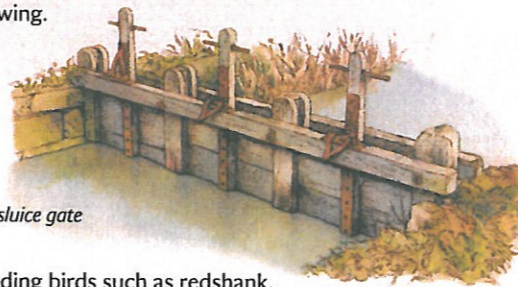
Red legged partridge



● Water meadow wander (Black route) Explore the water meadows by following the network of waymarked paths.

The water meadows are a magical place – peaceful and ever-changing with the seasons. They were created in the early 17th century to provide early spring grass for the sheep. A series of ditches carried the river water onto the fields in winter which stopped the ground from freezing, and so enabled the grass to keep growing.

Restored sluice gate



Wildlife: wading birds such as redshank, lapwing, curlew, snipe; barn owls hunting mice and voles; colourful dragonflies and damselflies, and flowers like yellow iris and ragged robin. If you are lucky you might spot an otter or water vole.

This site is home to nesting birds. Please keep your dogs on leads at all times. At certain times of the year, footpaths might be flooded so please take care.

Farming and quarrying shape the landscape

Much of the landscape you see today is a direct result of sheep farming and quarrying over the past 500 years. Farming has changed in recent times, and sheep grazing has been replaced by beef and arable farming. The 1675 hectare (4000 acre) estate was given to the National Trust by Lord Sherborne in 1982. It was his wish that the property should remain as a working country estate.

The stone quarries were closed many years ago, but the cool, dark caves and tunnels make perfect roosting sites for bats, including the rare lesser horseshoe. They are not open to visitors.

Bat sculpture



Lodge Park

Lodge Park is a unique 17th century grandstand with impressive views over the deer park. It was built by John Crump Dutton in 1634, inspired by his passion for gambling, banqueting and entertaining. For more details and opening times go to: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lodgepark

RAF Windrush

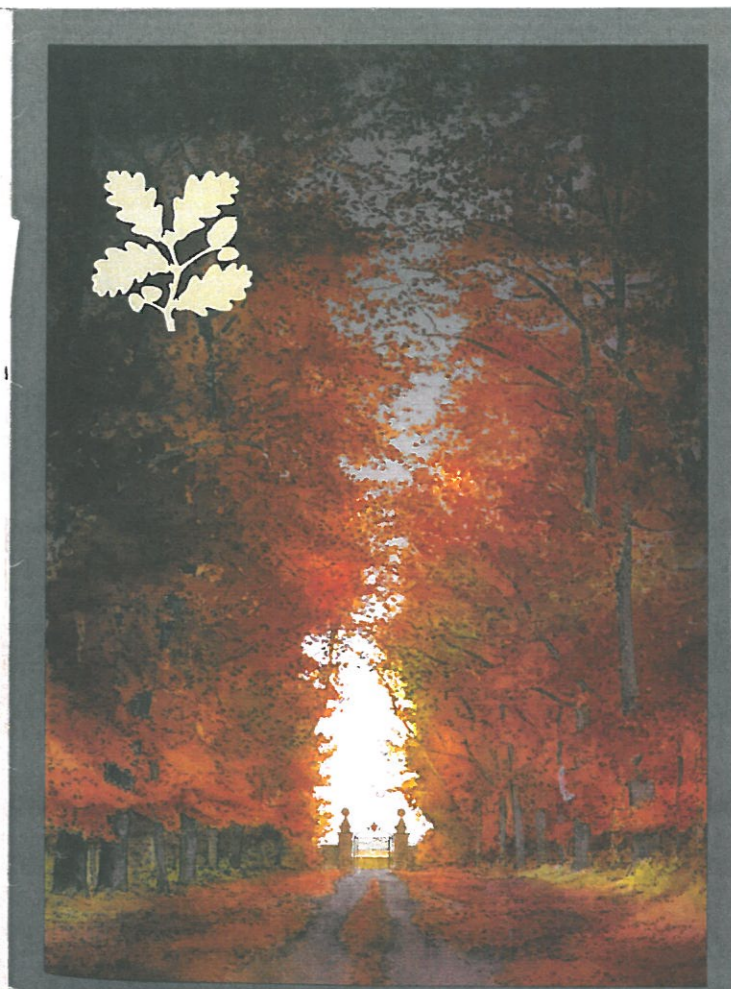
RAF Windrush was a Second World War aerodrome used for training pilots. Remains of the war time hangars, Nissen hut, pill boxes and watch office can still be seen from the footpath. The land at RAF Windrush is farmed, please keep to public footpaths and bridleways. There is no parking near RAF Windrush, please park at Ewe Pen Barn, follow the blue route to Tight Lane and walk along the A40. Please be aware this is a busy road.

If you require this information in alternative formats, please telephone 01451 844257 or email sherborneestate@nationaltrust.org.uk

The National Trust

The National Trust is a conservation charity. We need your help to protect beautiful and historic places such as the Sherborne Estate. For information about the estate, please contact the Sherborne Estate Office, Sherborne, near Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL54 3DW. Tel: 01451 844257 or email sherborneestate@nationaltrust.org.uk
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Explore Sherborne Park Estate

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Enjoy four walks around this timeless Cotswolds estate. Discover the wildlife of woods, farmland and watermeadows, and find traces of the estate's fascinating history.

Welcome to Sherborne Park Estate

To help you explore the peaceful countryside of the estate, the National Trust has created three circular walks. These all start from Ewe Pen Barn and are of varying lengths. Colour-coded waymarkers on the routes will help you find your way around. You can devise your own route from Northfield Barn car park around the water meadows by following the waymarked paths.

Do remember that Sherborne is a working estate. Please stay on the paths and keep your dog under close control to avoid harm to wildlife or grazing animals.

Please note that the paths can be muddy and slippery in wet weather.

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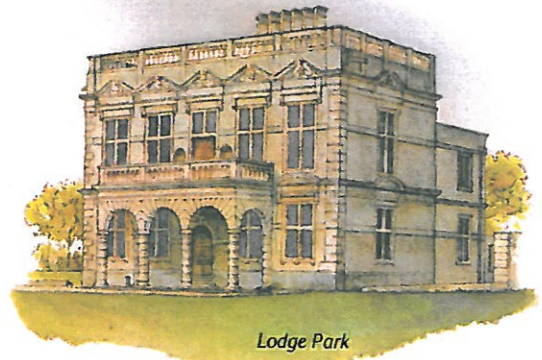
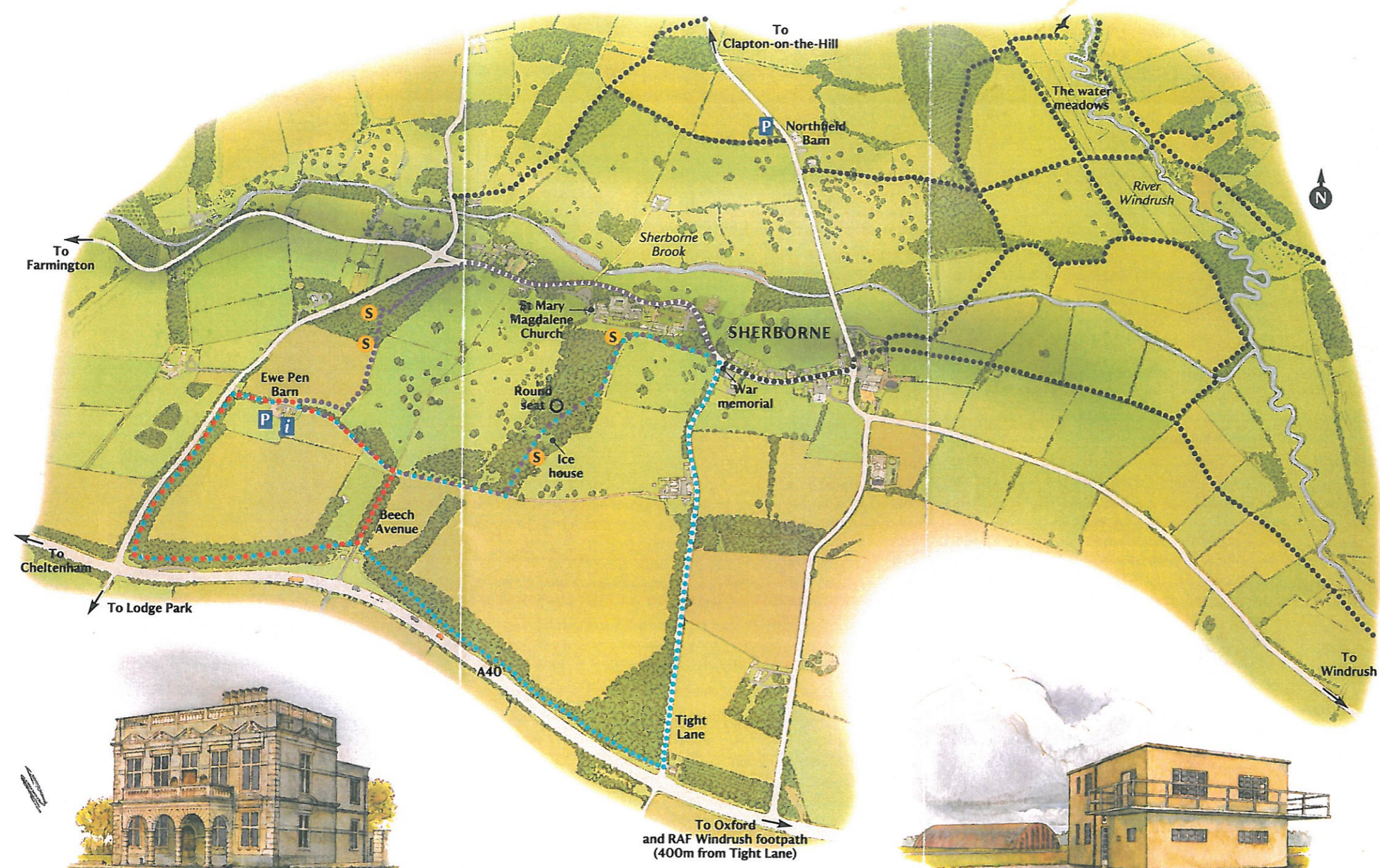
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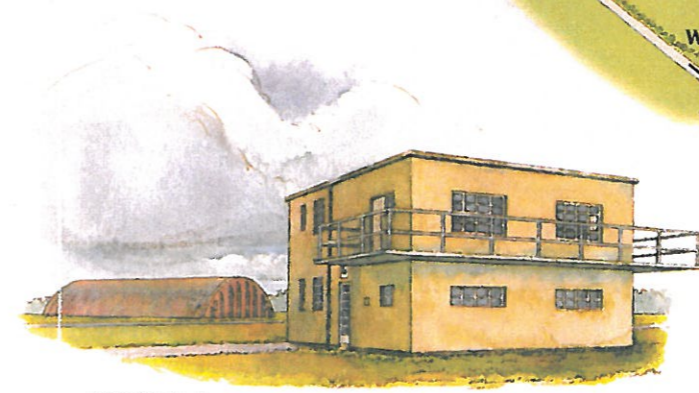
St Mary Magdalene Church

Facilities

The nearest place for refreshments is the village of Northleach, about five miles away. Take the A40 from Sherborne towards Cheltenham then follow the signs for Northleach. Toilets and hot drinks are available at Lodge Park when the building is open during the main summer season.



Lodge Park



RAF Windrush

To Oxford and RAF Windrush footpath (400m from Tight Lane)

