## Follow the Country Code - Respect, Protect, Enjoy

- Park sensibly – don't block gates or drives.
- Leave gates as you find them.
- Leave farm animals and machinery alone. If you think an animal's in distress, alert the farmer.
- Keep to the public right of way.
- Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home.
- Keep your dog under effective control and pick up after your pet – dog mess can harm livestock.
- It is good practice to keep your dog on a lead around livestock; however, if cattle or horses try to chase your dog, it's safer for both of you to let your dog off the lead to run away.
- Plan ahead, dress for the weather, and wear appropriate clothing.
- Be aware you may not have a mobile signal in places during your walk.

View across the Severn from Shepperdine

## About this walk

Take a wander along the River Severn; scenic views guaranteed whatever the weather. Then turn inland and follow a mix of quiet country lanes and public footpaths through this beautiful countryside of ancient fields, hedgerows, and small orchards. Stop in at the charming Tin Tabernacle.

## Length

3.5 km - about 1 leisurely hour, starting at the site of the old Windbound Pub, Shepperdine.

## Under foot

The walk follows public footpaths with short sections of quiet country lanes. Although the lanes are quiet, do take care on them as they are narrow in places. You may encounter cyclists and horse riders as well as cars. Please note: in winter and wet weather, wellies are a must for this walk!

## Food and drink

There are no refreshment stops on this route. Bring your own snacks.

## Parking

At the site of the old Windbound Pub, Shepperdine Road, Shepperdine. Please park sensibly.

## Regular Walk 2
# Windbound Wander

**Explore our series of regular and easy access walking routes**

### Easy Access Routes
Buggy and wheelchair friendly routes

1. Little Littleton Loop 2km
2. Severn Beach Short North 2.5km
3. Severn Beach Short South 3km
4. All Around Avonmouth 2km
5. Lamplighter's Walk 2km

### Regular Walks
Different lengths, mostly off-road

1. Hill Hike 5.5km
2. Windbound Wander 3.5km
3. Oldbury Outing 5km
4. Oldbury-Kington Loop 6km
5. Long Littleton Loop 7km
6. Two Bridges Loop 10km
7. Severn Beach Stride 5.5km
8. Spaniorum Skyway 9km
9. Lawrence Weston Moor Loop 2.5km
10. Shire Stroll 2.5km

The representation on this map of a road, track or footpath is no evidence of the existence of a right of way.

## Explore the Lower Severn Vale Levels

# 2 Windbound Wander

REGULAR WALK 2

*Length: 3.5 km - about 1 leisurely hour*

# Windbound Wander

**Start: At the site of the old Windbound Pub, Shepperdine Road, Shepperdine, BS35 1RP.**

*The description assumes you are going clockwise around the route, but it is signposted in both directions.*

The walk starts at the site of the old Windbound Pub **A**, once a fine riverside hostelry. There's some information about the history of this point on the river by the parking. Walk up onto the flood defences – pause to take the view **B**! – and then turn north along the Severn. Looking inland, notice the distinctive corrugated appearance of the fields **C**; this means they were last ploughed prior to modern methods. This ridge and furrow ploughing method was common from the middle ages onwards.

Just beyond Chapel House you'll see the modern navigation beacon **D**; if you look behind you and across the River, on clear days you'll see its partner. Ships travelling up and down the river visually align these beacons to know they are in the right part of the river channel to avoid sand banks. Just north of the beacon the brightly painted White House used to serve the same purpose!

Just past White House, go through the kissing gate and turn right (inland), following the way markers, going shortly right again. As you near the house, you'll see the route going off left over a ditch. Walk through the fields, bearing right at the gap in the hedges, until you eventually come out to Nupdown Lane.

Go straight down Nupdown Lane; a beautiful orchard **E** on your right shows off its blossom in spring and rosy apples in autumn. Look out for a waymarked gate on your right after about half a kilometre; pass through the gate and back onto the public footpath which runs diagonally across the first field.

The route will take you through several fields and down the drive of The Laurels (Nupdown Equestrian). At the bottom of the drive, turn left into Nupdown Lane, and follow the lane past more orchards left and right. Where the lane turns sharply left, take a moment to visit the 'Tin Tabernacle' **F**. This tin church of St Mary the Virgin is still in use! Enjoy its peace and sense of timelessness.

After visiting the church, continue down Nupdown Lane until you get to a T-junction. Turn right here to return to the start of the walk.


View from the shoreline at 'B'


Apple tree in blossom


Morty, Landlord of the Windbound Inn

## Key

- **·····** Walk route
- **·····** Public footpath
- **-----** Bridleway
- **A** Point of interest
- **P** Parking
- **⌖** Place of worship