

Outline of the route

This walk, using an old railway line and lanes, goes to **Wollerton**—or beyond. It starts at the Hodnet Social Club's car park (free parking).

To start, cross the recreation ground and go past the swings to reach a PG onto Station Road. Turn right and head to the old railway line bridge. Steps and a PG lead down to the former Wellington to Market Drayton railway line, from where you head towards **Wollerton**. Along here, in summer, you may see/hear **Buzzards**, **Skylarks** or even **Curlews** and, at the right time of year*, might even spot some **Glow Worms** – the colony here being rare.

*The best time to see them is after dark on June/July evenings, in the taller plants at the edge of the short (rabbit 'mown') grassland.

After a PG at the end of the old line, turn right. 2 more PG take you to Wollerton, where you can visit the **Old Hall Garden** or view an unusual **Stray Animal Pound**. If not extending your walk at 'A', return the way you came.

Option. At 'A' go down Mill Road to the bypass. Cross it and go through a PG, then turn right. After a FG, the track becomes a lane. Approx 50m ahead turn right and follow the lane to its end, then turn right and cross the bypass again. After a PG, walk up Station Road to return back to the start—if not taking the option below.

Option. At 'B' go down Webster Lane where 5 PG take you to Espley Roundabout. From here, you can return to the start via one of two routes, as shown on the map.

Welcome to Hodnet

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Notes.

- 1/ The maps and route outlines are complementary, so should be used together for the clearest route guidance.
- 2/ For a key to abbreviations/symbols/terms used, see map.
- 3/ If you find a route blocked (e.g. by growing crops) take the shortest alternative route past/around the problem.
- 4/ To learn about HFG, download more walk leaflets (we've 10 of them) or to report an issue visit www.hodnet.org.uk/fpg

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Country Code

- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Don't leave litter
- Keep dogs under control and in sight (use a lead near livestock), and clean up after them - **dog faeces spread diseases!**



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Hodnet Walks : 1

Hodnet to Wollerton

'Glow Worm Walk'



Photo. S Clough

Walk Type: Linear (1st part) or Circular

Distance : Approx 2, 3 or 4 miles

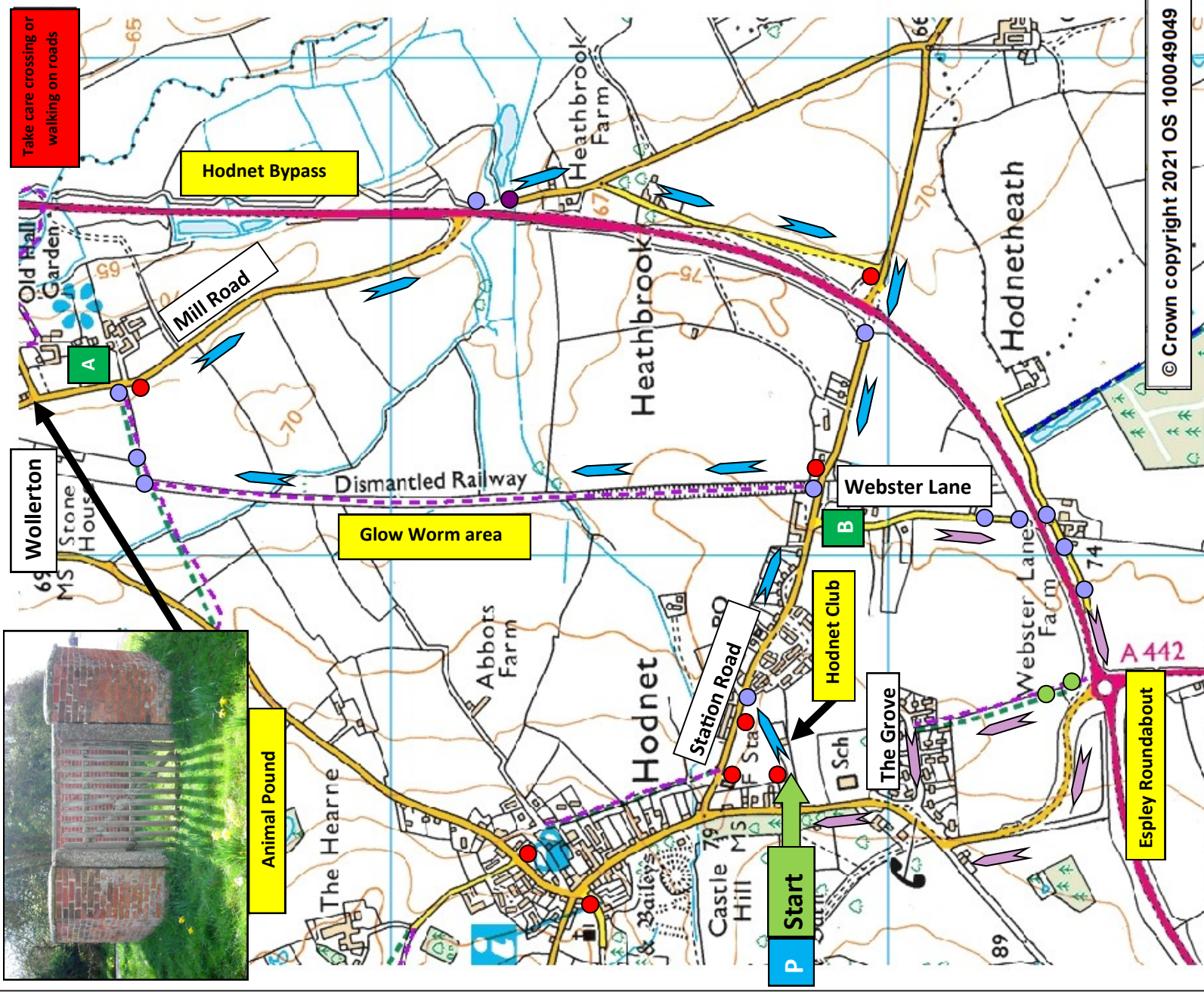
Walk Grade: 1

Dog Friendly: Yes

Time: 1–2 hours



Animal Pound



Abbreviations/Symbols/Terms used in leaflet & map:

Field Gate = FG or ● Pedestrian Gate = PG or ● Bridge = BR or ● Dog Bin = ●

Stile = ST or ● 'Dog Friendly' Stile = ● Alternative route = ➤

Dog Friendly = Larger dogs can get through/past the stile Public Footpath = - - - or - - -

Walk Grades = **Grade 1:** Shorter/level route &/or no or few stiles **Grade 2:** Moderate length/part hilly route &/or some stiles **Grade 3:** Longer/hilly route &/or many stiles