

Heavens Gate and Horningsham

Park in the Nockatt Coppice carpark BA12 7LG

1 On the opposite side of the road to the car park take the gravel track leading into the woods (**picture 1**).



Picture 1

You will see a row of trees possibly Silver birch? In front of you, take the narrow wooded track on your left just after the trees (**picture 2 & 3**)



Picture 2



Picture 3

After a short while the pathway will split, take the left hand fork (**picture 4**) and continue down the hill.



Picture 4

At the next crossroad of paths carry on ahead onto a metalled lane (**picture 5**) continuing past pretty thatched stone cottages on your left and the church in the distance.



Picture 5

Go straight over the next set of crossroads (**picture 6**) and continue on this lane past Park Farm on your right, continue up the lane past the parish church of St John the Baptist on your left (**Picture 7**). Turn right at the T-junction.



Picture 6



Picture 7

2 Carry on down the hill past Horningsham Village School (**picture 8**) and as Church Street bears to the right cross over the road take the narrow lane on the left (**picture 9**) which leads past a war memorial. Continue on this lane for approximately 1.2 km ignoring a lane turning to the left at The Corner.



Picture 8



Picture 9

As you walk through Horningsham village (Chapel Street) look out for a thatched Congregational Chapel on your right (**picture 10**), built in 1566, known as the Old Meeting House where a service is still held every Sunday. A little further on is a beech tree planted to commemorate the Silver Jubilee anniversary of Queen Elizabeth in 1977. As you come to the end of the road you will see The Bath Arms public house ahead of you, built in the 17th century, turn right at the crossroads and follow the sign for Salisbury/Warminster (**picture 11**).



Picture 10



Picture 11

On the right hand side of the road is the village pump which was installed c1904.

3 Follow the road (Water Lane) past the Village Hall on your right and Mill Farm to your left, cross a footbridge over Mill pond and carry on up the hill. The road will bear round to the left and you will walk back up Church Street, back past the school then turn left to walk back down past the church this time with it being on your right hand side (**picture 12**). Follow the lane until you come to the crossroads and turn left (**picture 13**).



Picture 12



Picture 13

Walk past very pretty thatched cottages until the lane comes to an end, you will see a pathway into the woods (**picture14**), follow it and you will reach a gateway leading into a meadow (**picture 15**).



Picture 14



Picture 15

If you look left you will see some work taking place on the Longleat Estate, you need to turn right following the trodden grassy path uphill (take your time and turn around to admire the view) at the top you will reach another gateway this time leading in to the woods (**picture 16**). Follow the track upwards through the woods until you reach the top where a gateway (**picture 17**) will lead you out to Heavens Gate.

(Sit down on the benches and enjoy the views of Longleat House)



Picture 16



Picture 17

4 Turn around and head towards the stones, you will see a gateway and gravel path just behind the stones (**picture 18**), follow this pathway all the way back to the carpark.



Picture 18