

Stover Country Park and the Teign River

Distance: 8 Km (5 miles) over level woodland paths, riverside fields and rural lanes.

Time: 2 hours

There is a pay and display car park, signed Stover Country Park, 1/4 mile south of the A38 junction with the A382, Bovey Tracey to Newton Abbot. (What3Words Ref. [///test.refilled.waitress](#))

Directions from the car park: Take the track, passing to the left of the Info Centre (signed Templer Way) and then right at the T-junction towards the lake. Take the next left and follow the path around Stover Lake, built in 1765, to the bridge at point 'A' on the map. Cross the bridge and turn left, following the channel in the direction of the 'Templer Way Heritage Trail via Ventiford'.

Close to the Teignrace Road, turn right to follow the woodland path to a gate on the road, at point 'B', turning right, then after a few yards left, along Summer Lane. After a sharp right bend, go over a railway bridge to a T-junction at Ventiford Cottages. Turn right and follow the road all the way, under a railway bridge, back to the Teignrace road. Turn left and follow the road for a few hundred yards, looking for a left turn at Ventiford Bridge, point 'C'. Take this left turn along a track, under the railway again and head east towards the River Teign, passing the northern end of the disused Stover Canal, built between 1790 and 1792, at Ventiford Basin on your right. The basin also marks the southern end of the old Haytor Granite Tramroad which operated between 1820 and 1858, utilising the Stover Canal to transport granite down to the coast.

Follow the path to the river, through a few kissing-gates and then alongside the river as it bends to the right. Not long after a second bridge, the river makes a pronounced left turn at point 'D'. Here, leave the river and follow the Templer Way signpost across a meadow, a footbridge and another meadow until a cycle path is reached. Turn right, then left, over the Teignrace Locks Bridge. Continue over the railway crossing, along a drive to a road. Turn right along the road and then left at the Templer Way post at 'E'. This crosses a meadow and then a right turn takes you along a woodland track. At the fork, stay left until you reach the grounds of Stover School.

Take in the Canadian War Memorial at 'F', erected last year (2018), to the left. Follow the track, keeping right at a fork to head downhill, over a bridge across open country and then back into woodland. The track will lead back towards point 'A', but turn left before this to follow the lakeside, clockwise. After the footbridge, turn right and then after the next footbridge, turn left and return to the car park.

