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Malcolm Beeson's
Walking and cycling
around Weymouth from
Littlemoor

Route 4: River Wey & Nottingham.
(3 miles, taking approximately 1 hour 30 minutes.)
NOT SUITABLE FOR CYCLES

Follow Route 3 from [A] to the bridge under the railway, then turn LEFT and pass Upwey station. At the end of the car park continue ahead onto the tarmac path. Cross a parking area, then turn LEFT at the road. Cross the road and enter the footpath to the left of Juniper Way. At the end of this path cross unmade-up Lorton Lane and continue ahead into a footpath between a playing field and a new housing estate.

The path narrows as it joins Broadlands Road. Continue ahead to Dorchester Road. Cross (if busy, use pedestrian crossing to your left) and enter Nottingham Lane to your left.

Care! (There is no footpath beside this road.)

Continue ahead and round sharp right bend, to where roads turns sharply left at an old octagonal pump house. Here leave the road and continue ahead (signed "Footpath. No parking - Greystones only").

Cross the River Wey and onto a grassy path, then through a kissing gate INTO A FIELD. Keep ahead along the left-hand edge, towards a distant cottage, until you enter a path between unkempt hedges. Pass through a kissing gate. (DO NOT CROSS the bridge ahead, unless you wish to divert back to Dorchester Road via The Grove - a narrow path.)

Turn LEFT over a bridge across a weir, then continue along the left bank of the river. **This can get very narrow!** Pass an ancient bridge - DO NOT CROSS! The path can now get very muddy. (If this is a problem, go back over the weir and turn left, to Dorchester Road along The Grove.)

Pass through another kissing gate and bear RIGHT to a metal kissing gate, to cross a stream using a concrete bridge. Incline LEFT towards a wooden stile in the far right corner of field. Cross this and keep ahead on lane to join Dorchester Road.

Cross road and enter Springfield Road, a short distance to the right. Walk up this road until it bears right, when you turn LEFT, cross road and enter the steep and rough stone path between houses 59 and 61.

Cross the access road to Upwey Station and keep ahead onto footpath to Littlemoor.

The River Wey is one of England's shortest rivers, at 5.5 miles long. It rises as springs in the beautiful gardens of the Wishing Well tea-room, and feeds the RSPB's Radipole Lake before entering Weymouth Bay through the marina. It used to serve no fewer than five watermills and some watercress beds.

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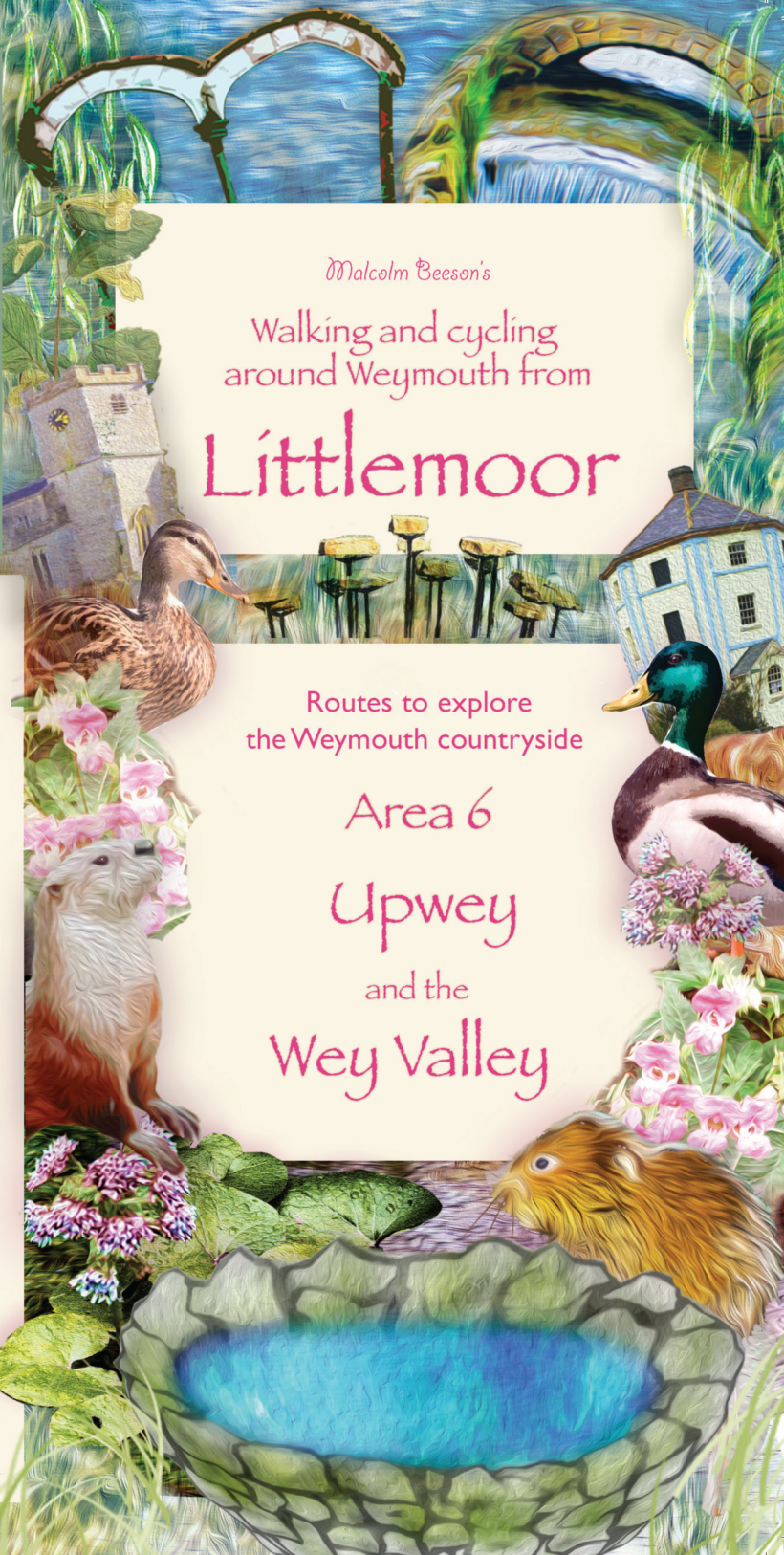
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Route 1: The South-Dorset Ridgeway and The Upwey Wishing Well (5.5 miles)
(Approx. 1 hr 20 mins OUT; 40 mins RETURN)

Turn LEFT by the library [A], onto the A353. At the roundabout keep LEFT and cross the bridge. Then turn RIGHT by the mast (opposite bus shelter) onto footpath/cycleway down towards pond. Cross the T-junction, onto the stone path and follow this around with pond on the left. **[Cyclists: keep LEFT on tarmac path, keeping pond on your right.]** Stone path rejoins tarmac path opposite the end of Icen Lane [B]. Turn RIGHT and continue uphill beside Relief Road (A354).

Cross the end of Chapel Lane [C] and on to the Upwey junction [D]. Follow footpath/cycleway over junction, bearing left onto disused road. Continue up long gradient to the Green Bridge [E].

Do not turn onto bridge; instead, turn LEFT onto a wide stone track. Follow this, bearing right, then left, signed "South West Coast Path". Continue gently uphill through gate, with views to Dorchester over the stone wall on the right. Then gently downhill to another gate.

Immediately after this gate turn LEFT and pass through another gate (this can be very muddy) then ahead down the valley, keeping the fence on your right.

It can again be very muddy as you approach and pass through a further gate. Continue ahead, bearing slightly to the right of the lowest part of the valley, then gently uphill, bearing round to the right over the crest of a low hillock. As houses come into view, head for the small wood at the right end of the farm track ahead. Continue down to the gate at the centre of this wood.

Pass through this gate (again, this can be very muddy) and down a very short track into a picnic area. Keep LEFT and out through a gate onto the road.

Turn LEFT and continue carefully down the steep road, to *The Wishing Well* [F] on your right, at a small road junction. (To visit Upwey Church, turn sharply back right and along this cul-de-sac lane.)

TO RETURN: Continue ahead past the Wishing Well. When this road eventually bears sharp LEFT [G] continue up to Dorchester Road. Turn LEFT, then RIGHT into Chapel Lane and on up, to turn RIGHT onto path by Relief Road at [C]. Continue back to library [A].

Route 2: Via Elwell Street to The Wishing Well.
(A short cut, taking approximately 20 minutes)

From [D] turn LEFT down slip road. At junction continue ahead into Elwell Street. Turn RIGHT at finger post **[CYCLISTS (and those afraid of mud and cattle): keep ahead. At end of road turn RIGHT and on to The Wishing Well.]** then LEFT onto stone track, through gate and slightly right onto grass path. Through another gate and over stone stile into field. (Often muddy.)

Keep along bottom edge of field and over stile. Head to far left corner of field. Cross the stone stile. Then cross another stile into a garden! Continue ahead through gate onto a grass path, then up a tarmac drive to the road. Turn sharply LEFT and find the Wishing Well on the right.

Route 3: Circular walk around Broadwey.
(3 miles, taking approximately 1 hour 10 minutes)

Turn LEFT out of the car park, then RIGHT into Beverley Road (opposite doctors' surgery). At the end of the road, pass under the flats and LEFT up steep tarmac path. Continue ahead over Green Bridge and under railway. Cross drive (to Upwey Station) onto uneven path down to road. Cross to left, turning RIGHT into Springfield Road. At the end, turn RIGHT on Dorchester Road, cross over and continue to RIGHT.

Turn LEFT into Mill Street and down to River Wey, where the road bears sharply right. Follow lane under bridge and around left and right bends. Eventually it bears right, then left, rediscovering the River Wey. Follow it to the right, away from the river and continue ahead [G] up Stottingway Street to Dorchester Road.

Cross road, turn RIGHT and continue to second road on LEFT: Victoria Avenue. Follow this road round to right, then turn LEFT into Old Station Road. When road turns right, continue ahead under railway and downhill on Icen Lane. At the end of the lane [B] turn RIGHT beside ponds, then up to right onto bridge across the Relief Road. Cross the bridge, bear RIGHT and back to the library and shops [A].



Key

	Route 1		Height in Metres
	Route 2		140-170
	Route 3		110-140
	Route 4		80-110
	Road		50-80
	Footpath/Bridleway		Car Park
	Buildings		

Gradient: Arrows point downhill
 low medium steep

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