

WALKING - TO LANGPORT

Walk past the four cottages at the bottom of the lane and go through the field gate walk around the field to the gate on the right of the barn where you turn right down the lane. At the end of the lane cross the road at a slight angle and continue along the lane. When you reach the river bridge you can either stay this side of the river (1) or walk to the other side of the river (2)

- 1) Following the river path on this side of the river will take you directly to the main car park (Cocklemoor) in Langport and this is where the Fish & Chip shop can be found. You can also continue past the car park to bring you out at the Taunton end of Langport, this is the shortest route to the far end of town. If you cross the river bridge this will take you to Sheakspeare Glass, Willow and Wetlands Centre, Riverside Café.
- 2) Or when you reach the river, cross the river bridge and follow the track this will bring you further out at the Taunton end of Langport where if you turn right you can walk up through main street of Langport. This is also where famous Sheakspeare Glass, The Bridge Bakery & Canteen, The Kitchen restaurant are located.

Alternatively you can walk via the road to Langport:

Turn left at the end of Knapps Lane, at the church take the left fork, follow the road walking through the Hanging Chapel and down The Hill, go left at the T junction to reach the centre of Langport.

WALKING - TO THE PUBS

Rose & Crown – turn left at end of lane, cross the road walk a very short distance and the pub will be on your right.

Langport Arms - turn left at the end of Knapps Lane, at the church take the left fork, follow the road walking through the Hanging Chapel and down The Hill, go left at the T junction, ahead of you on the left will be the Langport Arms.

Black Swan - turn left at the end of Knapps Lane, at the church take the left fork, follow the road walking through the Hanging Chapel and down The Hill, go right at the T junction. Crossover the other side of the road and just around the bend you will see the Black Swan.

WALKING - TO THE CAFÉS

Green Lemon Café & Bistro – turn left at the end of Knapps Lane follow road around the bend at the church, past the school until you get to the roundabout. Here go right (you will have to cross the road to stay on the pavement) short distance you will see Kelways Garden Centre on the right, the café in just inside the garden centre.

Cafes in Langport

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Our properties are tucked away at the end of a short lane in the village of Huish Episcopi. There is a footpath that passes in front of the cottages that leads to the fields and the River Parrett where you can take a short walk into Langport or across the fields to the village of Muchelney. The garden of the cottages and house backs onto the edge of the fields looking out towards the river. The area is very peaceful and quiet with a good local pub just a couple of minutes' walk away called The Rose & Crown (Eli's) famous for not having a bar which serves home cooked food with real ales etc.

River Parrett Trail:

River Parrett is one of the main rivers draining the Somerset Levels, or Plain of Sedgemoor. Its source is the green hills on the Dorset and South Somerset border at Chedington, from where it flows northwards to enter the Bristol Channel near Burnham on Sea. The River Parrett Trail is one of England's beautiful 'source to mouth' river routes all of which offer fabulous walking enhanced by the fascinating presence of water. The River Parrett Trail can be enjoyed as a 50 mile hike over 3 or 4 days or as a series of shorter walks exploring some of England's most beautiful, intriguing but also fragile countryside. This is comfortable walking through the gentle hills of the Dorset and Somerset borders and across the wetlands of the Somerset Levels and Moors. It is also a fascinating journey through orchards, woods, withy beds and the watery haunts of birds and fishermen; passing limestone cottages, Georgian terraces, elegant mediaeval churches and the elaborate pattern of rhynes and water courses of the low land. On the way you can visit Ham Hill – the site of one of Europe's largest Iron Age hill forts, Stoke St. Gregory – the heart of the Somerset willow growing and basket making industry, Burrow Mump and Athelney – where the Saxon King Alfred found a refuge from the Vikings (and burnt the cakes). At Ham Hill the route links with the Liberty Trail and the Leland Trail.

Follow the River Parrett from the source in Chedington in Dorset to the mouth in Bridgwater Bay, Somerset.

The route first heads to Langport passing Haselbury and the 16th century English Heritage owned Muchelney Abbey. You continue north through Langport and onto Burrowbridge where you will pass the interesting geological and historical site at Burrow Mump. The river then takes you towards Bridgwater passing the Westonzoyland Pumping Station Museum. This Industrial Heritage Museum is dedicated to steam powered machinery and makes for a fascinating few hours.

The final section takes you through Bridgwater and Comwich before finishing at the beautiful Steart Nature Reserve on Bridgwater Bay.

We are close to lots of walking from the cottage or if you drive a short distance there are several nature reserves close by, in particular during the Autumn and until February the Starling Murmurations are forming over the moors, we even get mini murmurations in the garden as the Starlings begin to group together before flying to join other groups as well as a selection of attractions, days out and if you are interested we have the greatest number of National Trust houses and gardens in the country all not too far away.