

## Walk 8

# Watergore/Fosse Way/Moor

(John & Rosemary Johnson)

From St James's St Car Park, cross St James's St and turn R past the library into South St; walk the length of this until you leave the village and climb up to the bridge over the by-pass to Watergore. Turn R as you descend from the bridge along Moondown Lane, so as to avoid the dangerous junction onto the old A303, then after a mere 20m or so turn L up the path (92) and reach the old road loop in Watergore. Cross over the road at the gap in the fence, and along the track facing you, which is Northfield Lane (79), and the fields are old allotment gardens. Turn R after some 40m, up the track (45) in the middle of the fields to the line of conifers and into the orchard. Turn L along the edge of the orchard (80) until the junction with another path at the bottom edge of the orchard (there is another orchard across this path). This is Long Lane (81), part of the historic Roman Road known as the Fosse Way. Turn L along the lane, which sinks down between the hedges on either side and is notable for the badger setts. After 200m you will reach a crossroads; turn L along Northfield Lane again (79), and you will find yourself back at Watergore after 300m. *(Alternatively go straight on at the crossroads for 40m, turn R when you reach the road and you will find yourself near the Royal Oak Inn).* Cross back over the old A303, back down the path (92) and over the bridge - but this time turn L away from Petherton along the road to Moor. This is a windy road without pavements, so take care as you pass Moor and its old farm buildings largely converted into homes. At the cottage where the road veers sharply L, turn R through the broken hamstone squeeze gate along the track (41). After 150m turn L up the footpath beside the gardens of the houses in Lamprey's Lane (40), through the kissing gate and out onto West St. Turn R and walk into Petherton, past the Blake Hall and R down St James's St back to the Car Park.

2½ miles, no stiles, 1 hour

