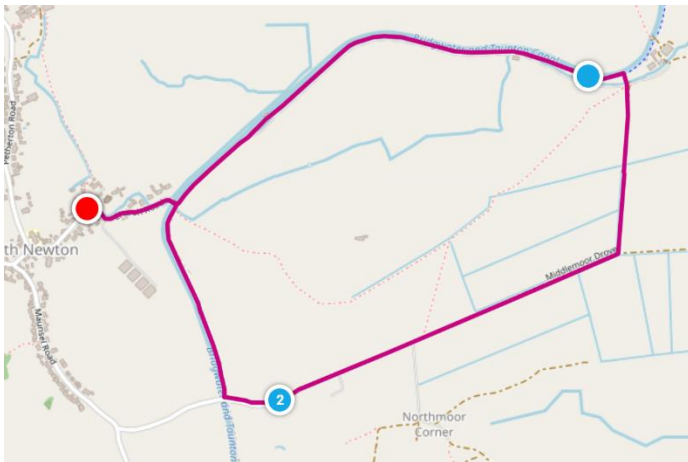


Walks from Newton House

1) Taunton & Bridgwater Canal Loop via Middlemoor Drove – Distance 2.6 miles



Turn Left out of the drive and follow Church Road down to the canal. Cross the swing bridge turn left along the canal tow path. Follow the path for just under ¼ mile until you reach **Kings Lock**

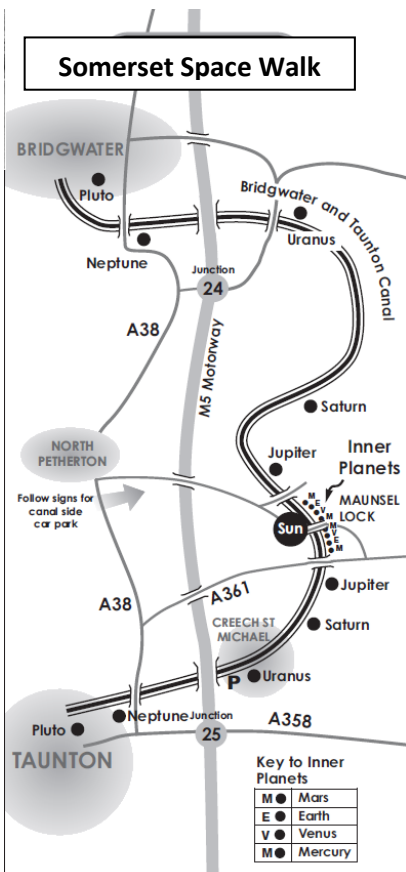


Continue along the tow path for another ½ mile. At Whites Farm keep an eye out for “Saturn” by the side of the path. It forms part of the **Somerset Space Walk** (this a true scale model of our Solar System with the planets placed along the Bridgwater to Taunton Canal with the sun centred at Higher Maunsel Lock. The planets go both ways along the tow path from there)



Just past Whites Farm there is a small gate in the hedge on the right-hand side. (if you reach bridge 14 you have gone 200m too far. If you want to extend your route by ¼ mile go past Bridge 14 to Standards Lock where there is a picnic area)

Go through the gate over a small stream bridge and then go straight over the track to the left of the farmhouse. Follow the path between the trees until it opens out onto the moors.



After ¼ mile turn right at the end onto Middlemoor Drove. Keep your eyes and ears open for the Skylark, Sedge Warblers, Reed Buntings or even a Roe Deer along the rhynes.



The Dirt track across Middlemoor eventually ends up back on the canal path after ½ mile. Turn Right and follow the canal path back to the swing bridge at North Newton. Turn

left back up to Newton House.



On route you will also come across some of the World War 2 Pill box's that formed part of the “**Stop Line**” A defensive line designed to stop the enemy's advance from the West.

