## Whitcombe Winfrith Heath **RSRL** Technology Centre 400 yards В

## the Seven Stars

From car park exit, turn right and head along lane for 100 yards. Bear left on to track at footpath sign to E. Knighton. 100 yards on, bear left, pass through white gate and cross rail line with care.

Pass through white gate, walk down to road, turn right and follow for 100 yards. Continue ahead on path with security fence to left and rail lne to right. 580 yards on, pass subway to right and continue ahead on wide grass track gently uphill.

After 630 yards, track bears left over disused rail line and then right. Walk for 50 yards and pass through metal gate alongside cattle grid. Continue ahead for 130 yards and path bends to left.

40 yards on, bear left past marker post to right. Follow heathland path past conifers to right for 200 yards then bear right on to sandy path. 60 yards ahead, turn left and head gently uphill on sand & gravel track.

Follow for 150 yards then bear right on to track (see assist A). Follow for 60 yards, cross straight over road and continue on grass track uphill through gorse and bracken.

80 yards on, track bends to left. Follow downhill (with glorious views) for 60 yards then continue ahead steadily downhill on track past gully. 110 yards ahead, gradient eases. Stay on track gently downhill keeping Whitcombe Hill to right for 400 yards.

Bear right at 1 o'clock ignoring wide track ahead (see assist B). Follow track for 180 yards (may be soft underfoot) pass to left of scenic pond then bear left at 10.30 on to poorly defined path through heather (see assist C).

After 60 yards, path heads steadily uphill for 50 yards. Continue ahead with hill to right for 250 yards (some sections may be soft underfoot) then bear right at fork (see assist D).

Follow path gently uphill through heather for 370 yards (may be soft underfoot in places). Take care as path passes through a few gorse bushes then walk ahead 40 yards down to the road.

Turn left and follow grass verge for 170 yards, cross road then bear to right of cattle grid and wood gates. Follow path ahead keeping fence immediately to left for 100 yards.

With fence and railway ahead, bear right and follow track with rail line to left for 300 yards. Continue ahead at 1 o'clock on to grass track passing conifers to right for 60 yards.

With marker post ahead, turn left and follow path/ track with rail line to left for 800 yards. Turn left and walk through subway under railway.

Continue ahead on track (may be soft underfoot) for 125 yards up to lane. Turn right and follow lane (using verges where possible) for 950 yards and you arrive back at the Seven Stars for some well deserved hospitality.

