

## Walk information:

**Distance:** 6.5 miles

**Difficulty:** moderate some steep uphill climbs and lots of stiles

**Duration:** 3 hours

**Maps:** OS 154

## How to get there

**Car** Follow the A38 then B3130 to Winford.

**Bus** Service **121** serves Winford.

# Planes, lanes and watermobiles



Start the walk in the village of Winford, parking near the church. Alternatively, you can also start in Dundry, again parking near the church. Refreshments are available in both villages. Much of the route is directly under the flight path of planes coming in to land at Bristol Airport.

Walk through Winford churchyard, to the left of the church and cross the stiles into the next two fields, walking underneath the aqueduct. This elevated section of the 'Line of Works' was constructed in the mid 19th century and takes water by gravity from the Mendips, via the reservoirs at Barrow, into Bristol and the surrounding area.

Go through the gate in the top left hand corner, you then need to walk straight across the field and go over the stile in the bottom right hand corner. Walk straight across the field through the metal gate and turn immediately left, follow the hedge up and then left again after about a hundred yards over the next stile following the Monarch's Way.

Walk through the next field and over a stile. In the second field walk up the middle of the field veering slightly to the left. At the top, you'll see an open gateway into a field ahead, look out

closely for the small Monarch's Way marker on the left hand post.

Walk across this third field and head for the metal gate, go straight across Winford Lane and into the field on the right following the way marker.

Head up the field to the left hand side of a tree and then slightly bear left. At the top of this field go through the wooden gate just to the right of another tree and bear left following the Monarch's Way.

Walk a short distance to the next wooden stile and then bear right following the Monarch's Way, heading for the metal gate at the top left hand corner of the field.

Go through the gate and follow the hedge up to spectacular panoramic views of Barrow Tanks, Long Ashton, both Severn crossings and the Clifton Suspension Bridge.

Head straight across the field towards the farmhouse and go through the gate. Turn right up the lane and after a short distance go over the stile into a field following the hedge on the right hand side and then towards the left hand side of the radio mast.

Go over the stone stile and carry on in the same direction following the track visible in the grass.

Keep following the track heading towards Dundry Church.

Go through the gate and follow the lane ahead passing St Michaels Church on your left. The tower measures 97.5 feet tall and was erected in 1482 in the reign of Edward IV. The church itself dates from the 13th century.

Continue on through the village, and at the junction with West Dundry Lane and Crabtree Lane, go over the stile and follow the left hand hedge through two fields on the Samaritans Way South West. Then head down a narrow path to the right of the radio mast.

In the third field follow the line of the right hand hedge and then the path ahead in the same direction. Continue over the stile into the fourth field still signposted Samaritans Way.

You will get a good view of Chew Valley Lake from here.

Keep to the left of two posts and then head diagonally right in the direction of Chew Valley Lake.



Go through the gate ahead with Elton Farm directly behind. Walk to the right of the farm buildings and down a short rocky slope over a stile, following the line of the fence on your right downhill.

Pass through the metal kissing gate, walk a short distance and then turn right through two metal gates and over a bridge.

Head down this next field to the metal kissing gate that's mid-distance between the two gates leaving the field.

Then walk through the small plantation.

Cross a stile following the line of the left hand hedge in the next field.

At the bottom of the field go through the metal kissing gate and follow the left hand edge of the field. Walk through the field to the next metal kissing gate and follow the hedge on your right. Before you reach the gate at the bottom of this field look out for the wooden stile on your right and go over that following the way-marked sign and keeping left following the left hand line of the hedge in the next field.

Cross the stile at the bottom of the field to Bithams Wood managed by the Woodland Trust. Follow the path bearing round to the right. On leaving the woodland keep to the left hand hedge as you walk down through the next field, continuing downhill.

Go through the kissing gate and bear right heading for the next kissing gate. Turn right and walk along the lane.

Following a gentle climb uphill, pass a house on your left and then cross the wooden stile into a field, then keeping the hedge on your right hand side.

Step over a low wooden stile into the next field. Powdermill Farm is on your left.



Head down in a diagonal direction across the field and over a small wooden bridge. Then head straight on keeping the hedge and the stream on your right. Follow the track through the field between the recently planted trees heading for the stone house with the red tiled roof.

Go over the stile and head for the lane in front of the stone house. Turn left onto Littleton Lane, walking uphill. On the right you'll see another house called The Byre. Walk up the driveway following a path which goes down to the right of the garage and outbuildings.

Go over two wooden stiles and in the next field begin to follow the right hand hedge then keeping in the same direction heading for the stile on the far hedge.

Walk straight across the next two fields over wooden stiles. In the third field keep to the right hand hedge and head to the right of the red roofed buildings. Go through the metal kissing gate and straight down the driveway.

Walk up the hill along the lane to the left and then immediately right over two wooden stiles. Follow the path straight ahead going back underneath the water pipe.

Head for the Electricity sub-station in the far corner of the field. Go over the wooden stile and then turn right onto the lane, back to the start of the walk.



## Features to look out for:

- 19th century aqueduct
- Views to Clifton Suspension Bridge
- St Michael's church in Dundry

## Did you know?

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