

Walk information:

Distance: 4.5 or 6.5 miles

Difficulty: moderate some steep uphill climbs and lots of stiles

Duration: 2 or 3 hours

Maps: OS 154



Planes, lanes and watermobiles

Depending on your energy levels, this month choose between a shorter 4.5 mile route printed here and a longer 6.5 mile route to download from www.n-somerset.gov.uk/lifewalks

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, then 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.



How to get there

Car

Follow the A38 then B3130 to Winford.

Bus

Service **121** serves Winford.

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 turn right onto Crabtree Lane and follow this road all the way back to Winford. On entering the village, look out for the footpath on your left taking you back to the start of the walk.



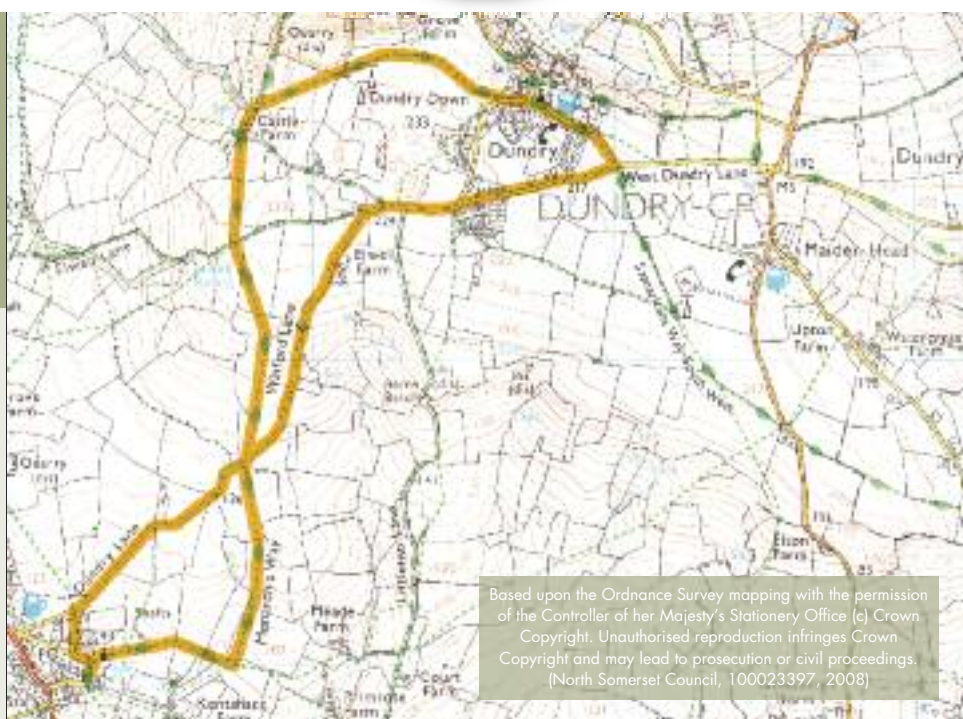
Features to look out for:

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

Did you know?

If you want details of a walk previously published in Life you can download past editions of the magazine in PDF format from the council's website.

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