

Winscombe circular walk



This month's walk is an enjoyable stroll around the village of Winscombe, courtesy of Woodspring Ramblers.

Max Mill Lane for about three quarters of a mile. At the T-junction with Barton Road take a right then immediate left and go through a gate at the corner of the field. Keep to the edge of the field, heading towards the top left-hand corner.



Start at Woodborough Road, towards Winscombe Bridge. A public footpath sign on your right leads you to the Cheddar Valley Railway Walk, known as the Strawberry Line.

Through the gate you immediately see Old Station Millennium Green on your left. This landscaped site features brickwork from the original train station, demolished in 1963.

Head north on the Strawberry Line for about a quarter of a mile then go through a kissing gate on your left. This leads to Knapps Close and a field. Cross the field, heading towards the left-hand corner.

Cross the A371 with care then walk up Church Road. Immediately past the 16th century Nut Tree Farm, take the track on your right, past more farm buildings. Follow the public footpath as it leads past Mill Pond Cottage. The footpath leads straight across fields, crossing a couple of stiles and bridges which can be slippery when wet.

Eventually you come to a road and if you head right, you will see Max Mills Farm and its impressive water-powered corn mill.

From the mill, retrace your steps back up the road and then continue along



Features to look out for:

- Nut Tree Farm
- Max Mills Farm
- The Strawberry Line
- Shute Shelve Tunnel

How to get there:

By car

Follow the A371 or A38 to Winscombe. Free car park next to the Woodborough Inn.

By bus

Routes 126 and 121 serve the village.



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At the corner cross a stile into a wooded area, then another field towards St. James the Great Church. A large elm tree in the graveyard makes a pleasant spot for a break.

Turn left when leaving the church, walking downhill past a few houses.

Follow the footpath sign on your right, as the path veers downhill.

At the fork take the left-hand route, cross the stream and cut diagonally across the next field. Follow a straight route across another couple of fields. The final stile leads onto a track, so turn left here and then a quick right over a stone stile. A short track and some steps lead down back onto the Strawberry Line.



traffic-free path you will come to the Shute Shelve Tunnel after about a mile.

Shortly after the tunnel, a dirt track on your right veers uphill to double-back on yourself. At the top, pass a house and walk



through a National Trust car park. Cross the road and follow the path downhill on the opposite side of the road.

After a kissing gate you will come to a field managed by the Mendip Society. At the bottom right-hand corner go through a gate to a track and steps leading back to the Strawberry Line.

Turn left and at a junction, take the right hand path downhill (Fullers Lane). Follow this around to the right as it joins another path. Winscombe Lawn Tennis Club is on your left.

Cross the A38 with extreme care and follow the footpath on the opposite side of the road. This is a single track with tall hedges on both sides. Follow

Distance: about 5.75 miles. (alternative 4.5 miles route also available)

Difficulty: medium – mostly level through fields with lots of stiles. Whole route not suitable for buggies or wheelchair users but Strawberry Line is. Can be muddy in parts – wear suitable footwear.

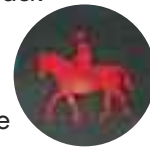
Duration: about 3 hours, allowing for a picnic stop.

Maps: OS Explorer 141.

Refreshments: Woodborough Inn, takeaways and café in Winscombe. Public toilets at start.

for about a third of a mile until you come to a crossroads and take the left-hand path, which leads down onto another road. Turn left and follow this until you come to Sidcot School. Veer to the left again, crossing back over the A38.

From here, take the steps down to another single lane path. Follow this until you come back onto the road. Turn right and follow this, past the scout hut, which takes you back into Winscombe.



If you want a shorter route, you could immediately cross the Strawberry Line here but if you head south on the

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