

Lovely Blagdon Lake



This energetic route is not for the faint-hearted but rewards walkers with wonderful views.

Walk information

Distance: about 5 miles

Difficulty: Hard – steep uphill section. Loose stones and muddy paths. Wear wellies as section near lake is prone to flooding

Accessibility: Lots of wooden stiles

Duration: allow 3 hours

Map: OS Explorer 141

Refreshments: Pubs and shops in Blagdon

How to get there

Car

A368 to Blagdon. Turn off at Church Street. Walk starts in Grib Lane, near the New Inn.

Bus

● Service **672** from Bristol (only every couple of hours)

From Church Street, turn into Grib Lane. Walk past the cottages towards the lake. The public footpath begins as a small path in front of the houses, with the lake to your left. Pass through a metal gate and walk along this path, which can get quite muddy.



You will then see a little gate on your left hand side, with a stile. Go over this and follow the footpath through the wooded area, watching out for overhanging branches, before going over another stile which leads out into the open. Ahead of you is another stile which leads into a field. This is the start of the Soil Association Organic Farm Trail, with information at each stile about organic farming.

Head towards the bottom-right corner of this field, go over the stile into the little wooded area, round the bend, and over the next stile onto a sandy track. Turn right onto the sandy track, towards Holt Farm. Before you reach the farmhouse, a stile will be on your left with the public footpath sign pointing straight across the field. Follow this, heading

towards the wooden stile in the next fence. Continue across the next field, over another stile, and then straight ahead again. The farm is now just to your right.



Continue straight ahead, towards another stile and onto a small path which leads around the wooded copse. Be careful of the electric fence! Go over the stream, over another stile and continue ahead through the next field, keeping to the left hand-side.

At the end of this field is another stile and the path now continues alongside a gravel track, with the lake just on your left. Some flooding can occur here so take care.

The walk now continues straight ahead for about a mile, so follow the path, go over a number of stiles and kissing gates, and keep to the left of the fields.

You will eventually come out onto a lane so turn right here, past the cottage and stone chimney. Follow the lane until you reach Snatch Farm, where you turn right at the junction towards Ubley.



In the centre of Ubley, veer left at the junction, signposted towards Bath. Follow the lane uphill, take care crossing the A368, and continue uphill into The Sidelings.

At the top of the lane you can choose to take the gravel/stone byway or the footpath, which can be muddy. Both paths lead in the same direction.

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As you get nearer Blagdon, the ground gets quite steep so take care.

You will shortly come to a wooded area, so veer right and continue downhill here. This leads to a muddy path between the trees and a couple of stiles, before you come out onto Score Lane. Cross the A368 back to Church Street.



If following the byway, at the end veer to the left onto the gravel track, which is Ubley Drove. At the junction in the lane, turn right following the wooden footpath sign. Continue through two kissing gates, keeping to the right edge of the fields. This path continues for just over half a mile, with views over Blagdon Lake to your right.

Turn right at the end of the path to start making the descent. The path continues straight ahead, past Leaze Farm. Keep to the right edge of the field as you descend.



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