

Walk information:

Distance: about 5 miles

Difficulty: medium – mainly level footpaths with a steeper section at the start. This can be slippery so care is needed as some people may find it difficult

Accessibility: 11 stiles, not suitable for wheelchair users / buggies

Duration: about 3 hrs

Map: OS Explorer 153

Refreshments:

The Old Inn, Main Road, Hutton



Start at St. Mary's in Hutton, a 15th century church. With your back to the church, turn left and after a few paces you will see a public footpath sign leading to a field. Cross the first stile and keep to the left hand side of the field, walking up towards the gate in the top corner.

Cross stile two, into the Bill Palmer copse, named in memory of a former clerk to Hutton Parish Council. Follow the public footpath sign up the steep rocky path on your left, watching out for fallen branches and small trees.

Go over stile three and follow the yellow public footpath sign straight on. The path flattens here so you can catch your breath. It gets narrower though, so watch out for brambles and thorns. You may need to walk around some fallen trees.

Before you reach the stone wall, turn to your left and cross stile four onto the field. The public footpath crosses

directly across the field, towards stile five on the opposite side. Carry straight on, with a picturesque wood with wildflowers on your left. Cross stile six and continue onwards, and then through stile seven into the pretty woodland



Carry straight on along the farm track, passing a cream house on your right. You will come to a single track lane so turn left here, downhill, and you will see a sign for Canada Coombe. At the junction turn right (a sign will say it is a private road). Follow the lane until you pass a property on your right and come to a T-junction. Turn right and the track veers uphill and then curves round to the left.

At another junction, turn left and follow the path downhill. Here you will see magnificent views across the countryside.

At the bottom of the hill you will face Keeper's Cottage. Turn right at the junction and if you are lucky, you may see some of the Weston-super-Mare donkeys resting in the paddock.

Hiking around Hutton

Beautiful views across North Somerset can be seen from Bleadon Hill during this picturesque walk in the country.



Follow the path as it veers to the right and downhill. A footpath sign will be on the right, so cross stile 11 and cut diagonally across the field back towards Hutton. Follow the path, go through three metal gates and a kissing gate, back towards St. Mary's Church.

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Follow the lane as it veers round to the left, passing woods on either side. At the t-junction, turn left into Banwell Road. Soon after passing a few cottages you will see the small Norman church of St. Mary's in the hamlet of Christon.

Immediately after the church, follow the public footpath sign on your left, up Flagstaff Road. Follow the path upwards and cross stile eight. Continue onwards, going through another gate. At the field keep to the left, with trees and shrubs on your left. Follow the tyre tracks to cross the field, stopping to take in the glorious views.

Cross stile nine and continue straight on across the next field, towards stile ten. You will come to a junction here, so turn left. Follow the path straight on. You will pass two junctions but carry straight on (veering to the right). The path turns to tarmac here so follow it as it veers downhill.

At the t-junction turn left, and then another quick left into Canada Coombe, watching out for traffic.

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.

Visit www.n-somerset.gov.uk/nslarchive which links to every edition of the magazine.



How to get there

Car A370 from Weston-super-Mare, turn off at Broadway towards Hutton.

Bus Service ACL 4 (Mon-Sat) First 5A (Sun) serves Hutton.

Features to look out for:

- St. Mary's Church, Christon
- Picturesque woodland
- Views across Weston-super-Mare, with the Wheel of Weston visible in the distance
- Views of Crook Peak

