

Wonderful views from Wraxall

This circular walk from Nailsea to Wraxall takes in some wonderful views – and with plenty of public footpaths nearby you could extend it towards Tyntesfield or down to Flax Bourton.

How to get there

Car From the A370 at Backwell Farleigh, turn off at Chapel Hill. Follow this, as it becomes Lodge Lane, until you reach a mini roundabout with Green Pastures Road. You will see the public footpath (a blue cycle and pedestrian sign) on your left. On-street parking.

From Green Pastures Road, take the paved path with the blue cycle and pedestrian sign.

This leads you to a grassy area with paths in three directions. Take the middle one, leading directly ahead alongside the trees (the yellow way marker is on the side of the wooden post).

Go through a wooden kissing gate and continue ahead. Continue ahead through the field. It can get muddy so wellies may be needed. Continue over the concrete bridge, over the next field,

and head towards the wooden stile and the wooden bridge over a stream.

At the end of the bridge turn right towards the metal gate and cross the stile to enter the next field. Turn left into the field and head towards the top far corner, towards the church. Go over the stile in the corner of the field, turn left to cross the next stile, then continue straight ahead through the field, next to the hedge, towards the B3130.

Cross the road with care and walk into the churchyard of All Saints Church. Follow the path around the back of the church and leave via the main gate.

Turn left out of the church and walk up Wraxall Hill. This is quite steep with sharp bends so take great care walking up here. After a couple of bends you will see a track on your right, leading to Rectory



Cottage. Go along here, past the cottage and through the car park, to climb the low stile and enter the woodland. Follow the path through The Sidelands, around the wall of the property,

until you see a fork in the path. Take the right-hand fork, leading back downhill behind you. Here you will see views for miles around.



Walk information

Distance: about 3 miles

Difficulty: medium. Route includes kissing gates and wooden stiles. Some steep sections. Wear wellies

Duration: about 2 hrs

Map: OS Explorer 154

Refreshments: the New Battle Axes pub, in Wraxall, is currently closed for refurbishment and reopens on 24 September.



This path becomes narrower before steps lead you back down to the road.

Cross the road with care and then walk into The Grove cul-de-sac next to the New Battle Axes pub. At the end of the road go through the wooden gate into the field and then ahead over a wooden stile into another field. Continue ahead, veering slightly left. There is an electric fence across this field but it is not turned on and, at the time of *Life* going to press, the land owner was due to put a plastic covering over one of the fence panels for people to climb over.

Leave the field via a stile to join the farmer's track and follow this to the end. It leads to another field so turn

left here and walk along the edge of the field alongside the hedge. In the corner by the tree is a small bridge over the brook. Cross this, and the stile, and veer right into the next field. The brook is now on your right.

Head towards the wooden stile in the hedge, near the tree. Cross this and continue straight over the field towards the kissing gate. Do not go through this kissing gate though.

Turn right here and walk along the edge of the field, towards another kissing gate now in front of you.

Continue along here and then about half way along the next field is a kissing gate on your left, signposted the Nailsea Round. Go through



here and follow the path, over a little wooden bridge, back to the field where you originally started.



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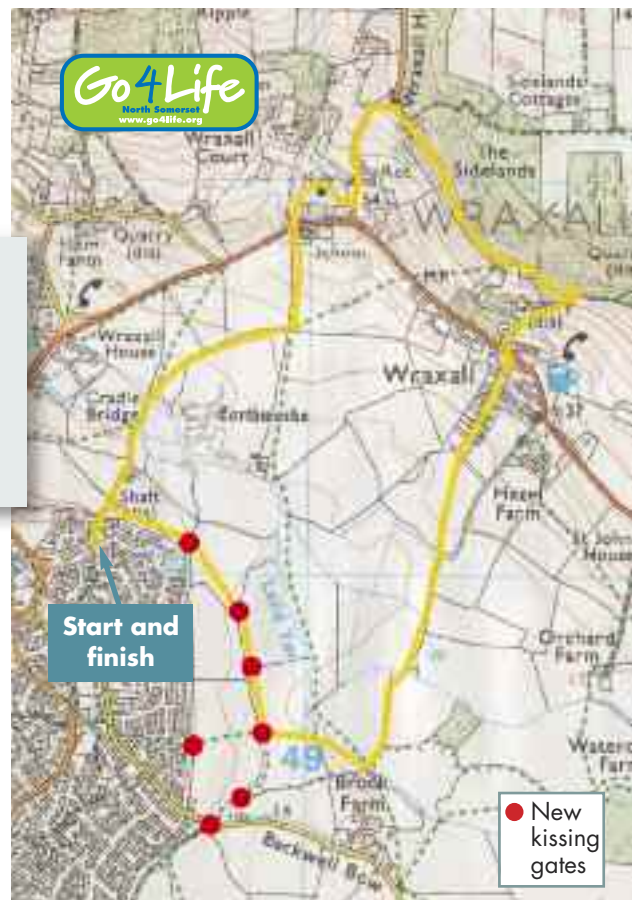
New kissing gates for better health walks

Seven new kissing gates have been installed on the outskirts of Nailsea for people to enjoy the nearby countryside.

The gates, between Lodge Lane and the Elms, have been installed by Nailsea and District Footpath Group thanks to a grant of £2,290 from Yanley and North Somerset Environmental Company.

The gates mean Nailsea Strollers walking group can enjoy a range of new routes.

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