

Lingering views over Long Ashton



This energetic walk will blow away the winter cobwebs and give stunning views across rolling hills.

Follow Keeds Lane, a gravelly track, uphill until you reach a small dirt path leading off to the left (if you reach the house at the top of the track you've gone too far).

This path runs behind a fenced-off field and is part of the village circular walk. At the end of the path go through a kissing gate into a field. Walk straight across the field and you will see the next kissing gate in the fence ahead of you.

Walk information

Distance: about 4 miles

Difficulty: medium/hard – some steep uphill sections. Loose stones and muddy paths. Wear suitable footwear

Accessibility: No stiles, all kissing gates

Duration: about 2.5 hrs

Map: OS Explorer 154

Refreshments: Pubs and shops in Long Ashton

How to get there

Car

From Weston Road, turn into Keedwell Hill (opp. the Co-op store) and turn left into Rayens Close. The public footpath sign points up Keeds Lane.

Bus

- Bristol – Nailsea service (inc **354**) every 30 mins
- Bristol – Weston service (inc **352**) every hour



Go through the gate and walk across the next field, keeping to the left alongside the hedge. At the end turn right and walk up the hill. George's Hill Plantation is now on your left and you will see stunning views.



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At the top of the field you will come to two kissing gates, so go through the one on the left. This path takes you through the woodland. Continue ahead, with a ruined stone wall on your right. The path emerges onto the golf course. Keep to the left and continue onwards until you get to another kissing gate.

You then emerge onto a sports field, so turn left and then right at the end to walk around the pitches. A kissing gate at the end leads onto the B3128. Turn left and at the crossroads turn left again onto the B3129 towards Weston-super-Mare. Follow this road, with Failand on your right, until you get to the crossroads by Clifton Lodge.

Cross the road into the car park of Ashton Hill Woods. In the 1820s it was owned by the Smyth family of Ashton Court and was largely open pasture land with woodland only in the southern sections until more woodland was established from the 1850s.

Follow the main path through the trees, which veers downhill, until you reach a bench to rest your feet. This is next to the 'big tree' grove. The big trees were planted between 1860 and 1870 and originate from Sierra Nevada in California.

Continue downhill on the path until you reach a junction. A track on your right leads into the woodland so turn in here and then follow the path to the left, which veers downhill. At the end of the path you will come out onto a single-track lane, opposite a farm.

Follow this as it winds downhill, past Gatcombe Mill.

You will then come to a kissing gate, with a footpath sign pointing across the field. Go through here, veer to your right and go through another kissing gate, and then walk straight ahead across three fields (through kissing gates at each hedge).



At the final kissing gate you will come to a T-junction, so turn right and follow the path downhill. This leads to Warren Lane, which leads back onto Weston Road.



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