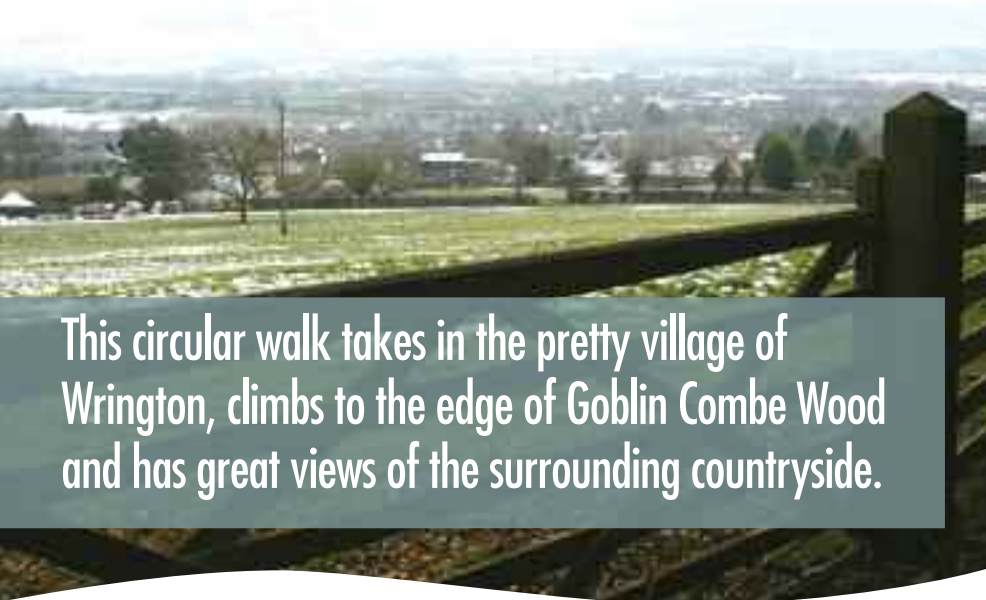


Wandering around Wrington



This circular walk takes in the pretty village of Wrington, climbs to the edge of Goblin Combe Wood and has great views of the surrounding countryside.

It is said that Wrington has been continuously inhabited for the past 2,000 years. Roman remains have been found in the village and it is mentioned in the Saxon Charter of 904. Unusually though, there is no main road running through it but there are six routes out of the village – reasons why it has an unspoilt character.

Celebrated Wringtonians include John Locke (1632-1704), a 17th century philosopher and founding father of the Enlightenment, who was born there.

How to get there

Car: Wrington can be approached via the B3133 from Congresbury or the A38 from Redhill/Bristol or Sandford/Churchill. On-street parking

Bus: Service 121 serves Wrington

Hannah Moore (1745-1833), an 18th century philanthropist and author, also lived in the village for many years.

Begin the walk in the village, near the impressive 14th century All Saints Church. Walk northwards through the village up High Street, passing the Plough Inn, then turn right up Chapel Hill. The chapel is on your right.

Walk up Chapel Hill and then onto Bullhouse Lane. The path takes a gradual uphill incline and the track is rough and could be muddy, so make sure you wear appropriate footwear.



Walk information

Distance: about 3.75 miles

Difficulty: medium. An undulating route, some steep sections, rough tracks and gates. Wear stout boots in winter

Duration: 2 hours

Map: OS Explorer 154



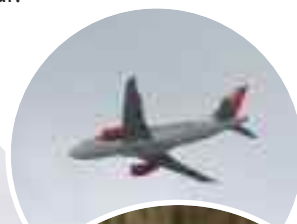
Follow the path, with its high hedges, as it veers to the right and then levels off slightly. If you look right you can see the village spread out below.

The path levels out as you reach the top of the hill and when you reach the road (Wrington Hill) turn right. After a few yards take the next left.

Note the sign which says it is a private lane with public access to the woods only and keep dogs on leads.

Walk down the lane past Wrington Hill Farm. Overhead you may see planes that have just taken off from Bristol

Airport, which is just a stone's throw away.



At the end of the road you will come to a gate at the edge of woodland. A sign indicates 'Private woodland – no horse riding – footpath only'. Go through the gate into Goblin Combe Wood. An information sign shows the number of paths you can take to explore the wood.

Continue on the route by turning right at the sign onto the permissive path. From here there's a number of walker welcome signs. Just follow these on the rough track through

Spying Copse.
The path winds



downwards to a narrow but distinct track. Turn right and take this rutted track.

Walk down this lane and glancing left you can take in the great views of the rolling fields and farmland.

The path now slopes gently downwards, widens and veers slightly to the right. You now enter Prestow Wood but keep on the track, descending all the time.

You will then reach Old Hill and almost be back in the village. From here you could take a half mile detour to visit The Barley Wood Walled Garden, restored Victorian kitchen gardens. The gardens are free to the public and there's a café and studio gallery. Just turn left to walk ¼ mile along Long Lane to reach the walled garden.

If not, then continue into the village and your starting point.

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