

Rhyne and reason to visit Kingston Seymour



Pretty cottages, ducks swimming in rhynes and fishing in picturesque lakes are just some of the sights in this short, circular walk around Kingston Seymour.

Walk information

Distance: about 2.5 miles

Difficulty: easy/medium. A level route with a couple of metal gates and wooden stiles. Wear wellies in winter.

Duration: 1.5 hours

Map: OS Explorer 153

Kingston Seymour is a pretty village situated in the North Somerset Levels with rhynes running alongside many streets. Rhynes are drainage ditches which are used to turn marshy wetland at sea level into useful



pasture and they can be seen throughout the Somerset Levels coastal areas.

Begin at The Triangle, the central hub of Kingston Seymour, and follow Ham Lane towards All Saints Church.

Kingston Seymour suffered severe flooding in 1607 and it is said the church had two metres of water in it for 10 days. Flooding took place on a regular basis until the 1800s and the resulting bad air was said to cause 'attacks of the ague' in local people.

The porch of the Grade I listed church contains a noticeboard which describes the Bristol Channel floods of 1607. Cut through the churchyard but then rejoin Ham Lane.

Continue along here and turn left at Hope Farm, into Yew Tree Lane. At the end of the track take the right-hand fork and follow the bridleway to the right, with a rhyne on your left.



How to get there

Car: Kingston Seymour is approached from the B3133, either from Clevedon or Yatton. On-street parking.

Bus: Service 660 serves Kingston Seymour



At another fork in the bridleway, take the right-hand lane and follow this until you reach Ham Lane again.

Turn left into Ham Lane and then turn right shortly after the house (bearing the sign North Somerset Drainage

the stile in the opposite hedge. This is a little wooden bridge over another rhyme.

Cross the next field and head to another stile, which is another wooden bridge leading into a wooded area.



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The Triangle. As you walk along the lane you will see public footpath signs on your right, so you could take these and head across the fields. However in winter the fields may become so muddy they are unpassable, so think carefully before heading that way.



Board). Go through the metal gate and head straight across the field. There may be cattle in the field so keep dogs on leads.

The public footpath goes straight across the field, so head towards



You will see an old bridge on your left-hand side but do not cross this. Instead cut up through the trees on your right, and this will take you to two fishing lakes.

Continue ahead around the lakes and you will come out onto Middle Lane. Turn right and follow this back towards



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