

# Flying into Felton

Follow this circular route around Felton to see low-flying aeroplanes and a newly re-opened footpath



## Walk information

**Distance:** about 2.3 miles

**Difficulty:** easy/medium. 4 stiles – not suitable for very large dogs.

**Duration:** allow 2 – 2.5 hrs

**Map:** OS Explorer 154

**Refreshments:** The George and the Dragon pub in Felton, plus others along the A38

## How to get there

**Start at map ref:** ST 520653 (OS 154)

**Car:** Drive into Felton along West Lane, off the A38 opposite Bristol Airport. Turn right into Felton Street and parking is available at the top, near Felton Common.

**Bus:** Mon-Sat: Service 121 by Wessex Connect, every couple of hours. Sun: Service 121 by Baker Coaches

Start the walk at Felton Common, a designated local nature reserve. A number of grassy paths cut across the common but if you head diagonally to the left towards the top you will see the rooftops of Felton and beyond. Low-flying aeroplanes regularly swoop overhead and come into land.

Continue on the path towards the rear of the common and then round to the right. This leads you to an open area which is a rare example of conjoined barrows with ditches. Help to preserve it by going around and not across.

Continue ahead across the open common towards the house, with Bristol Airport also in view. You are now at the end of Long Lane so head to the right, past Executive Dogs Home, and continue downhill with Bristol Airport now on your left.



Continue ahead, towards the A38. You will join a paved path leading out onto the lane, past St Katharine's Church. A wonderful piece of artwork takes centre stage here. It is carved from a tree which was poisoned and died.

Turn left then walk alongside the A38 in the direction of Bristol. The public footpath re-starts with a stile in between the trees shortly before Currells Lane.

Climb over the stile and turn left into the field and follow it around the edge. Keep dogs on leads if there are horses nearby. Continue around the field, through a wooden gate and then over another wooden stile into a shaded footpath.

This footpath has been unavailable for many years because of blockages around the perimeter of the former quarry. A Northern Footpath Volunteer Group was formed and after liaison with local landowners, the council's public rights of way team arranged for a group of volunteers to help clear 350 metres of dense vegetation. The path now forms a useful off-road link between Felton and the paths to Backwell.

Carry on along the path as it veers to the right, past some houses. You will also catch a glimpse of the quarry.

At the end of the path, cross another stile on your left into some open ground. This stile has wire over it so dogs will need to be lifted over.



Continue straight ahead towards the houses, keeping the trees on your right hand side. Watch out for nettles and thorns in the grass.

Head towards the cream-coloured, wooden building. To the right is another stile and the public footpath leads between some fences and down some steps out onto Stanshalls Lane.

Turn right onto the lane and follow it to the end, passing The George and the Dragon pub. Cross West Lane into Felton Street and walk uphill back towards the common and your starting point.



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