

Clambering over Cadbury Camp

This is a short circular walk at Tickenham that partly follows the way-marked Loop Walk, taking in the Iron Age Cadbury Camp. There's also the option of continuing on to Tickenham Court and the church.

How to get there

The route starts in Tickenham village on the B3130. Start at the village hall car park. Walk left out of the car park and the public footpath sign is on the left.

The footpath leads to a gate marked with the yellow Loop Walk sign, go through the gate and follow the gently rising path. At the next stile follow the yellow footpath sign straight on, rather than the Loop Walk sign which would take you off to the left. Climb a few steps on the right.

The path opens up as you climb the hill to reveal bracken and trees with a fence on your right. Continue on up the hill and reach a stile. Bear in mind that livestock could be grazing and that dogs should be kept on a lead. Climb the stile and follow the path to the left.

The path then opens out to a large grassed area with a small bench on your right. If you take a break here you can admire the view behind you through the oak and ash trees to see the Severn estuary in the distance.



Walk across the expanse of the camp to the line of trees ahead. Leave the fort, through what would have been its northern entrance,

From the bench, walk northwards to the ramparts of Cadbury Camp. Cross the two ditches and two ramparts to reach the inner part of the fort.

The fort was built in the late Iron Age and would have been ringed with a high timber

fence. The name Cadbury meant Cada's fort. It was used through the Roman period into Anglo Saxon times.

Walk information

Distance: 2 miles (plus 1 mile if you go on to Tickenham Court)

Difficulty: Medium. Route includes kissing gates and stiles. Some steep sections and some pathways are rocky and uneven. Wear wellies or walking boots as many parts are muddy.

Duration: 1.5 hours

Map: OS Explorer 154



following the path to the trees. There's a National Trust sign giving historical information about the fort and wildlife in the area.



The path slopes downwards to a stile, cross over it and turn right down Cadbury Camp Lane West. Walk a few yards down the lane until you come to the end of a small wooden fence enclosure. At this point take the path on the left. Carry on down this path (which can be muddy and uneven – wellies recommended!!) through the woods. Upon reaching a larger track, go left. The track becomes steep and rocky as it continues downwards. The M5 is clearly visible on the right and eventually you will pass underneath the two carriageways suspended high above you.

The path continues on the left and comes out at Clevedon Lane (a kennel and cattery is on the corner). Take a left here and walk down the lane a little way until the brideway sign on the left – if you reach the farm you've gone too far.

Walk up the path, entering the woods again and going back underneath the motorway. Carry straight on along the rough uneven path which now becomes tunnel-like with its banked walls and canopy of trees.



The pathway soon opens up and climbs a little more to reach some large farm sheds on the left and stables on the right. In front is Cadbury Camp Lane West – take a left down the lane, until you see a stile on the right. Go over the stile and keep to your right, going down to another stile, showing the Loop Walk sign. The path narrows a little as you go through Baye's Wood.

Follow the path as it veers left and you can see Tickenham village through the trees on the right. The pathway now opens and rises to the left slightly. Keep going as the path continues downwards through trees and bracken. You'll soon reach the apple orchard on the right and the gateway that you took earlier. Retrace your steps by going right at the gate. Follow the path until you reach the main road again.

You can continue on for an extra mile around Tickenham Court and the church of St Quiricus and St Julietta by following the public footpath signs and the route indicated on the map.



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