

Bounding across Barrow Gurney



Enjoy stunning hilltops views across Bristol and picturesque woodland during this short circular walk in Barrow Gurney.

Walk information

Distance: approx 2.5 miles

Difficulty: easy/medium – 3 stiles.
Wear wellies in winter.

Duration: approx 1.5 hrs

Map: OS Explorer 154

Refreshments: Nearby pubs along the A370

How to get there

Start at map ref: 508690 (OS 154)

Car: Drive to Flax Bourton along the A370, and turn off into Bourton Combe, a small lane near the church. Limited parking is available at the top of the lane. Park considerately, without blocking the gates to the fields or driveways.

Bus: 352, 353, 362 and 363 stop near Dew Drop Inn. X1 stops in Station Road, Flax Bourton

Begin the walk at the top of Bourton Combe, a narrow lane off the A370 at Flax Bourton. There are two metal gates at the top, leading into two fields. Go into the field on the left-hand side, nearest the house.



of the hill, veering slightly to the left. You are heading towards a rusty metal kissing gate and Barrow Court can be seen ahead of you.

Go through the gate and continue diagonally left across the next field, towards the pond.

Continue on and exit the field over the stile, keep to the left edge of the next field, and then over another stile. Barrow Court is now on your right and



Keep to the right-hand edge of the field and continue ahead to the wooden kissing gate at the top. It can get muddy in winter, so wear suitable footwear.

Follow the yellow waymarker across the next field towards the brow





wonderful scenes over Bristol can be seen on your left.

Barrow Court is a Grade II* country house now divided into several private residences. It was originally a Benedictine nunnery converted for residential purposes in 1538, and then altered and extended in 1602 and 1882.



and head into the field. Follow the path ahead, heading towards a building with a ramshackle roof.

Keep on this path and at the end you will see the public footpath and bridleway sign leading into the woodland. Continue through the woodland on this path until you reach a metal gate. Go through here and then take the narrow footpath to the right of the stone buildings, leading uphill.

Keep following this path through the trees for about a mile. The trees on your right-hand side will give way to fields and you can again catch glimpses of Bristol in the distance.

The path eventually comes out at a t-junction, so turn right and follow the path back to Bourton Combe where you began.



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Walk around the walled garden on the right, then keep the wire fence on your right. Ahead of you will be a stile, leading onto a driveway (which leads to the church of St Mary and St Edward). Turn left onto the driveway and then right onto Barrow Court Lane.

Continue ahead on the lane, past the impressive entrance to Barrow Court, and then some pretty stone cottages.

Continue uphill on the lane until it ends. A track then leads to three metal gates. Take the middle one, signposted as a bridleway,

