

Glorious Gordano views

Walk information

Distance: approx. 2 miles

Difficulty: medium – a fairly short walk but some uphill paths and stiles. Paths can get muddy so wear suitable footwear

Duration: allow 1 – 1.5 hours

Map: OS Explorer 154

Refreshments: The historic Black Horse pub



Nestled right next to the M5 motorway is a pretty village with charming character. This short, circular walk around Clapton-in-Gordano gives stunning views across the Gordano Valley.

How to get there

Start at map ref: 473739 (OS 154)

Car: Clapton-in-Gordano can be reached via Clevedon Lane from Clevedon; Clapton Lane from Portishead; Whitehouse Lane and Naish Hill from Nailsea and Long Ashton; or Caswell Lane from Portbury and junction 19 of the M5. Park at the Black Horse pub in the centre of the village



shafts. In 1797 a pit near the end of the pub's garden was recorded as producing 240 bushels of coal a day for export to South Wales.

To begin the walk, cross the lane from the pub and head up Wood Lane directly opposite. Pass the Old School on your right and continue underneath the motorway bridge.

At a junction in the path, take the stony track ahead of you, marked as a bridleway. Follow this as it veers upwards, with a stone wall on your left.

You will eventually come out on Cadbury Camp Lane, one of the

most exclusive addresses in North Somerset. Turn left onto the lane, then take a quick right to go down the footpath next to the house named Southfall.

Follow this footpath between the fences and through the trees, round to the right. Then head left and down, alongside a ramshackle barbed-wired fence.

You will come out at a T-junction. There is a stile and field in front of you but instead of continuing ahead, turn left here onto the new path. This small, muddy path is marked as Old Lane on



Clapton-in-Gordano sits on the southern edge of the Gordano Valley. This walk begins at the picturesque Black Horse Inn. This 14th century pub, known locally as The Kicker, has changed little in its history.

It was originally built to serve the local mining community and the lounge bar was previously the village jail. There are still heavy bars at the window.

The land surrounding the Black Horse has lots of long-disused mine

the Ordnance Survey map.

When you come out onto a paved lane, go right, then a quick left, to go over the stile and follow the footpath sign across the field.



Keep to the right-hand edge of the field, go over the next stile, then cross the next field in the direction of the farmhouse. Continue ahead, crossing the next stile, then exit the field at the stile next to the metal gate.



Head up this lane, past Naish Farm. Go through a kissing gate into Parsonage Wood on your right hand side but, before you do, go to the end of the lane, past Naish House, to see what looks like an unexploded bomb and fine views across the valley to Portishead.

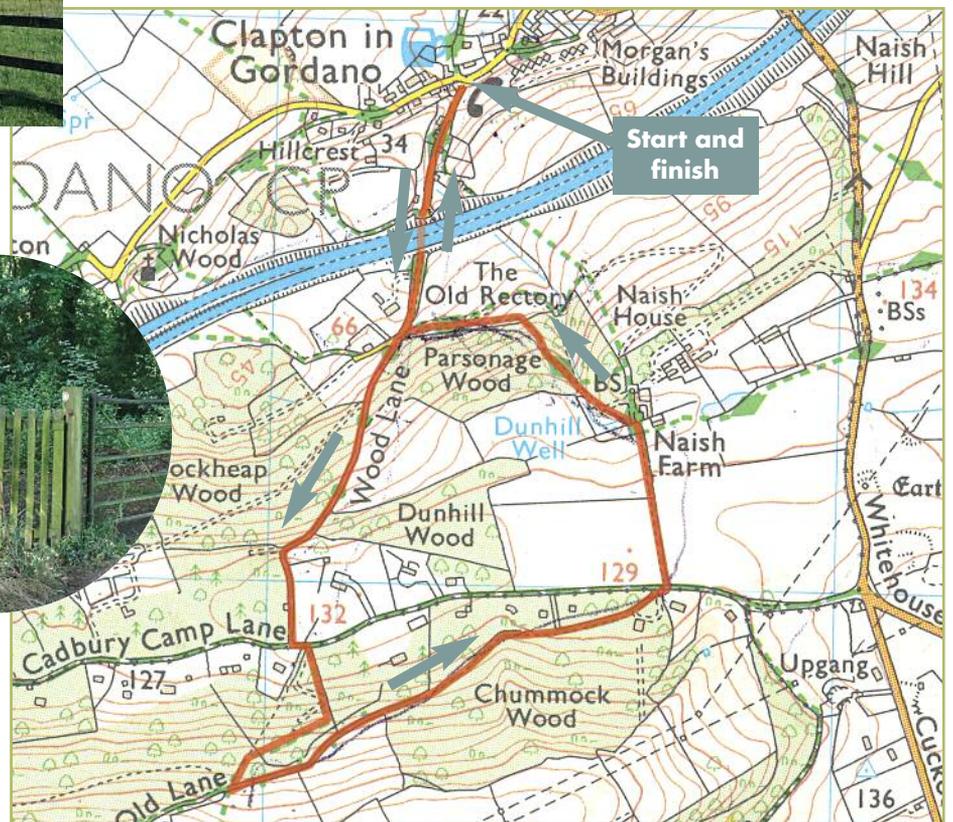


Now go through the kissing gate into the wood and follow the path, which heads downhill fairly sharply.

Cross the stream and follow the path round to the right as it veers through the wood and leads to a stile. Climb over the stile and turn left onto the footpath along the top edge of the field. The M5 is in front of you with its continual hum of traffic.

Follow this path to the end, take the rocky steps down towards the gate

and go over the wooden stile. You will now be back on Wood Lane, so turn right onto the road and retrace your steps back to the pub.



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