



A summer stroll around

Sandford

This easy-to-follow route takes you through Mendip Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – around Sandford and Lyncombe woods, in and out of woodland and pasture and over a variety of terrains with excellent views across to Clevedon and down to Crook Peak. Good stout shoes and long trousers are needed, as well as looking where you put your feet. There are also quite a few stiles to cross.



Start on Hill Road and follow the sign along the side lane. The track forks keep left on the flat grass track, you'll pass a playground on your right.

This footpath runs between the back of houses and gardens to the left with fields and paddocks to the right. The footpath is lined with long grass and stinging nettles and in places is single file.

The path leads into a wooded area, with corridors of wild garlic and cow parsley. At the end of this section the footpath passes through an orchard where free range chickens roam – **please keep your dogs on leads.**

The footpath ends and comes out onto a tarmac drive. Keep straight on past the Mendip Snow Sports sign and out onto the A368 (Dinghurst Road). You will need to cross the main road to the grass verge and head towards Churchill. After crossing Hillers Lane you will immediately need to cross back over the A368 straight ahead of you onto the long track (footpath) and head up into Knowle Wood.

While the stone track turns left, the footpath heads on over a stile in front of you and heads steeply through the woods. The path ends at another stile and continues along the top edge of the field and back into the woods.

Continue on the path out into pasture and at the corner of the field turn right by the grove of trees. Hidden in there is an old disused lime kiln. Head on up the hill until you reach the next corner and then turn left and over the



How to get there

Start at map ref:
ST 421593

Car:
Hill Road, Sandford

Bus:
121 Weston-super-Mare to Bristol or
126 Wells to Weston-super-Mare

stile onto a shady winding track. Continue uphill bringing you out onto a bridleway.

Turn right and follow the bridleway past the farm with views of Crook Peak in the distance. At the junction, by the covered reservoir, turn right and to the right are views of the Alms houses and Clevedon in the distance.

The track narrows to a footpath and to the left, through the trees, are views of Shipham, Winscombe and Crooks Peak. At an opening with a five bar gate and stile turn right, over the stile across field until you meet a stone track. Head down Staying on the track following signs to Lyncombe Lodge, re-entering the wood and passing along the back of the Lodge on the tarmac road.

The road 'hairpins' by a garage but the footpath continues straight to the right of the garage back into the woods. Shortly after this it forks. Take the lower path which continues down through the wood. When you reach the bottom, turn left and you'll now be walking in the woods along the top side of the fields you passed earlier. By the path is a commemorative chair for a moment's rest.

Pass the playground below you, and go straight ahead through the woods to an opening in the treeline. Go over the stile into a meadow then back into trees and over another stile. Turn right downhill

and then right again at the end of the path which drops you out on to the side road you started on. Turn left to get back onto Hill Road.



Route information

Distance:
3.5 miles

Difficulty:
Easy route to follow, terrain can be challenging

Duration:
2-3 hours

Map:
OS Explorer Map 141



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