



Pathways through Puxton Moor...

Restored footbridges and pedestrian gates have opened up the moor between Congresbury and Puxton to walkers for the first time in years.



How to get there

Start at map ref:
ST 437638

Car:

Congresbury is on the A370. Free parking is available at the Bristol Road car park. Turn into Kent Road, which is near the junction, then Gooseham Mead.

Bus:

The X1 and W1 run along the A370. From August, a council supported 88 service will also run.

Start the walk from the Bristol Road and High Street junction. Head into Broad Street, passing the Grade II-listed village cross, and turn right into Paul's Causeway.

Go over the cobbled steps, past the pretty Court House, and the footpath is in front of you, behind a fence. This leads to the graveyard of the 13th century St Andrew's Church.

Keep to the left, then exit over a stile on your left. Cross the field, veering to your right, towards another stile. Go over the bridge and walk alongside the rhyne.

Follow the path round and you come out onto the Strawberry Line walk and cycle path. Cross straight over, between the hedge and rhyne, and through a gate. Continue ahead. You are walking alongside Littlewall Rhyne, which is on your right-hand side. Watch out

for stinging nettles and thorns here, but you might also see some dragonflies.

Go over the stile and continue on, alongside the rhyne. At the gate, cross the rhyne and enter the field, keeping to the left-hand side. About half way along is another gate and a footbridge over the rhyne. Cross here, then head diagonally right across the next field, towards the farm

buildings. Exit through the kissing gate and turn left onto Dolemoor Lane.





Three new footbridges and eight new pedestrian gates were installed on the footpath across Puxton Moor last year thanks to Woodspring Ramblers volunteer group.

The 1.4km path between Puxton Lane and Dolemoor Lane had been unavailable for many years due to missing bridges.

The restored bridges and gates, provided by Avon Wildlife and North Somerset Council, were installed by the Ramblers last August.

The path crosses a sensitive Avon Wildlife site grazed by cattle. Visitors are asked to respect the countryside, especially in relation to dog control.

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Continue on the lane until it bends round to the left and becomes a track. Keep following it until you reach a kissing gate at the end.

Head across the field towards the footbridge, then across to the next field. Veer slightly to the right towards the next footbridge, cross this, then go straight on towards the trees.

Go over the next footbridge and turn right. Go through the gate then continue straight ahead, alongside the rhyne.

Exit the field through the kissing gate onto the track, then turn right onto Puxton Lane at the end. You will see the 13th Century Church of St Saviour with its leaning tower ahead of you.

Follow Puxton Lane. At the 'Welcome to Puxton' sign turn right into the bridleway. Follow this track to the end, turn left, and then follow it round to the right as it becomes Dolemoor Lane, where you were earlier.

At the crossroads, turn right into the track which runs between the rhynes. Go through the next field, keeping to the left edge. Turn the corner at the end and go through another gate to continue along the bridleway.

Keep on the bridleway/track. This is (a different) Dolemoor Lane. Cross the Strawberry Line again and continue ahead, with the houses of Congresbury ahead of you.

Follow the lane around to the left behind the houses, and then right. You will come to the bottom of Paul's Causeway. From here you can return to Broad Street and your starting point.



Route information

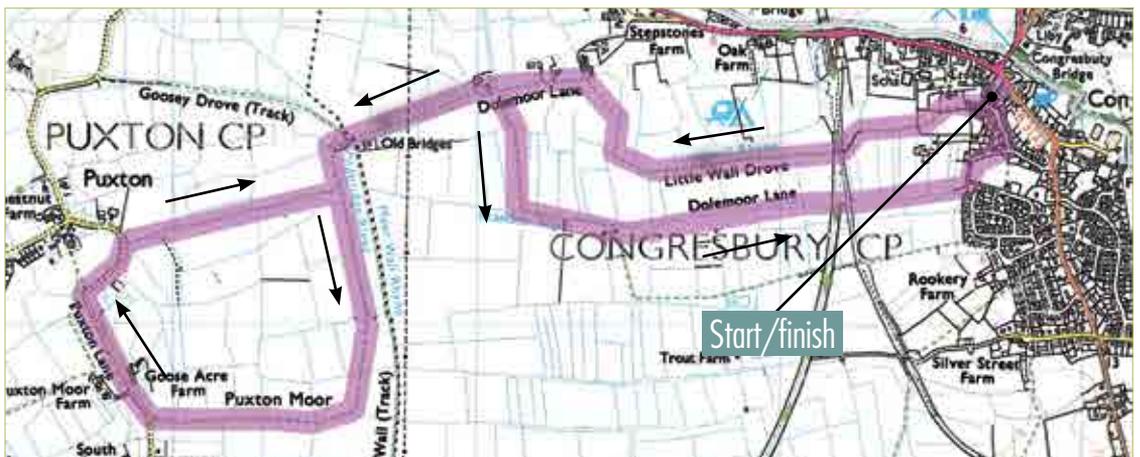
Distance:
just over 5 miles

Difficulty:
easy – a flat route but a number of stiles, which are not suitable for large dogs

Duration:
allow up to 3 hours

Map:
OS Explorer 154

Previous walks from around North Somerset which have featured in *Life* can be downloaded from www.n-somerset.gov.uk/lifewalks



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