



Bounding along the border at Blagdon

This circular walk, in an area of outstanding natural beauty (AONB), begins by following the edge of the North Somerset boundary with stunning views across the district and beyond. It then heads over the hill to a more rugged Mendip landscape full of history. The terrain is varied and there are several hills to climb.



Head along Leaze Lane with views of Blagdon and Chew lakes on your left until you reach the farm where you turn right onto a track heading uphill. At the top of the track turn left and continue between hedges along the brow of the hill, finally coming out

into a field and then out onto Ubley Drove. Turn right and head up over the hill and cross the main road.

Follow the signs across the stile, taking care with any electric fences you come across. The path continues along the right hand edge of the fields, over walls and some marshy terrain until it reaches Nether Wood.



How to get there

Start at map ref: ST502577

Car: B3134 – Park at the top of Two Trees or below at The Rocks and walk up





The path winds through dappled woodland and moss-covered rocks leading out to open spaces. Head past a large pond on the right and then past the remains of old lead mines on the left.

The track continues through a car park. At this point turn right and head back along the track briefly until you reach the footpath gate on the left. Follow the path through the nature reserve towards Velvet Bottom and out onto the road. Turn right and head up the road passing St Hugh's on the left. This listed building was previously used by miners and has a beautiful carved interior. Just past this is the Charterhouse Centre, housing the Mendip Hills AONB activity centre.

Continue over the crossroads and as the road reaches the peak of the rise, turn left on to a small road leading to the masts. In the fields to the left there are the remains of a Roman settlement. Before the crest of the hill take the footpath on the right and head diagonally left across the field, the masts visible on the left.

Cross the stile and the next field and head towards Swymmer's Farm. Follow the track back up to the main road and cross over to Two Trees almost opposite. As you crest the hill there are stunning views across the district and as far as Wales. Follow the road down until you reach Leaze Lane on your right.

Route information

Distance:

4 miles

Difficulty:

Easy route but mixed terrain

Duration:

1.5-2 hours

Map:

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