## Clamber around Clevedon's Woodland



Picturesque woodland is on Clevedon's doorstep and this short circular walk offers stunning views from a pretty and peaceful footpath set above the East side of town. Step amongst the trees and spot the squirrels. Courtesy of Clevedon Civic Society.

Begin the walk at the crossroads in BHighdale Avenue. A rocky track leads off the northern side road and the footpath sign is then on the righthand side. Take the narrow path, which runs behind the houses on the Avenue.

Continue along this path until you reach St Nicholas Chantry primary school. The path then bends to the left, across a grassy area. Take the stone steps up onto Highdale Road. Cross the road and continue on the footpath straight ahead of you.

Continue ahead and immediately after a small access road on your right, turn right and follow the path alongside the wall and wooden fence.

## Walk information

Distance: approx 2.5 miles Difficulty: easy/medium – no stiles, some muddy inclines Duration: approx 1.5 hrs Map: OS Explorer 153

## How to get there

## Start at map ref: ST411714

**Car:** The walk starts at the crossroads in Highdale Avenue. On-street parking available. Please park considerately.

Bus: X25 – Weston to Portishead via Clevedon.
361 – Bristol to Clevedon
362 – Bristol to Clevedon via Nailsea use bus stop on Old Street.

This leads you into the woods.

Follow this path through the trees, passing a rope swing on your left, and views of All Saints Church can be glimpsed through the trees on your right.

The path forks at a point opposite the church in the valley below, so take the left-hand path, veering upwards.

Eventually you will go through a kissing gate and the path will narrow and head behind a fence, then round to the left and out into a cul-de-sac.

Turn right into Rippleside Road and go along here, past the turning to Woodside Road, and onto Edward Road South. Turn right, again, into this road. Walton Castle can be seen in the skyline ahead of you.

The public footpath continues on your right hand side, opposite number 21. This paved path meanders downhill, past Clevedon School, and is known as The Ripple.

Follow The Ripple out into another cul-de-sac, Woodland Glade. Turn right as you leave it and into Valley Road.

Continue along here to the end, just opposite All Saints Church, and get down onto the pavement. Continue ahead until you reach the turning for Strawberry Hill on your right. Walk up here and go past some pretty houses. At the top of the lane, continue on the footpath which veers uphill and leads back into the woods. This path is quite narrow and on a slope, and can get very muddy in winter weather, so take care.

The path comes out onto the main woodland footpath which you were on earlier. Turn left onto it, then retrace your steps back to the small access road, and out onto Highdale Road. Cross the road but instead of going back down the steps, turn right

and head up the road. You will pass under the remains of a rustic bridge. This was contentious in its day and served to join land belonging to Mount Elton, the fine Victorian House.

Christ Church stands at the top of the road and some fine Regency houses sit opposite.

Just before the church, take the public footpath on the left. This narrow path leads back down to the original starting point on the rocky track.

