

Navigating moors near Nailsea

Cyclists wanting a family-friendly bike ride often head to Yatton train station to embark on the popular Strawberry Line. However, if you head in the opposite direction you can discover the moors and pretty villages near Nailsea with this circular route.



Following requests from readers, this month's route is a bike ride. If you would like to suggest a walk or cycle ride email editor@n-somerset.gov.uk

Route information

Distance: approx 13 miles

Difficulty: easy-medium – a flat, family-friendly route. Take care on narrow lanes when cars go past

Duration: approx 2 hrs at a leisurely pace

Map: OS Explorer 154

Refreshments: The Strawberry Line Café at Yatton station, and a number of pubs en route

How to get there

Start at map ref:
ST 425662 (OS 154)

Train: This circular route begins and ends at Yatton train station. Or, you could cut the route in half and finish at Nailsea and Backwell station.

Leave Yatton train station and turn left onto the B3133, heading away from the village.

Take the next right into Kenn Moor Road, next to Market Industrial Estate. This quickly leads into countryside, alongside the rhynes and fields.

At a crossroads in the lane turn right into Claverham Drove.

Follow this long, fairly straight route across the moor, taking care when cars are overtaking. The lane veers to the right, past some farmhouses, and then over a hump-backed bridge across the railway line.

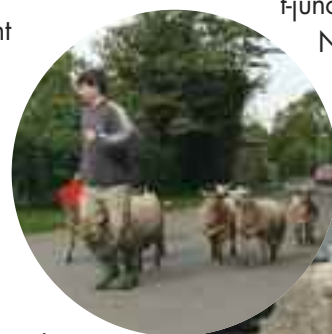
At the end of Claverham Drove, turn left onto Lower Claverham and then follow this lane into Brockley.

At the crossroads in Brockley turn left, following the National Cycle Network route 10 sign, then a quick right into Chelvey Lane.

At the t-junction at the end, turn left onto Chelvey Road towards St Bridget's Church. This is a nice spot to hop off the bikes and enjoy a picnic.

The Grade I listed church dates from the 12th century and had fallen into a state of disrepair but in 2009 villagers managed to raise £150,000 to repair the tower and buy a new organ.

Continue on Chelvey Road, over the railway bridge, and then turn right at the t-junction, signposted Nailsea (Old Church).



Follow this road into Nailsea. Turn left onto Hannah More Road, past a park and children's play area, and past the fire station. At the junction turn left, then left again at the mini-roundabout.

You are now on North Street, which leads to West End Lane, back into the countryside and past pretty cottages.

Follow this lane as it bends round and you'll come out at a t-junction with the

Blue Flame Inn on your left. This unusual pub has a dated décor and quirky feel but the locals are friendly and pints come straight from the barrel.



From here follow the signpost to Nailsea Wall, to head back over the moor. This long straight lane runs between wide fields, towards Clevedon.

At the junction with the white cottage turn left, signposted towards the Strawberry Line and Yatton.

Take the first right towards the small village of Kenn. The village is notable as the site of Britain's last public hanging to be carried out at 'the scene of the crime', in 1830. Three Somerset men were accused of setting fire to hay belonging to a local farmer.

At the end of the road is the t-junction with the B3133. From here, you can turn left and keep on this road back towards Yatton train station. If you turn right, you could stop off at the recently refurbished Drum and Monkey pub, before heading back to the station.



Start and finish

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