

Hike around Burrington Ham



Pack a picnic and enjoy wide-ranging views across the Mendips during this circular walk on Burrington Ham.



The gravel car park is signposted Burrington Ham, which is part of the Mendip Hills Area of Outstanding Beauty, a Site of Special Scientific Interest and open access for walkers.

Take the rocky bridleway to the left of the car park and follow it up to the

open area, veering left over the brow of the hill.

At the top you will come to a crossroads in the grassy paths. Take the left-hand route, signposted as the footpath (the other routes are signposted as bridleways).

Continue ahead on this wide grassy path, with views of the Mendips all around. It can get muddy, so wear suitable footwear.

Continue on this main path and it will narrow and start veering downhill slightly, and winding towards a rocky outcrop.

Climb up onto the rock for wonderful 360° views, with Blagdon Lake in the distance. It's the perfect spot for a picnic on a sunny day.

From the rock, continue on the main path in the direction you were heading (veering

right), but then take the first left-hand path – a narrow path through some trees.

This leads to another open area, with another fork in the road. Take the right-hand route, heading towards the silver birch trees.



This path leads into another, so take the right-hand route and follow this down through the avenue of trees.

How to get there

Start at map ref: ST 489582 (OS 141)

Car: Take the A368 from Churchill, heading towards Blagdon. Just after Langford Green, turn right onto the B3134. Go past the first car park (where there are public toilets), through the quarry, and follow the road up and round. The car park will be on your left-hand side.



At the bottom you will come to another t-junction. Take the left-hand route, which becomes a rocky track veering downhill.



past the barn and farm buildings you will start to head back towards the car park.

Go over the stile into the field and head towards the top-left hand corner, going

through a row of trees. There will be a stile in the fence ahead of you. Go over this and keep going straight ahead, keeping to the left-hand edge of the field.

At the end of this path is a wooden gate. Go through here and turn right onto Ham Lane.

At the end of the lane you'll come to a t-junction with Rickford Rise. Turn right, past the barn, and then follow the lane around to the left, past the farm shed and then veering uphill.



At the top of this field, turn right and head to the next corner, towards a kissing gate.

Turn left after the kissing gate, following the sign for



the Limestone Link, and follow this track back down through the trees to the car park.

Walk information

Distance: approx 3 miles

Difficulty: medium, depending on fitness levels. Two stiles. Some hilly paths. Wellies recommended

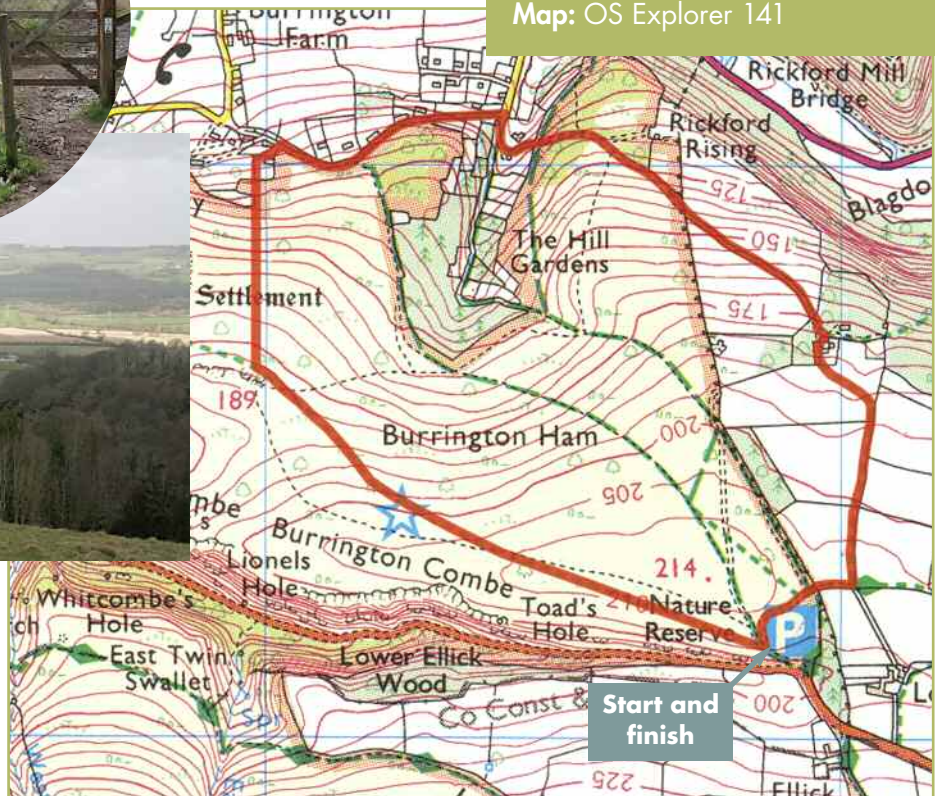
Duration: approx 1hr

Map: OS Explorer 141



Keep on this main track, following the yellow way-markers, heading uphill steeply. Beautiful views can be seen on your left after the cattle grid.

The track leads to a house. Here, you can extend the walk and continue onto Blagdon but if you go straight ahead



Start and finish

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