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Enjoy stunning views from Bleadon Hill and take a stroll down to the picturesque village of Loxton during this circular walk near North Somerset's southern border. Look out for rabbits, squirrels and horses along the bridleway.

## Walk information

Distance: approx 4 miles

**Difficulty:** medium, depending on fitness levels – no stiles but hilly, rocky paths. Wellies recommended.

**Duration:** approx 2 hrs

Map: OS Explorer 153

## How to get there

**Start at map ref:** ST358578 (OS 1*5*3)

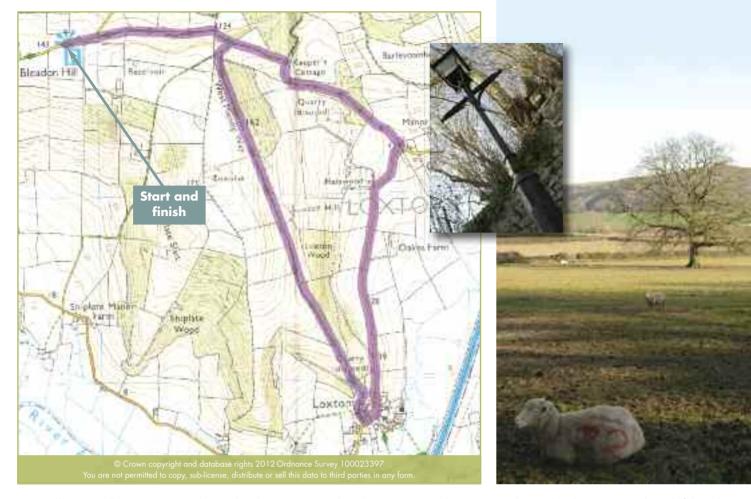
Car: Leave Weston-super-Mare on the southbound A370 and after the hospital roundabout, turn left onto Bleadon Hill, then left onto Roman Road. Go along here for just over a mile and a lay-by for parking will be on your left. From the parking area near the end of Roman Road, walk eastwards. The road bends round to become Canada Coombe but continue straight ahead onto the bridleway. The track can get muddy so wellies are recommended. Views across Weston can be seen on your left.

At the end of the track you will come to a t-junction, with a signpost marking the West Mendip Way recreational route. Turn right onto the path, which then heads uphill and around to You then come to another t-junction.
Turn left on this wider path, which
veers back downhill slightly and has
wide-ranging views across the valley to
Crook Peak.

Continue down, towards Keeper's Cottage. The path gets very rocky so take care underfoot.

At the cottage, turn right onto the lane and then follow this through the woodland.





You will eventually come out at the end of Weston Lane, at the t-junction with Banwell Road and Christon Road, opposite a house called Meerhay.

Turn right onto the lane, watching out for cars where it narrows. Crook Peak is now on your left. Keep on this lane, which leads into the village of Loxton.

Once in the village, follow the road to the right, and Loxton Village Hall will be on your right. There is a wooden signpost pointing to the path which runs alongside the village hall.

You will go up here but first, if you go on a few steps, you will see an old street lamp. This was originally erected in memory of Queen Victoria's reign and was saved and restored by villagers in 1992.

Go up the path by the side of the village hall and follow it round the back of the old school

house.

At the end, take an immediate left-hand turn and go up the incline past North Lodge.

When the track forks at the top, take the rockier, right-hand path, nearest the white house. Part-way up there are some benches to rest your legs and enjoy the view.

The path then runs alongside a field and the bridleway then continues onwards for just over a mile.

You will eventually come to a wooden gate, so go through here and then turn right at the t-junction. This path leads you to the t-junction you were at

near the start of the walk.

Turn left at the junction, follow the path round to the right, then turn left again to go down the path which leads back to the start.