

TRAIL TYPE

Walking

GRADE

Hard / Strenuous in places

DISTANCE

4 Miles (6.5km)

TIME

2 hours

OS MAP

Explorer: 141

Landranger: 182

CONTACT

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FACILITIES

Cafés, pubs and restaurants in the village before and after.
Public toilets in Cliff St. Car Park

TERRAIN

Mostly track and field paths. Some quiet lanes. Several kissing gates but no stiles. Likely to be very muddy and/or rocky underfoot in places. Possible wind exposure on plateau. Stout walking boots, weatherproof clothing and equipment recommended.

WHAT TO SEE

Views across the Mendip plateau and towards Glastonbury Tor, limestone and forestry landscapes, farm animals, birds of prey, wildflowers, and a view in to a large working quarry.

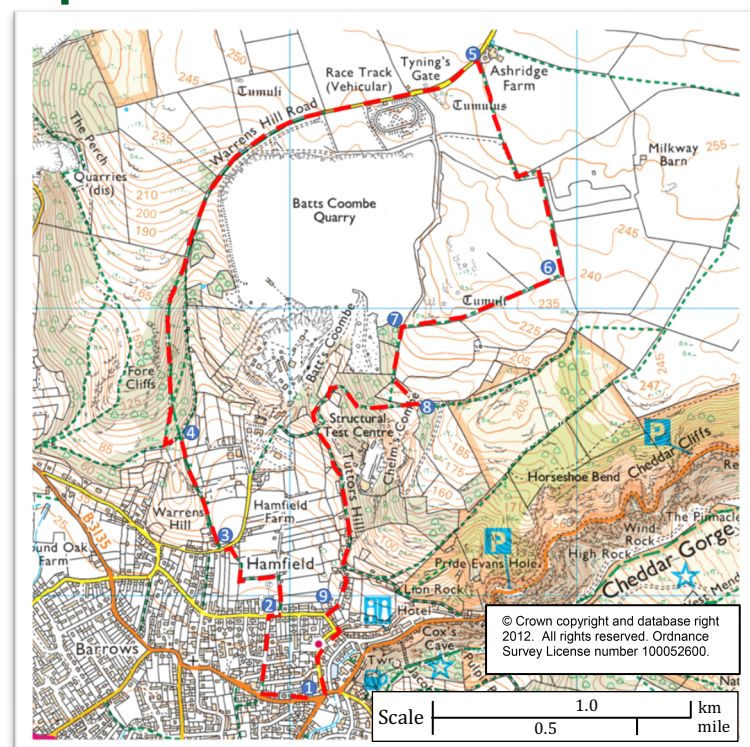
#12. Quarries Loop

A simple 2-hour walk up the old track of Warren's Hill Road, to the top of the Mendip scarp. Then back down across fields with some lovely views to Glastonbury Tor, Brent Knowle, and across the Somerset Levels to the Bristol Channel and the distant Quantock Hills.

This circular walk skirts two quarries (the Mendips have a lot of quarries). The first is very much commercially alive: Batts Combe quarry on the edge of Cheddar. The walk gives a wonderful viewpoint into the surprisingly large quarry. The second old and disused quarry that is passed by is Chelms Combe quarry. After its life supplying stone it was requisitioned by the CEGB (as was) to stress test to destruction, various powerline pylon designs. In its final commercial life it was used to drop test nuclear waste transport containers as part of an operation to reassure the public.



Map



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START/END

Tweentown bus stop
Grid ref. ST 46077 53646
N 51.16.46
W 02.46.28
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HOW TO GET THERE

BY BIKE

From the Strawberry Line
(National Cycle Route 26)

BY BUS

Service 126
Weston-super-Mare to
Wells. Stop at Tweentown
where this walk begins.

BY CAR

Pay and display car parks
in Cliff Street.



Directions

1 The walk begins at the Tweentown bus stop (north side), so near the Riverside Inn. There is a public car park at the top of Cliff Street, next door to the Riverside Inn. Head west along Tweentown (away from the Inn) and shortly come to West Lynne, a private road on the right. To the immediate left of West Lynne entrance is a footpath (beside the house named "The Hovis"). Take this and cut through to Orchard Way and continue ahead to the end. At the junction with Silver Street, Gardeners Arms pub in front of you, turn right. **2**

Just past the terrace of cottages then left up Ham Lane (not named), the track on the far side of Gardeners Close, following the footpath fingerpost. After the allotments, turn left to follow the footpath between two fences. Follow the path round a bend, over a stone stile, across a small field, and out over another stone stile onto the road and turn left (Warrens Hill). After about 20 yards turn right up the track by the electricity pylon. **3**

Continue up this track, steadily climbing, through the gate into The Perch, and where the track bears left **4** follow this up the rise to the field gate and here turn right and continue on the path up the hill. Keep following this track steadily uphill through the woods, noting the quarry danger signs on your right. There are some steep and rocky sections here. The path widens back to a track. Watch out for mountain bikers along this stretch. Continue ascending along the track which comes out by the top entrance to the quarry. The track now becomes a road. Keep straight on, passing the raceway, with views out towards Glastonbury Tor on your right.

A few hundred yards on and just before Ashridge Farm on your right, **5** take signed footpath left through the kissing gate (this is set back and easy to miss). Follow along the field, hedge on your left (there may be cattle in this field). At the end go through a single gate into a narrower fenced path with a quarry track on your right. This path bends sharp left and passes through a pair of gates across a field entrance, and then to a single gate to cross the quarry track. Be careful to check for any lorries using the track.

On the far side another gate and then a kissing gate take you on in to a second field. Continue following the path with the hedge and wall to your left. Glastonbury Tor is directly ahead in the distance. At the far end, **6** do not take the possible open farm gate to the next field, but turn right and continue in the same field with the fence on your left.

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WALKING ADVICE

Please observe the Countryside Code:

- Wear sensible clothing and footwear, and sun or rain protection if needed
- Take a drink or snack if on a longer walk
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and wildlife and take litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Be considerate of other users

If you find any animal in distress please contact the RSPCA help line: 0300 1234 999



In the field corner go through the kissing gate and continue straight on and at the end of the next field yet another kissing gate takes you in to a tree-planted area. Follow the path straight on and through another gate in to the wood. Here the path turns left through the wood, and on this corner you can get a clear view in to Batts Coombe quarry. ⑦

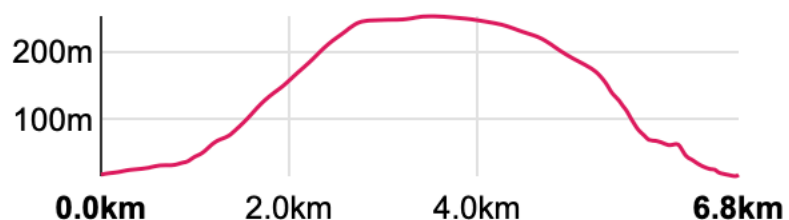
Follow the path through the wood, and after 150 meters or so bear a little left. The path finally brings you to a quiet road. Turn right and start to follow this road downhill. ⑧

Keep following the road as it slowly winds down. At the few junctions keep on the main direction heading downhill. At a couple of points entrances to old defunct Chelms Coombe quarry are passed. It is now being developed for some limited housing. As the road continues it becomes the top of Tuttors Hill. Continue on down and at the end of Tuttors Hill it joins Silver Street to the right and Birch Hill to the left. ⑨

Turn left and follow Birch Hill along and around as it bend sharp right (Water Lane path ahead of you at this point goes down to the Lower Gorge, caves, pub and shops). Along Birch Hill there are good views to the start of Cheddar Gorge.

Birch Hill ends down a short slope and comes out opposite the Riverside Inn. Turn right and immediately right again by the mini-roundabout and you are back at the bus stop where you started.

Elevation



Lowest 15m Highest 254m

Total ascent 246m

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Cheddar Walking is a voluntary group promoting the wonderful walking to be had in and around Cheddar, Somerset.

Our walks are designed for all types of people from those looking for a short simple walk, through those wanting something a bit more stretching up on to the Mendips or out on to the levels. We also have historic walks, bus walks (bus out, walk back) and walks suitable for buggies and wheelchairs.

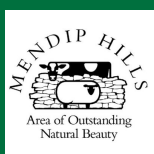
We have met the strict criteria that allows us to be a certified member of the national **Walkers are Welcome** association.

We get great ongoing support from several key groups in the area, without which we could not function:

Mendip Hills AONB
Sedgemoor District Council
Cheddar Parish Council

And we partner with other non-profit groups including the National Trust, Somerset Wildlife Trust, the Mendip Society and Mendip Ramblers.

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If you liked this walk you might be interested in the others we have checked and written up. All of them are downloadable from our website, www.cheddarwalking.org.uk, or pre-printed for a modest cost at the Visitor Information Centre near Cheddar Caves. The full set is:

1. **Historic Cheddar** (2.1 miles) [Grade: Easy]
2. **Middledown** (4.2 miles) [Grade: Moderate, strenuous in places]
3. **Cufic Lane Loop** (1.1 miles) [Grade: Easy]
4. **Strawberry Line** [Bus-Walk] (5.2 miles) [Grade: Moderate]
5. **Gorge Circular** (3.4 miles) [Grade: Hard, strenuous in places]
6. **Black Rock** [Nature Reserves] (2.6 miles) [Grade: Easy/Moderate]
7. **River Yeo Loop** (4.9 miles) [Grade: Moderate]
8. **Reservoir** [wheelchair/buggy friendly] (2.2 miles, or 4 miles to/from village) [Grade: Easy]
9. **West Mendip Way from Wells** [Bus-Walk] (12 miles) [Grade: Moderate, one steep incline]
10. **West Mendip Way from Uphill** [Bus-Walk] (20 miles) [Grade: Hard, Strenuous]
Can be split in to two separate stages 10a (11 miles) and 10b (8.5 miles)
11. **Four Pubs** (11 miles) [Grade: Hard, strenuous in places]
12. **Quarry Loop** (4 miles) [Grade: Moderate, long continuous climb for first half]
13. **Shute Shelve** (7.5 miles) [Grade: Hard, strenuous in places]
14. **Cheddar Moor Loop** (9.5 miles) [Grade: Easy. One optional steep climb]
15. **Wedmore via Nyland Hill** [Bus-Walk] (6 miles) [Grade: Easy. One optional steep climb]
16. **Strawberry Special (Draycott)** (3 miles) (Grade: Easy)
17. **Labourham Drove Loop** (2 miles) [Grade: Easy]
18. **Blackdown and Burrington Combe** (10 miles) [Grade Moderate to Hard]

Cheddar has many businesses supporting us and all ensure 'Walkers are Welcome'

Restaurants and cafés

Café Gorge
Cheddar Fish Bar
Edelweiss
Holly House Tea Rooms
Kebab Kitchen
Lao Thai Restaurant
Lion Rock Tea Rooms
Mousehole Café
Simply Gorgeous Tea Room
Tucker's Fish & Chips

Pubs

Bath Arms
Gardeners Arms
Kings Head
On the Rocks
Riverside Inn
White Hart

Accommodation and camping

Bradley Cross Farm
Bucklegrove Holiday Park
Gorge View Cottage
Nyland Manor
Petruth Paddocks
Velo Loft
Webbington Farm Holiday Cottages

Stores / other

A Special Occasion
Cheddar Library
Hansford's Deli and Food Store
Old Rowlands Gift and Christmas Shop
Post Office
The Gorge Outdoors
Visitor Information Centre