

# Cheddar Walking



## TRAIL TYPE

Walking or Bus-Walk

## GRADE

Easy. Mostly level. One optional short steep ascent and descent.

## DISTANCE

6 Miles (9.5km)

## TIME

2.5 to 3 hours approx.  
(each way)

## OS MAP

Explorer: 141  
Landranger: 182

## CONTACT

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## FACILITIES

Full facilities at both ends, non on route:  
In Cheddar village public toilets by bus stop near Tesco's Express. In Wedmore on The Borough opposite The Lerburne. None on route.

## TERRAIN

Level, small gradients, one optional steep ascent and descent. Wear good walking shoes – the route can be muddy in places.

## WHAT TO SEE

Birds - swans, birds of prey - wildflowers, farm animals, views from Nyland Hill, village of Wedmore.

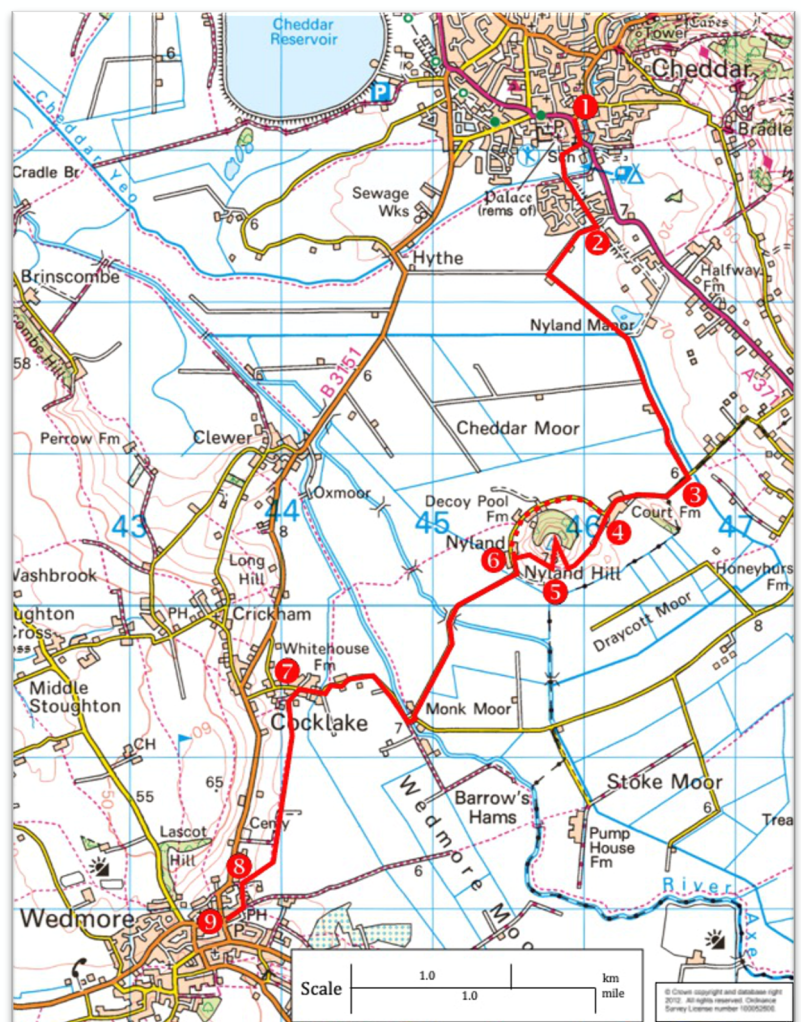
## #15. Wedmore via Nyland Hill (optional bus-walk)

This route can either be done as a both-ways walk, or as a bus-out or bus-back option. Currently the bus options are only available Mondays to Fridays using the 668 towards Street, which departs from outside Tesco in the centre of Cheddar shortly after 10am and again shortly after 1pm. Journey time to Wedmore is about 15 minutes, where you alight in The Borough in the centre of the village. Instructions for the return walking route follow below. The village of Wedmore has several pubs and cafes, a village store and a number of artisan shops, plus a 15th century church.

Along the route there is the option to climb Nyland Hill (50m) for all round views of the Cheddar Valley.



## Map



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## START/END

### Cheddar Market Cross

Grid ref. ST 4593 5319

N 51.16.27

W 02.46.35

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### Wedmore, The Borough

Grid ref. ST 4363 4792

N 51.13.39

W 02.48.31

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## HOW TO GET THERE

### BY BIKE

To Cheddar via  
Strawberry Line (NCR 26)

### BY BUS

Cheddar: #126 service  
Weston-Super-Mare to  
Wells stops at Union  
Street.

Services may change,  
check latest timetables.

Wedmore: #668 Service  
Shipham to Street via  
Cheddar and Wedmore  
(see text for stops)

### BY CAR

Cheddar: paid council  
parking at Sainsburys off  
Church Street  
(Roynan Way).

Wedmore: Free parking in  
car park off B3135 arriving  
from Cheddar.

## Directions

**1** For the walk to Wedmore, from the market cross in the centre of Cheddar, head south towards St. Andrew's church. At the church, turn right into Parsons Pen and continue along the path at the end, then turn left. Keep following this split foot/cycle path over the old railway bridge, past the play area, and out on to Labourham Way, passing the post box. Cross over towards the business units ahead, then turn right along the drove which heads off past the right-hand side of the entrance to Petruth Paddocks **2**.

*Signage may indicate otherwise, but this relates to vehicular access - these droves are in regular use by pedestrians, cyclists, and horse riders. However these are working droves so please ensure that farming activity is not obstructed. Very large farm machinery may appear at any time, and cattle may be driven along, so please stay alert and be prepared to step aside, or be helpful if asked. Help us to work with landowners to ensure "walkers are welcome"!*

Continue along the drove for 400m to the farm buildings at the T-junction and turn left. Then follow the drove for a further 1.5km, more or less straight with a couple of kinks, to come out on Latches Lane **3**. Turn right and follow the road for about 600m past farm buildings, until you come to a parish notice board and post box, where you turn left and then bear right past Rookery Farm, up a track towards a gate **4**. Through the gate, the path continues around the bottom of Nyland Hill, but if you wish, you can climb to the trig point on the top for great all-round views of the Cheddar Valley. **5** The climb is about 50m in height, allow 30 minutes to get up, admire the views and get back down. This field is open access land so you can use any suitable route up, and then come back down to the path. Continue along the path with the hill on your right, curving round the bottom of the hill, over stiles and down to the road at Quarry Farm.

**6** Turn left and follow the road (Nyland Drove) round to the right, for about 1.3km. At the road junction bear right across Bartlett's Bridge over the River Axe, (signed Wedmore and Cheddar) and follow the road round to the right. The road bears gently left, passing farm buildings, then in about 800m it bears right entering the village of Cocklake. After 100m look for the house on the left called Dando, then Homefield, then there is a turning on the left before Lane End Farm. **7** Turn left here and follow this track for 100m, then bear left up the track with the green footpath sign.

Follow this path along and out of the track, roughly straight for about 600m across several fields, through gates and over a stile to join another track. Where this track turns sharp right, the **9** path continues ahead through another gate. Follow the tree line on your left for about 100m then cut across towards the church tower and the gap in the hedge, over on your right. **8** Going up hill, the village car park appears on your left, go over the stile which appears on your left, then follow the tarmac path straight ahead down the side of the car park and out through bollards to The Lerneburne. Turn right here and continue to the main village street (The Borough) in about 100m.

Buses back to Cheddar depart from this junction Mon-Fri at approximately 12.15 and 3.15pm.





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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



**Returning to Cheddar** on foot, **9** follow The Lerburne from its junction with The Borough for 100m then bear left between bollards to follow the tarmac path alongside the car park. Go over the stile straight ahead then go right down the hill, aiming for the gap in the hedge **8** then follow the tree line at the bottom of the field for 100m to a gate out on to a track. Keep on in the same direction out of Wedmore to the end of the track, continuing mostly straight across fields, through gates and over a stile to come out on a track and then a tarmac lane in Cocklake. Follow this lane which bears round to the left to a road junction and turn right **7**. Follow this road out of Cocklake for about 800m, coming to Bartlett's Bridge, over the River Axe. Go over the bridge and bear left towards Nyland Hill. Follow this road for about 1.3km until you come to Quarry Farm on your right, at the foot of the hill. **6**

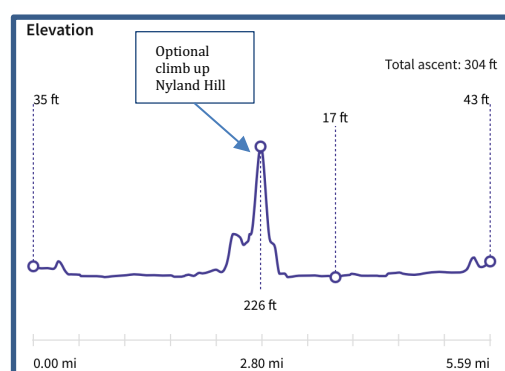
If you didn't do the walk out to Wedmore and would like to climb Nyland Hill now, go right over the stile adjacent to Quarry Farm, then over a further stile and round the bottom of the hill with the hill on your left **5**. This field is open access land so you can use any suitable route up to the trig point and then back down to the path. The climb is about 50m in height, allow 30 minutes to get up, admire the views and get back down. When you have come back down, continue along the path through a gate and down a track to come out on the road by Rookery Farm **4**, parish notice board and post box - here, turn right, away from Nyland Hill.

If you want to give the hill a miss, stay on the road past Quarry Farm (dotted line on map), keeping the hill on your right, bearing constantly right around the bottom of the hill for about 800m, to come to a parish notice board and post box. Follow the road round to the left here, away from Nyland Hill.

Continuing along Latches Lane towards Cheddar, after about 600m there is a drove leading away on the left, turn left here **3**.

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Follow this drove more or less straight with a couple of kinks, for 1.5km to a junction with farm buildings on your left. Turn right here and continue for 400m to the end, by Petruth Paddocks. **2** Turn left, heading across towards the post box. Follow this split cycle/footpath all the way into Cheddar, for about 700m. After passing the school playing fields on your left, take the path on the right which leads out to Parsons Pen, and continue to the end by the church. Turn left here and the market cross is 150m ahead. **1**



# Cheddar Walking



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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**Sedgemoor**  
IN SOMERSET



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](http://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  
Deep Blue Fish & Chips  
Edelweiss  
Holly House Tea Rooms  
Kebab Kitchen  
Lao Thai Restaurant  
Lion Rock Tea Rooms  
Mousehole Café  
Simply Gorgeous Tea Room  
Tucker's Fish & Chips  
The Café

## 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