

Cheddar Walking



TRAIL TYPE

Walking

GRADE

Easy.

DISTANCE

2.5 Miles (4 km)

TIME

1 hour approx.

OS MAP

Explorer: 141

Landranger: 182

CONTACT

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FACILITIES

Full facilities in Cheddar. Public toilets just past Tesco Express on Station Road, 2 minutes west from Market Cross start.

TERRAIN

Level. Mostly surfaced or stony lane. Short section on grass beside the Yeo can be muddy, so wear good shoes in wet weather.

WHAT TO SEE

Views to the Mendip scarp and the gorge. Birds and wildfowl on the rhynes.

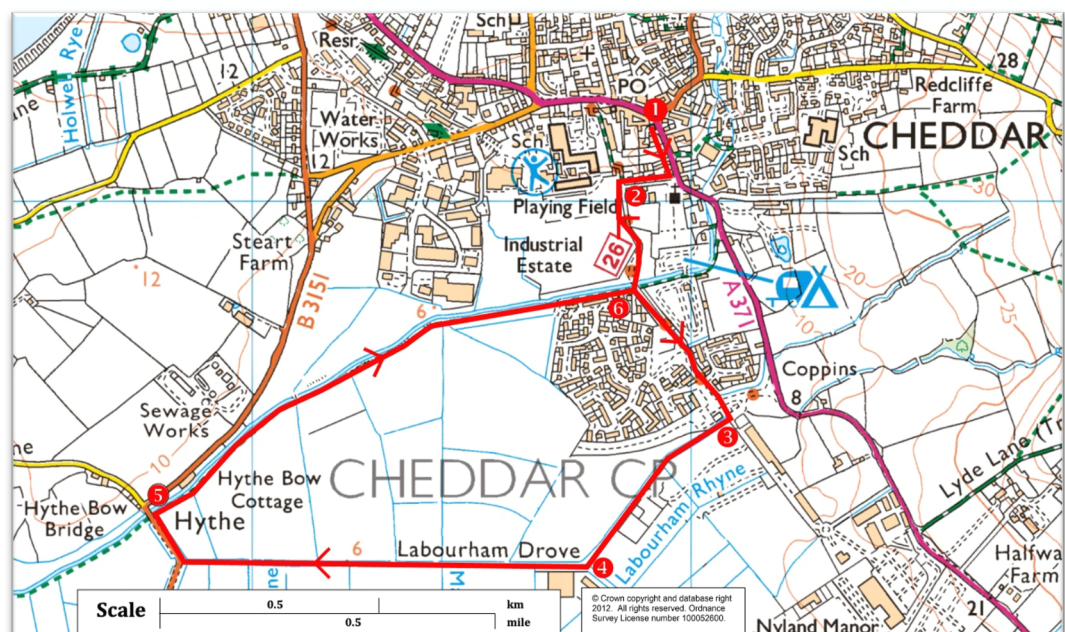
#17. Labourham Drove Loop

A short simple and flat walk out on to the levels to the south of Cheddar. Starting at the centre of Cheddar Village at the Market Cross, the route uses one of the old drove routes out on the levels. The drives are green lanes up on causeways running beside the drainage ditches known as "rhynes". The drives give farmers access to the fields across and around the levels.



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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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HOW TO GET THERE

BY BIKE

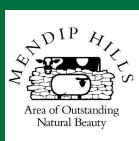
To Cheddar via
Strawberry Line (NCR 26)

BY BUS

Cheddar: #126 service
Weston-Super-Mare to
Wells 126 service stop at
Union Street
(but check online because
services are changing).

BY CAR

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



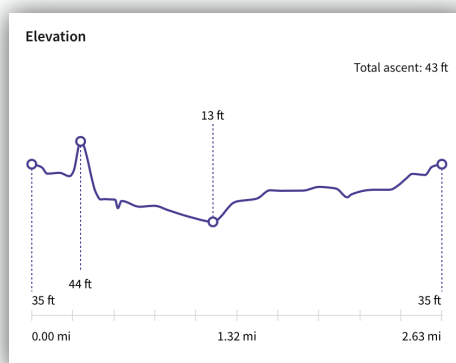
Directions

1 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 **2**. 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 **3** along the drive which heads off past the right-hand side of the entrance to Petruth Paddocks.

Signage may indicate otherwise, but this relates to vehicular access - these drives are in regular use by pedestrians, cyclists, and horse riders. However, these are working drives 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 and open a field gate for a tractor driver if so indicated. Help us to work with landowners to ensure "walkers are welcome"!

Continue along the drive for 400m to the farm buildings at the T-junction and turn right. **4** Continue straight ahead for 900m with the village and church visible away to your right. At the road, stay right, continue for 100m towards the bridge, looking out for oncoming traffic. Just before the bridge go over the stile on your right **5** and follow the river all the way back into Cheddar for about 1km, through a number of gates.

In wet weather, the last stretch of riverside path before the housing estate can be flooded or marshy, in which case follow the parallel path along the top of the bank. Don't enter the housing estate but continue with the river on your left until you come to the old double railway bridge. **6** Go up the steps and turn left. You are now back on the foot/cycle path you followed out of Cheddar, carry on for 200m to turn right into Parsons Pen, then at the church turn left to return to the Market Cross.



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.