

WALKING FESTIVAL WELLS

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THE WALKS

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Tor Hill and Bishops Fields (4 miles)

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MEDIUM WALKS: (BETWEEN 6 AND 7 MILES)

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Dulcote, Dinder and Bishops Fields (6 miles)

INTERMEDIATE WALKS: (BETWEEN 8.5 AND 9.5 MILES)

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LONGER WALKS: (OVER 12 MILES)

Wookey Hole, Ebor Gorge Pen Hill and Horringtons (12 miles)

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Haybridge, Henton Easton and Wookey Hole (12 miles)

Appendix

Information on local places. Places with * following e.g.Wookey

THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE: (This is an abbreviated extract. See www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk for the detailed code).

BE SAFE – PLAN AHEAD AND FOLLOW ANY SIGNS

LEAVE GATES AND PROPERTY AS YOU FIND THEM

Please respect the working life of the countryside, as our actions can affect people's livelihoods, our heritage and the safety and welfare of animals and ourselves.

PROTECT PLANTS AND ANIMALS AND TAKE YOUR LITTER HOME

We have a responsibility to protect our countryside now and for future generations, so make sure you do not harm animals, birds, plants or trees.

KEEP DOGS UNDER CLOSE CONTROL

The countryside is a great place to exercise dogs but it is every owner's duty to make sure their dog is not a danger or nuisance to farm animals, wildlife or other people.

CONSIDER OTHER PEOPLE

Showing consideration and respect for other people makes the countryside a pleasant environment for everyone – at home, at work and at leisure.

PLEASE NOTE: Some of the footpaths need to be walked in order to keep them open. Please report any problems to the Rights of Way team at Somerset County Council; www.somerset.gov.uk then search on 'Rights of Way'.

GENERAL WALKING ADVICE:

1 Wear sensible boots or shoes and socks suitable for walking in the countryside. These walks are not suitable for ordinary town shoes.

2 Wear or carry in your rucksack a good quality waterproof (not just showerproof) and windproof jacket; something with at least a hood or provision for a hood to be attached and with spacious pockets for maps, snacks, etc.

3 Wear suitable trousers. Everyday casual trousers are fine but may not be comfortable for longer walks. Modern synthetic walking trousers are lightweight, loose-fitting, quick-drying and have handy pockets. Shorts if the weather is fine but beware of nettles, brambles and ticks which are becoming more widespread. Denim jeans are not recommended because they take a long time to dry out if wet and can chafe.

4 Take suitable provisions (water/drink, food).

5 Use or carry gloves for cold weather.

6 Head covering is useful to keep the sun off and also keep you warm in cold weather. Also cream to avoid sun burn.

7 A rucksack or backpack is the best means of carrying what you need (including extra clothing); they leave the hands free and are far more comfortable than a shoulder bag over a long distance.

THE WALKS: (Start – Ash Lane Wells¹* – Ordnance Survey (OS) Grid Reference ST ST544 465)

- The maps in this booklet are sketches. Each map is to scale but the scales vary and no scale is indicated.
- The walk descriptions are written by many different people and vary in style and detail.
- The walks have been graded (1 to 4), principally by length and height gain; 4 being the most difficult.
- The walk lengths are accurate to within ½ mile.
- The walks can be very muddy and steep in places.
- It is recommended that you use the map sketches and descriptions in conjunction with the relevant OS maps and a compass (OS Explorer Map 142 – Shepton Mallet & Mendip Hills East)

Mendip Ramblers cannot be held responsible for any accidents or incidents that may occur whilst on these walks.

Short 1 Wookey Hole, Lower Milton, Upper Milton 3.3 miles

Grade - ?, Height gain - ?)

Abbreviations are H = half, R = right, L = left, FP= footpath

1). Start Ash Lane Grid Ref. ST 544 465

Park in Ash Lane, 200 yds east of Kennion Road. On the north side of Ash Lane, opposite FP sign going south, go up steps and follow a narrow path between houses. Cross a metalled road, and continue on up path between more houses. When you come to end of houses, go through wooden gate and continue uphill until you reach a metalled road. Follow this road through a metal gateway (waymark post to Monarch's Way) until you reach a second waymark post. Go through gate on L and follow path (with fenced quarry on your L).

2) Lime Kiln Lane Grid Ref. ST 538 470

At fork in lane, ignore waymarked path to the R and continue along Lime Kiln Lane. When you have lovely views of Glastonbury Tor to your L look out for a waymarked kissing gate on your R. Go through gate and continue through field, keeping hedge on your L, until you reach a gate with FP sign. Go through gate and T immediately R. At second kissing gate the FP opens into a field. Continue ahead, keeping hedge on your L, until you reach a further kissing gate leading onto a metalled road (Coombe Brook). T R into Wookey Hole, then in a few yards R again into Milton Lane.

3). Miton Lane Grid Ref. ST 533 475

Follow road uphill, bearing R around farm buildings. Go past caravan site and approx 50 yds past desrestriction signs, go over a stile in hedge on your R. Cross field diagonally in direction of farm buildings. Go through gate and follow R hand hedge to metal kissing gate in corner (signed Monarch's Way). TL and follow stone wall. Halfway along wall, go through gate on L into orchard and through another gate straight ahead. T immediately R (not signed) and, keeping hedge on R, continue to end of hedge where you reach a farm track. Cross over the track and walk in direction of farm buildings at top of the hill ahead to cross a stile at mid-point in hedge. Continue uphill towards kissing gate to L of farm buildings. Go through farmyard to reach road (Old Bristol Road).

4) Old Bristol Road Grid Ref. ST 546 475

T R and follow road several hundred yards WITH CARE. Where road bends L, ignore the first FP sign and kissing gate on R but in a few yards follow second FP sign through metal gate. Keeping fence on R, walk straight ahead, through kissing gate and down steep steps to cross private road and down further steps to another kissing gate. Walk straight ahead with hedge on R to go over stile in fence. Then walk in direction of cathedral ahead of you to find a kissing gate near the bottom end of L hand hedge. Go down steps on to Old Bristol Road WITH CARE. T R and shortly T R again to walk along Ash Lane back to starting point.

Short 2 Tor Hill, and Bishops Fields (4 miles)

(Grade - ?, Height gain - ?)

Abbreviations are H = half, R = right, L = left, FP= footpath

1). Start Ash Lane Grid Ref. ST 544 465

Walk west down Ash Lane and TL down to Kenyon Road towards Portway (A39). Bear R to cut off the corner and use the pedestrian crossing to cross Portway. Continue through gap in wall onto paved area then TL just past the phone box to walk along a tarmac FP between hedges. Just before this path ends at Whiting Way, TR onto a similar path that runs parallel to Whiting Way. Just before the stone archway at the end of this path, T L to come out at a pedestrian crossing at the top of Whiting Way. Cross over and continue in the same direction along the road, crossing over when possible. Pass Priest Row and the entrance road to Union street car park on the R before turning R down Union Street (once known as Grope Lane). Walk down to the city centre, passing Wells Library on the R. T L into the High Street and continue into the Market Place. Go through the stone archway ahead into the Bishop's Palace grounds and T R.

2). Bishop's Palace GR ST 551 457

Continue alongside the moat to L, crossing the lane at the end, to go through a pair of gates onto a tarmac track signposted Dulcote. Ignore signs for the Monarchs Way which bears R here. Continue straight along this path through two metal gates, and eventually exit through a farm gate, dropping down onto a track then bear L to the road. Cross the road (B3139) carefully to a kissing gate with a FP sign, and enter a field on the L.

3). GR ST 562 452

Bear L up field to top L corner and through a bristol gate (high step). Continue straight across the field aiming for the house which is just visible as you come through the gate. Leaving the pill box on your L, follow the East Mendip Way, exit the field through a metal kissing gate onto a track. Cross the track bearing L to a partially concealed stone stile to the L of a gate. On the other side of the stile, bear L up the field to the far R corner, where there is a wide grassy area between hedges that tracks first R then sharp L around a quarry. This area may be muddy. Once past the trees on the R, bear R to stile with stone steps. Continue steeply downwards through woods to a metal stile, then follow the hedge on L to a broken stile ahead. Ignore this stile to go through the gap in the hedge on the L, then follow the path across the field to a metal kissing gate. T L along a rough lane (Torhill Lane)

4) Torhill Lane GR ST 559 459

T L along Torhill Lane for 500m with Tor Hill Woods to the L and views of the Cathedral ahead. At the road, T R onto Tor Street. Cross the road at the end of Tor Street to the Fountain Inn, T L and walk down to the pedestrian crossing. Cross here and continue in the same direction along the road towards the Cathedral. Just before the overhead bridge, T R into Cathedral Close. This is a cobbled road lined with medieval terraced houses. At the very end exit via stone steps to the R and onto the road. Cross road at pedestrian crossing and T L to walk down to the mini roundabout. T sharp R at roundabout and cross over road to take a cobbled entry on the L with a West Mendip Way marker on the wall above. Walk down this path, bearing R then L at the end onto Lovers Walk, then continue along a hedged FP. T R onto the footbridge, going past the

skateboard park on the L. Continue into and through the Blue School grounds, following Public FP signs, to exit via a green metal gate. The path goes on up to Ash Lane, T L and find Kennion Road about 100m on the L, T L here and walk back to the Scout hut.

Short 3 Monarch's Way and Dulcote (4 miles_

(Grade - ?, Height gain - ?)

Abbreviations are, R = right, L = left, FP= footpath, FB = footbridge

1). Ash Lane Grid Reference GR ST544463 Start point:

Take the FP opposite No. 48 Ash Lane through "the Blue school" then cross the FB over A371. T L down "Lovers Walk" until it bears L, go R then L to main road. T R, passing mini roundabout, and bear L into Sadler St. T L into Cathedral Green and go diagonally R to "Penniless Porch" to reach the market place. Continue pass the National Trust Shop then L through arch and immediately R following the bishop's moat.

2). Bishop's Moat GR ST 552 448

Where the moat Ts L go straight ahead (not the concrete path) to the woods. Take the main track through the woods, ignoring a gated L track. The path narrows and bears R to old railway track. T L and follow old railway until a lane. T R to go under the A371. At T junction go R. At next T junction take FP opposite and go diagonally L across 3 fields. T R crossing river and continue ahead through 2 fields and a track to cross FB over A371.

3). A371 GR ST 562 445

Follow the lane until a concrete track comes from the R and cross the stile on the L, then immediately R taking a narrow path to reach a lane, Silver St. Go ahead to Southover St and bear R. Take 2nd L, St John's St, continue in same direction onto Queen St, then L and R up Priests Row. Over crossing then R into Whiting Way, go L through hedge then immediately R. At end go L until a road crossing on your R cross here and continue ahead. Then taking Kennion Rd to T R into Ash Lane.

Medium 1 Pen Hill Wood and Upper Milton (6 Miles)

(Grade - ?, Height gain - ?)

1) Grid Reference (GR) ST 544 463

The walk starts from Ash Lane where the public FP crosses the road. From the pavement cross the road and start walking up steps, followed by a steady climb. Follow the FP until reaching a road, cross and continue walking up along the path. When you reach a lane T R and walk for one hundred yards then TL at Reservoir Lane. Continue walking along this lane which climbs steadily. As the lane forks off to the L, go straight on and continue walking along a track through woodland. When you reach a stile to the R of a gate, go over the stile and follow the fence on the L edge of the field. When you reach a kissing gate on the L in the corner of the field, go through the kissing gate and TL, walking along the lane (Old Bristol Road)

2) GR ST 546 472 Old Bristol Road Upper Milton.

TL at Manor Farm and follow the path to a kissing gate. Go through the kissing gate and continue walking down the field, heading for the R hand corner. Go through the kissing gate here and continue walking into the next field, walking in a straight line until you reach a farm track. T R along the track, walk across the cattle grid then cross the road (Tynings Lane). Go over the stile on the opposite side of the road, continue walking along the combe with the stream on your L. Walk along the combe following a track through woodland, keeping the stream on your L. When you reach another track with two gateways to your front, take the gateway on your R. Head up through the centre of a field, climbing steadily. When you reach a stile to the L of a gate, go over the stile and then cross the lane (Old Bristol Road).

3) GR ST 547 481 Old Bristol Road

Walk up the Bridleway on the opposite side until reaching a fork. Bear L and continue climbing up the track, following the track along the lower edge of the field. Continue past two openings on your R, keeping to the lower edge of the field with a stone wall on your R. Once reaching the edge of a wood T R into a field, walk down the edge of the field with the hedge on your R. Reaching another track TL, keeping the hedge to your R. Walking along the track one of the highlights of this walk, the Mendip Mast, can be discerned to your front beyond a copse of trees. Walk past a farm on your L until you reach a lane, walk along this lane, passing a house to your L with the mast towering behind it. T R onto a track when you reach a T junction at the end of the lane, descending steadily down the track through woodland with a wooded valley to your R. Keep walking down this track, just before reaching a main road (A39)

4) GR ST 556 471 A39

Take the stile to your R, cross the stile into a field. Walk steadily down the centre of this field, bearing R past a solitary tree until you reach a stile at the far corner. Go over this stile (marked by a Public FP sign), and TL onto a track. Follow the track and go over another stile at the far end next to a gate. TL onto a lane, continue walking down the lane. You are now approaching the City of Wells and the Cathedral Tower can be seen in the distance. Walk to the main road (A39)

5) GR ST 550 465 A39

T R on the main road, cross the road and TL down College Road with the grounds of Wells Cathedral School on your R. Continue straight on down College Road past the "No Entry" signs. T

R on the main road, walking past Cedar House, crossing the road at the pedestrian crossing. Walk through the arched entrance in the building to your front, walking down the steps into Vicars' Close. (Dating from the fourteenth century and one of the oldest medieval streets in Europe, Vicars' Close remains one of the architectural highlights of the region). Walk down the Close to the arched far entrance and T R. Wells Cathedral is now on your L. Walk to Wells Museum and then TL onto Cathedral Green.

Walk past the West Front of the cathedral, an outstanding example of Early English Gothic design with approximately three hundred carved statues. Walk through Penniless Porch and T R into Wells Market Place. Continue straight on and then T R into Sadler Street. Bear R onto New Street and continue walking straight on past the roundabout. TL onto a path when you reach the plaque for the West Mendip Way. Follow this path (which is the start of the Way), bearing to the R until you reach a road. TL onto the road, follow for thirty yards and then take the FP on the R. Continue walking along the FP , T R and cross the bridge, following the path into the grounds of Blue School. Pass through the green gate at the edge of the school grounds and continue walking along the path until you reach a gate. Pass through the gate and follow the path until reaching Ash Lane and the starting point of the walk.

Med 2 Tor Hill, South Horrington and Park Wood (6 miles)

Abbreviations L-left R-right KG-kissing gate

1). Grid Reference GR ST 5444 63 Start point:- Ash Lane

Taking the path by Coopers Close, follow through school grounds to a fly-over. T R past the skate-park, cross at lights, T L behind the hedge then L and R into Priest Row, L then R into Queen St. Continue ahead to St John St, R along Southover to v-junction near Full Moon Pub, here, T L over the stream bridge to follow the path over a stile along a concrete track to a gate. Bear R towards the wood and T L to follow the margin over two stiles before bearing L across the field to a green lane. T L to a road (B3139) cross to enter a field and walk ahead over a stile to a metal KG. T L uphill then R at junction with a track before turning L at sign-board into the wood. Exit onto a meadow, cross to a narrow choke point then T L over stile at wood corner.

2) GR.ST578455.

At the next stile, bear L to follow way-marks downhill over two stiles, through a gateway to the road (Old Frome Road). T L on verge, L through KG to follow the path behind the hedge via a metal KG and way-marks across the Golf Greens, to a stream. Follow to the exit, T L at KG onto a wide track, L at signpost. Go R over stile, up steps through wooded bank, R on gravel path to stile. Go R past buildings, R over stone stile to follow way-marks in L/hand hedge-line to wooden gateway into a copse

3) GR.ST557456.

Enter the copse, fork R into open area, bear L to path and steps leading down to a track, L to road (B3139), cross diagonally R to path passing alongside a moat, follow R to a green. Exit L under towers, T R through gateway onto the Cathedral Green. Bear L to arched exit onto Sadler St, T R, keep R on New St, fork L at junction to T L at dedication plaque for west Mendip Way and L again into Lovers Walk. At triangle junction T R over bridge and retrace path to Ash Lane

Dulcote. Dinder and Bishop's Fields.(6.4 miles)

Abbreviations are R = right, L = left, FP = footpath

1) The walk starts in Ash Lane ,Wells Grid Reference (GR) ST 544 463

Walk in the direction of Wookey until you reach Kennion Road.T L down this road and continue on until you reach the traffic lights at the bottom.

T R and walk to the pedestrian crossing. Cross over here and take the National Cycleway route ahead of you which goes along Portway.

Continue ahead to reach a set of traffic lights. Cross here and continue ahead along Princes Road. Follow the road around to the R on to Priory Road and walk along here until you reach the roundabout at the end.

2) GR ST545 451

T L and follow the Cycleway path beside the road. Continue along until you reach an overpass. Here the track bears slightly L away from the road. Continue on it looking out for a stone pillar on your L where the path you need goes off to the L. Walk up towards the bridge and T L at the top (signed Monarch's Way). Follow this path down through the woods until you reach a field.

The FP goes straight ahead across this field towards the metal gate/cattle troughs.

3) GR ST 554 452

At the gate turn back on yourself so that the three trees are in front of you. Walk diagonally L ahead towards the wood and the field boundary.

Keeping the wood to your R, continue ahead along the R edge of the field to reach a gateway straight ahead. Continue on ahead, then bearing slightly L,over the brow towards a metal gate in the hedge in front of you (there is a stile beside this gate). Cross the track and go through the gate and continue ahead to a wooden footbridge (to the R of the cattle crossing).Cross the stream and continue ahead to the stile in the L corner of the field.

Cross and head for the next stile in the R corner of the next field. Now go up the pathway to reach the road (Manor Farm). T L. Walk down the road and take the first road on your R. Walk up the hill to the dead end. Take the FP ahead which goes around and up to the road (A371). Cross the road with care and go over the stile on the opposite side.

4).GR ST 564 444

Walk up the track for approx.. 80 metres. At the top of the rise take a FP on the L (the sign is on a tree). Climb up this pathway, bearing L. Near the top you will see a FP sign on a post. Fork L here. Walk along a narrow path which in a while bears to the R.

You will soon see a rusty boundary fence on your R. Follow this for some time. There are yellow marks on the trees and FP signs to lead you through the wood. Following the markers continue on ahead. When you reach a rusty T shaped post on your R take care to spot the yellow marker which leads you down to the L

Continue ahead keeping in the same direction as the main road to your L below. Eventually you will reach a FP sign pointing up to your R. Walk up the FP and out of the wood. T L and walk diagonally up the bank to the top corner to reach a FP in the far corner.

5) GR ST 572 4442

Continue ahead along this FP. There are fine views to your R. Keeping the wall on your L walk to

its corner and T L. The FP then drops down a steep slope with the remains of a wall on your L. Go straight down to a stile at the bottom. Your next stile is ahead of you, near the road junction. Cross the road (A371) and go straight ahead down the road to Dinder. Continue ahead where the road bends and then T L into Church Street (passing Derrick Close). Pass the church on your L and continue straight on until you reach the recreation field on your R.

Cross the field to a metal gate which is to the L of the wooden pavillion. Go through this gate and straight on to another one in the R corner of the next field and then on to another metal gate ahead of you.

Go through this gate and T L. Keeping to the R of the hedge in front of you walk straight on to a stile in the L corner. Continue on to a gate and cross the stile beside it. Cross a track and go through the metal gate. Continue on keeping the hedge on your L and through a wooden gate and on again to reach the road (B3139). The stile is in the dip ahead of you. Cross Constitution Hill and walk ahead up the track to a metal gate.

6) GR ST562 452

The FP into Wells is now a clearly marked tarmac track and enjoys good views of the Cathedral. Continue on to the end of this FP. T L along the road. On your R you will see a children's play park just before the Bishops Barn. T R and go through the play park. Then bear diagonally R to reach an opening in the far L corner of the park (the bandstand will be behind you).

T L and walk along alongside the moat and go through an arched gateway on your L. T R and go through the next archway (Penniless Porch). Walk ahead in front of the Cathedral towards the Museum. Go up the slope and T R along the road. You will shortly reach a covered way and here you T immediately L into Priest Close with alms-houses on either side (do not go as far as the road junction). Walk R to the end of the Vicars Close then T R up the steps and through the narrow passageway to reach the road and a pedestrian crossing. Cross here and T L. Walk to the end of this road to reach a mini roundabout. At the roundabout ahead T R. Cross the road and walk to the post box where you will see an alleyway (West Mendip Way). Take this L T. This FP bears round to the R and leads to Lovers Walk. T L down here and continue on keeping to the FP when it goes to the R of the road. T R just before the skate park and cross the Portway via the footbridge. Keep to this straight FP through the Wells Blue School site. Follow the FP signs and then go ahead and up to the green metal gate. The FP then goes straight up to reach Ash Lane and the end of the walk.

Inter 1 Launcheley Coxley and Burcot (9 miles) Wood (6 miles)

Abbreviations L-left R-right KG-kissing gate

1) Grid Reference (GR) ST 554 463 Ash Lane

Start your walk on Ash Lane Next to Coopers Close (No27), follow path through Blue School grounds, cross bridge over road (A39) bare R then L onto Whiting Way, at end of road L at Job Centre Plus and cross crossing into Priest Row, walk to end L onto High St. cross and R into Queen St. at end cross Broad St. into St. John St. at end R onto Southover, at Full Moon pub cross road and take F/P between Farm and Morrisons. Follow path to style then keep straight ahead on concrete track, at end R (keeping hedge to R), take gateway through woods, follow path keeping R (over old railway and road bridges, (A371)

2) GR ST 554 449 A371

R to style take track ahead (hedgeline to L), over next style then L through gate cross field directly ahead to gate opposite, keep straight ahead up track (large green shed to R), at road cross keeping ahead towards 'Wellesley Farm', just past 'Wellesley Farm' take F/P to R, follow around to R (with wooden fence on R), at the gateway of wooden fence follow boundary of field to L, in far corner cross double style with bridge in-between. Keep R along hedgeline to style, cross road and style opposite, diagonally cross field (do not follow the stream) towards the Prospect Farm, keeping farm boundary to your L, cross next style into small lane at end cross road (Woodford Road) and over style, diagonally cross field, over style and next style to R, straight ahead (hedge to R) through gateway (hedge now L) follow to next style, following boundary in next field (hedge to L), over style in corner follow track to next style, keep to R of boundary, at top cross field to style next field keep R, to style in hedge over style then L to road (Woodford Lane).

3) GR ST 538 437 Woodford Lane

Take style opposite, cross field to gateway ahead, cross road take lane opposite at next corner follow F/P sign through metal gate ahead, keeping hedge to R cross style in top corner, keep ahead (hedge now on L) looking for a gap in hedge next to a metal gate, go through gap and cross field to style, cross next field to triple style cross another field diagonally R. to style then through gateway to L, onto road. Walk R next style on R past Harters Hill Cott. Cross field to style opp. Next field slightly L onto tarmac driveway, follow yellow arrow between building past 'Salt Box' sign, then take narrow lane R between garage and hedge, style at end, cross field to style ahead, cross next field slightly R over wooden fence (no style) straight ahead hedge to L keep straight on between two hedges at end of hedge to L, follow R boundary hedge around field to style. T R along lane (The Rank), at T-junction T L to A39 road. Cross into Mill Lane at bend take F/P opp. 'Mill House' through two gates keep ahead ditch on L, at end take steps up to road T R at bend take L (The Drang) top of lane R at F/P sign follow path to road (Haymoor Lane), T L at next bend take F/P sign R through gate. Follow undulating track up between two barns over style ahead, making your way L where wire fence ends, T R to style in hedge ahead. Follow F/P over 3 further styles (horse jumps to L, copse to R), take track ahead to next style on R then short lane to next style onto road (Burcott Lane). T L at T-junction L again and pass Burcott Farm next R, up hill take F/P on R next to a metal gate, keep ahead over style into 2nd field, ahead again over double style into 3rd field, cross corner of field to style by 30mph sign onto B3139.

4) GR ST 531 457 B3139

T R, at row of houses on L take L through black and white gate with circles on between No28 and No27 (no F/P sign and gate into field locked) cross field diag. R over style onto A371, cross and walk L, R at red brick terraced houses over bridge then R along 'old rail track' (cycle track), as you approach 'leisure centre' take L path behind leisure centre, then L through houses T R

walk to end of St Cuthbert Ave. cross road into Mount Pleasant Ave. at end of road cross over T R onto Welsford Ave. take next L cross over Blake Road at end T R, cross road L into Kennion Road at end R into Ash Lane.

INTER 2 TOR HILL, BIDDLECOMBE & ROOKHAM. (9.2 MILES - GRADE 2)

ABBREVIATIONS ARE - T= TURN, H= HALF, R= RIGHT, L= LEFT

1) Start Ash Lane Grid Ref. ST 544 465

Start your walk on Ash Lane Next to Coopers Close (No27) (West Mendip Way) and walk thro' two metal gates then between school buildings and over footbridge.TL and continue to end of path, TR and walk round corner to main road (New Street). TR keeping on pavement then cross at traffic lights to Sadler Street. Walk thro' gateway (The Dean's Eye) 75yds on L and cross Cathedral Green to far R corner. Pass under Penniless Porch & thro' gateway (The Bishop's Eye) 50yds on L to Palace Moat. Walk around moat to main road (B3139) Cross diagonally R to unmade road and after 75yds TR by FP sign, up steps, keeping on main path thro' Tor Woods to reach a gate. Walk straight ahead thro' trees to kissing gate., then keep to L boundary to arrive at a stile on Tor Hill.

2). GR ST 559 457.

Climb stile on L & continue down thro' woods to a metal stile and open field then down to L hand of 2 kissing gates on field boundary. TL on to unmade road then TR after 100yds by play area. Now keep on path across road and up hill to main road (Bath Road B3139). Cross diagonally L to Beryl Lane and walk up as far as concrete steps and metal barrier. TR and walk the extent of road (Drake Road) .TL and immediatley R thro'gate and follow direction of fingerpost across field to top L hand corner and metal kissing gate (Looking back there is an excellent view of Wells) Carry on up path and thro' woods to stile (Knapp Hill). TR and walk around field boundary then down to a stream in Beryl Wood, ignoring footbridge on the R You are now in Biddle Combe.TL (don't cross stone bridge) and walk up with steam on R. Ignore signpost and bridge on R and continue until reaching the confluence of two streams by 2 old concrete fence posts (don't cross sleeper bridge on R).

3). GR ST 571 481.

Here the path splits. Take R path (least obvious) which crosses the stream .TL and walk up path, keeping stream on L to reach two field gates. Now in a field, keep to L boundary as far as the gate. TL on to main road (A39) and cross to a stone stile on Pen Hill. Follow direction of the finger post , keeping wall then hedge on R, the Mendip Transmitter mast on your L (305m above sea level and293m in height) Walk ahead following r.o.w. to emerge on the main road (Old Bristol Road). TL and then R by the edge of the wood onto Dursdon Drove. Walk to end of tarmac and thro' gateway marked "Rookham View" (Do not continue along Durston Drove) to reach a stile by cattle grid. ("Rookham" is the valley on L.). Climb and follow direction of finger post down to a gate then up HR to reach a stile then proceed straight ahead to another stile on opposite boundary. (Views as far as Blackdown Hills & Exmoor)

4).GR ST 539 486.

Do not cross but turn back L 45degrees down hill to reach a stile then down track, thro' a field gate to reach another stile. Climb and keep to R hand boundary over a stile (next to a gate) and down to a field gate. Go thro' and keep hedge on your L to reach another field gate and road (Tynings Lane). TL then 100yds TR over stile and across camping field to bottom L corner and thro' kissing gate keeping to R hedge to reach an old metal kissing gate in corner. Cross stepping stones and walk up to a Bristol,gate , then across next field with Model Farm on L, to top corner

to kissing gate and road (Milton Lane). TR walk down hill and take next road L (Reservoir Lane) to end of tarmac then straight up rough track thro' field gate. TL along fence to kissing gate on road (Old Bristol Road) TR then immediately R thro' metal gate and along fence to a kissing gate. Carry on down 2 flights of steps (Milton Lodge gardens) then thro' a kissing gate and straight down over a stile. T HL across field to another kissing gate & road (Old Bristol Road.) TR down to Ash Lane. TR and walk straight on past Milton Lane on L to Kennion Road and Scout Hut.

Inter 3 Tor Hill, Dinder and, Croscombe . 9.6 miles.

Grade 3. Height Gain 972 feet.

Abbreviations are: T = turn, L = left, R = right, H = half, GR = grid reference,

G = Gate, KG = kissing gate. THR = Turn Half Right

1). GR ST544463 Ash Lane, Wells, near Fir Tor Avenue.

Start the walk from Ash Lane, Wells, near the junction with Fir Tor Avenue. Walk in a westerly direction down Ash Lane for 150 yards and TL down Kennion Road to junction with Wookey Hole Road. Cross Wookey Hole Road and continue in same direction until one reaches a traffic light controlled pedestrian crossing on the main road (A39, Portway).

Cross the main road and walk up Westfield Road for 150 yards until one sees a large white building on the L (The White Building). TL up Chamberlain Street for 50 yards and cross using the pedestrian refuge by a filling station. Immediately in front of you there is a set of metal gates leading to St. Cuthbert's Church. Walk through the churchyard to reach St. Cuthbert's Street. TL and cross Priest Row to reach Wells High Street. Should the gates to St. Cuthbert's Church be closed, continue up Chamberlain street and TR into Priest Row. At end of Priest Row, TL into Wells High Street to rejoin the described route.

Walk up Wells High Street for 300 yards, crossing at the pedestrian crossing near Union Street. When you are parallel with the King's Head pub, TR into Guard House Lane. At far end of Guard House Lane, TL into South Street. After a small council car park on your R, TR up narrow FP leading to Silver Street and the Bishop's Barn. TL up Silver Street until one reaches the southwest corner of the moat around the Bishop's Palace.

2). GR ST551455 Moat around the Bishop's Palace.

Walk up the surfaced path, keeping the moat on your L until you reach Tor Street. Cross with care into Torhill Lane. After a few metres, look for a flight of steps on your R. Ascend the steps and keep going as straight as possible and always uphill. Go through KG, cross field and a wood on a well-defined path to reach another KG.

Continue, keeping close to a fence on your R and through a constricted part of the field to reach a long narrow field with a row of concrete blocks on your R. Cross field towards gate at far end and over stile at the R of the gate.

TL up wide track ignoring golf course paths on L and R. Where path narrows with woods on the L and golf course on R, TL on path leading to a Somerset Wildlife Trust sign 10 yards into the woods. Walk past sign and uphill to reach a crossing track on the ridge. TR and walk up ridge and over summit to gently descend to a KG.

Go through KG and cross grassy plain, a small wood and another grassy plain to reach a gate leading to a metalled road. TL over stile next to gate. Walk up side of field keeping hedge on R. Go through metal G into wood. Keep fence on your R and cross slightly awkward stone stile. After 50 yards, TR through metal G, TL to another metal G and TR onto track. Walk to end of track and TL through KG.

Look for metal G ahead of you in small wooded dip. Cross gate and dip and walk towards large

farm silos at Chilcote Manor. When you arrive at minor road (Chilcote Lane), TR and walk along Chilcote Lane, passing a road junction on your R and a small caravan site on your L. After 400 yards, look for finger post and stile on your R.

Go over stile and straight down field to cross a double stile to enter a long narrow field. Continue in same direction, looking for stile in far end of long narrow field.

TL over stile to enter a small narrow and muddy valley. Ignore the bridle path running along the line of this valley and keep as straight as possible to leave the valley up a sloping gap between trees to reach a flat grassy field. Look for a metal G leading onto Sleight Lane.

Cross Sleight Lane onto farm track. After 200 yards THR through G. look for KG in centre of hedge opposite. Keeping in the same direction, cross to another KG and start descending towards the village of Croscombe. TL at gate into lane, after 200 yards cross a stone stile and descend steeply, crossing 2 more stone stiles to reach a residential road (Fayreway).

TL for 20 yards, then TR into Church Street. Walk down church Street to reach the main road (Long Street, A361), keeping The Bull Terrier pub on your L. TR down the pavement, past The George Inn, until nearly at Croscombe Stores.

3) GR ST589443 Near The George Inn, Croscombe.

When there is sufficient visibility in both directions and it is safe to do so, cross Long Street and retrace one's steps past the bus stop and telephone box to the junction with Jack's Lane. Walk up Jack's Lane, crossing the river Sheppey and TR up Old Street Lane. Continue up Old Street Lane for about 200 yards until one passes the last house on the L, Thorn Hill Cottage. TL up drive of Thorn Hill Cottage and over stile into field. Walk up field to stile next to gate leading to an unmetalled lane.

TR along lane to where it meets Old Street at a R angle bend. Walk up Old Street for 600 yards and cross a wider road (Shepton Old Road/Old Wells Road) at a cross roads onto another lane. Continue down this lane for approx 500 yards and TR at the first road. Walk up this road for 200 yards. When almost at the top, look for a squeeze stile on the L. TL and enter Dulcote Woods.

The path through Dulcote Woods is marked by yellow paint or yellow waymarks and generally follows the northern boundary hedge, but about 10 yards inside the wood, towards the western end of the wood, the path gradually ascends to run next to a wire fence on your L and finally descends to a wide grassy track. TL and walk up track to minor road.

TR and walk down minor road for 500 yards. TR through bridge under disused railway. After 200 yards, look for narrow alley between houses on your L. TL down alley and cross G and stile. Cross field, keeping hedge on your L and go over stile into larger field. Look for footbridge straight ahead. Keeping to the same direction gradually ascend to a KG leading to a green lane.

Cross lane to stile opposite. After walking a few metres up a slight slope, you will see Wells cathedral straight ahead. Walk towards the cathedral, keeping Park Wood on your L. Cross the stile between the gate ahead and the wood and continue towards a KG set in a muddy area. Go through KG and walk towards the cathedral, keeping hedge on L, pass through double G to arrive at the Bishop's Palace moat.

4) GR ST551455

Walk straight ahead along one side of the moat. At the next corner of the moat, TL through a stone arch (The Bishop's Eye). TR for 20 yards, then THR through another stone arch (Penniless Porch). After 20 yards, THL and cross Cathedral Green diagonally to yet another stone arch leading to Sadler Street. Go through arch and cross Sadler Street. TR up pavement and cross Chamberlain Street. THR up New Street for 100 yards. Look for cobbled alley on L with plaque

marking the start of the West Mendip Way (Milton Lane). TL up Milton Lane to arrive at a car parking area. TL along Lovers Walk for 50 yards. Then keep to the surfaced FP next to tennis courts until you reach a path leading to a footbridge on the R. TR and cross footbridge. You are now entering the grounds of The Blue School. Continue through The Blue School, up a few steps and through a G. Follow the path keeping hedge on your L and TL into Ash Lane to arrive back at the start point.

Points of interest.

St Cuthbert's Church

Guard House Lane

Faces on house

Bishop's barn

Bishop's moat

Tor Hill geology & Fossil coral

Concrete blocks

King's Castle Hill SWT

King's Castle Hillfort

The Lyatt lumps and bumps

Croscombe mills

Cathedral

West Mendip Way

Long 1 Wookey Hole, Pen Hill and the Horringtons

(Grade - ?, Height gain - ???ft)

Abbreviations are H = half, R = right, L = left, FP= footpath T =turn

1).GR ST544463 From Ash Lane

Go up Milton Lane, bear R along Reservoir Lane and R along green lane through wood and over steep stile to the R of the gate then across a field in the same direction to the L hand corner and onto Old Bristol Road.

TLt and walk along road to Manor Farm and L along FP with farm buildings on R . Go downhill across field through 2 kissing gates to track and T R to get to Tynings Lane. Then TL towards Lower Milton. Ignore 1st turning to the L and follow the road around the L hand bend. After some buildings, go up some steps and through a gate on the R opposite a '30' sign.

Go west across field to stile then keeping hedge on L continue to stile and to track leading to road. TL onto road and then R. You are now in Wookey Hole.

2) GR ST 531 477 Wookey Hole

Note the next 0.8 miles involves a climb of 180 metres (600 feet)

Go R up track leading to Wookey Hole Start of Tour until you come to a steep FP on L through a small wood. Go up this path and over a stile and across a field with hedge on the R and where a lane meets the FP TR through gate and follow tractor track uphill. Where tractor track divides bear R and continue uphill with hedge on L and a wood on R past a dying tree and through a gate Ahead is a wood. Continue across the field in the same direction going to the R side of bulge in wood to find a well camouflaged stile

Go carefully uphill around an extensive badger sett along an indistinct FP keeping fence on the L.

3) GR ST 533 487

Bear L at the top and R at the gate. Keep the field boundary on the L walk over 4 fields. At the 4th field go through a gate to the R of some trees and then head towards the uphill far corner (NE) of field to join track going NE with a steep slope downwards on your R. Where two tracks meet ignore the one on the L and continue straight ahead with a wood on the R to the Old Bristol Road.

TL onto Old Bristol Road then R after about 100yds along FP through a number of gates keeping the field boundary to your L to the L side of Pen Hill Mast and when the road is in sight head for a cottage and go over stile onto the Bristol Road.

4) A39 GR ST 568 488

Cross main road and the minor road to a gate on your R, go through it and go downhill to gate keeping fence and wood on R until you go through a metal gate.

Soon on your R is a FP, follow it downhill and downstream until you come to a bridge Cross it and T L upstream for a few yards, then TR up a steep path, through a gate at the top and TR. Walk towards West Horrington keeping the hedgerow on your R until you come to a stile. (note: not the gate in a wall) Go over the stile and down the lane and TL at the road in West

Horrington.

Walk along the road until you come to a finger post on the R. Go over the stile and along the FP into a field and continue in the same direction and over another stile. TL and after a few steps TR along a lane that soon becomes a green lane and continue along it to the end. THL across the first field to a gate. Now aim for R side of hedge ahead on your L and continue across the next field in the same direction. The path now turns L and downhill and goes towards the church. Continue in the same direction to reach a short lane to Bath Road.

5) Bath Road GR ST 571 467

T R and cross road to take road on L and go along Upper Breach and T R when the road Ts R. In a short distance the road Ts R but you continue straight on down a FP and after an old gateway keep to the L and continue to a road.

Cross road and make sure you go L to find a FP going L diagonally across a field downhill and over stile which may be hard to see.

Now go uphill go through a metal gate and then bear L to the top of the copse on your L. When you have reached it now head for the L hand corner of the wood ahead. Go over stile and TR keeping wood on your R and go over the next stile.

TR onto East Mendip Way. Walk along with wood on your R to the end of the field. A track is now clearly visible. Stay on the track as it Ts L and then R. When you can see part of a golf course take the R hand fork with the golf course on your L. Soon after the end of the golf course TL along a FP

Keeping hedge on your R, this becomes a green lane through a copse and then a small field.

TR when FP crosses track and keep hedge on L. There is a pill box uphill on the R. At the next field go diagonally across field to Constitution Hill.

6) B3139 ST 562 452

Cross road and take lane on the L and follow it to a crossing path. T R and walk towards Wells keeping Park Wood on your L. Go over stile

At the next gate join track to the Moat and walk along it clockwise to a FP on your R through a recreation ground. At the next gate TR and TL when you reach the road TR down Guardhouse Lane and cross the High Street into Union Street. TL and after passing the Jobs Centre TR in Whiting Way. Just before the main road take a path on your R past a supermarket and go over a footbridge on your L. Follow the FP straight through The Blue School to Ash Lane.

Long 2 Wells, Dulcote, Croscombe, North Wootton, Worminster Down 12.2 Miles

(Grade - ?, Height gain - ???ft)

Abbreviations are H = half, R = right, L = left, FP= Footpath

1). Grid Reference (GR). ST544463 Ash Lane

The walk starts at Ash Lane ST 544 463 take path next to Coppers Close (No 27) down path, through kissing gate, across field and into school grounds. Straight ahead across school field to use footbridge over main road (A371). T L to follow path into road to T R at end and then immediately L to get to New Street. T R and at roundabout, T L into The Liberty. After 200m T R into Vicars' Close. At the end of the Close T R and go around the cathedral and through an archway (Penniless Porch) into the market square. Immediately, T L through a further archway (The Bishop's Eye) towards the Bishop's Palace and T R alongside the moat. At the end, T L and follow the moat and then a path up to the road (B3139). Cross road, T R and then immediately L into Torhill Lane.

2). GR ST554458 TorHill Lane

Follow the lane for 30m and then T R up the steps into Tor Hill Woods. Climb the steps to the wooden gate at the top. Go straight across into the woods opposite. At the end of the woods, bear L and through the kissing gate. Continue along the West Mendip Way following the hedge to the R alongside the quarry, and across a field to a stone stile next to a metal gate. Cross the road and go through a metal kissing gate. Bear R and aim to the L of a large tree with Glastonbury Tor behind. Cross field to metal Bristol gate. Go downhill, but bear L to wooden kissing gate in the hedge T junction, B3139. Follow hedge to R to reach a metal kissing gate. Cross the track and over a stile. Pass R of a tree and across to stile in hedge. Follow hedge to R. After 150m, cross the hedge metal kissing gate and follow hedge to the L to next metal Bristol gate. Cross field to metal kissing gate into cricket field. Cross cricket field to gate and stile and step into the road at Dinder.

3). GR ST573448 Dinder Cricket Ground

T L and follow the road to the church. Continue along the road until the road turns R and you will T L into Long Lane. At the end of the houses, T R through metal kissing gate, and across to the stone stile (not the metal gate). Straight ahead to metal kissing gate and thence to track. Follow track through gap in hedge and cross the next field to gate and stile. Cross the road and through metal kissing gate, follow hedge to R to metal kissing gate above the sewage works. Go straight ahead, slightly downhill, to metal kissing gate and across to Croscombe village. T L along the road, and just past 'Rimini', T R down a tarmaced path. At the bottom of the path, cross the road carefully, and join the path opposite. Follow the path up until it meets a road. T L and go down the road for 100m until a wooden stile is found set back to the R. Cross the field to a wooden stile in the top R corner. T L along the track and up to the road by the water treatment plant. T R and follow the road to the T junction on the Old Wells Road.

4). GR ST590438 Old Wells Road

Cross road to style, and then straight ahead, descending the hill to the R of the modern poultry unit. Cross style next to double metal gate and then immediately L to a track. After 20m, T R through gate and style. Bear R to style and through railway tunnel. Follow hedge to L for 50m, and then aim to R of largest hill ahead to find a gate in the hedge. Climb straight ahead to style, and continue ahead to the kissing gate. Bear L and down to a gap in the hedge. T immediately R and follow hedge down to gate into the road.

5). GR ST592425 Primrose Farm

T R past 'No Through Road' sign, and sign to Primrose Hill. After 50m, T L through gate and down to far corner of the field to the L of the farm buildings. Cross style to L of metal gate and cross field to far L corner with a wooden gate. Follow path beside wooden fence to style. Follow hedge to L. Just past the water trough, T L over stream with double styles and bear R across field. Take L one of pair of gates and through the next gate. Bear L and rise to electricity post. Follow on to the L corner of the field and join the farm track. Follow track to the road. T L and follow the road steeply up the hill to reach the Folly Lane bridleway on the R.

6). GR ST580420 Folly Lane

Follow the bridleway, bearing R at the yurt. At the end of the wood, go through the wooden gate and follow the hedge to the L to a metal gate with Glastonbury Tor behind. Follow hedge to R to metal gate and then to next metal gate across field to L of centre and then onto the green lane beyond. Follow lane down to tarmac road by houses. In 50m go R over style into field, bear R to telegraph pole and then drop down steep gulley to style onto the road.

7). GR ST568419 North Wootton

T L and shortly afterwards, bear R down road. In 100m (where the road Ts hard L, T R and immediately L and across footbridge. Straight ahead through orchard to style and follow hedge to L. Go around 2 sides of the field, cross 2 wooden styles and gain the road. T R and follow road to North Town. In 100m, when the road turns R, go straight ahead to L of garages and follow up the R hand side of the house garden to a wooden style. Cross to an avoidable wooden style next to the vineyard. Ignore gates marked 'private' and climb wooden styles into and out of a small wood. Follow the wood to your L around. After 200m, bear slightly R to wood on R and find the style in the far corner. Cross the style and T sharp L steeply uphill, keeping high to find a wooden style into the wood. Follow fence to L, steeply to a wooden style, then bear R to trees on skyline where there is a wooden style. Cross the style and follow hedge to the L but rise up onto Worminster Down at the top of which is a concrete water tank.

8). GR ST561430 Worminster Down

Continue forward to wooden style. Cross style and bear slight R to corner of the wood. Slightly past, T sharp L through gate and then steeply down on a slippery path. At the bottom of the hill, exit the wood by a kissing gate which opens out onto good views of Wells. Bear R and aim to L of converted barn which can be seen in the distance. Cross the style next to the gate and onto the road. T L and the R at the T junction, ignoring the path to R. Follow road for 800m (past the converted barn), to a T junction. Cross the road, and follow the track ahead. Follow this track to a wooden kissing gate, cross the stream by the bridge, and climb ahead to the next wooden kissing gate. Cross the field to the next kissing gate which is between the church and the cathedral. T sharp R along the track. At the bend in the track, T L over the style and follow round to the footbridge to the R.

9). GR ST555449 Footbridge over A371

Cross the road by the footbridge and enter Park Wood. Cross the old railway line and bear R following the Monarch's Way. Follow the FP gently downwards to exit the wood at a wooden kissing gate. Follow hedge to next kissing gate and then T hard L onto concrete track aiming for Morrisons supermarket. Cross the next stile and follow the path around the supermarket site to finally exit into Southover opposite the Full Moon pub. T R and then 2nd L into St John Street. Continue to the end of the street, and cross over Broad Street and continue on to the end of the road and T L into St Cuthbert Street. T first R into Priest Row and continue (with St Cuthbert's church on your L), to the end of the road. Cross Chamberlain Street by the crossing T L and immediately R into Whiting Way. Cross this by the crossing the adjoining path behind the hedge. T R and follow the path around and alongside the A39. At the end of the path, T R and use the crossing to cross the road. Go straight ahead and walk up Kennion Road to reach Ash Lane

Haybridge, Henton Easton and Wookey Hole

(Grade - ?, Height gain - ???ft)

Abbreviations are H = half, R = right, L = left, FP= Footpath

1). Grid Reference (GR). ST 544 463 Ash Lane

The walk starts at Ash Lane ST 544 463 Cross Ash Lane and take a track beside an electricity power pole that goes uphill between walls. After a short distance cross a residential street and continue uphill, still on a narrow, metalled path. The path eventually reaches a grassy area and joins a lane. Continue ahead on the lane past a gate into more open country until you reach a sign post and memorial at ST 541 469.

2) GR ST 541 469

Here turn R and follow the West Mendip Way around the hill below the woodland. Ignore a track rising on the Right, stick to the main track. After about 0.5 miles you will reach a signed path and gate on the right at ST 534 471. The path is narrow between fences and reaches another gate after a short distance. Follow on through a kissing gate and down a field with the hedge on your left to another kissing gate onto a road. Turn R and follow the major road towards Wookey Hole.

3)GR ST 532 475

As you approach the Wookey Hole Inn take a narrow path on the L ST532475 that crosses a footbridge into the parking area for Wookey Hole caves. There are picnic benches here and there are toilets about 100m away on the R.

Turn L and follow a gravel track to the end of the parking area. Look for a red dogshit box on the hedge on your right. This marks the gate onto the road Titlands Lane. Turn L and then R through a gate, cross the field uphill to the left edge of the woodland. Go through the gate here and continue on the same line until you reach a stile on the L at ST526472.

Cross this stile and another on the edge of the woodland and head straight down the field to a gap in the hedgeline below you. Cross the hedge line and turn R. Follow the hedge to a double stile on a bridge over the rhine. Follow in the same direction over another stile and bridge and through an area made up into horse paddocks. Cross a stile in the hedge in front of you turn R and follow the field edge up to the top and then L until you pass a hedge line coming up from below. ST520474. This last bit is on a permissive path that may not be marked on maps.

Follow this hedge on your L side, past some buildings to a trackway, there are Permissive Path signs. Turn R and follow the trackway (old railway) until it comes to an end. ST516475. Here turn L and follow track through a gate to the main road A371. Turn R and follow road into Easton village. After about 0.3 mile look for a footpath sign on the left side at ST512477. There is a stone stile leading into a narrow pathway next to a new build estate.

The way ahead is towards a sharp valley on the horizon, pass a kissing gate and down a long narrow field to a double gate over a footbridge. ST 508471

This bit needs waymarks. Not obvious which side of the rhine to take. Bob's route seems to avoid the farmyard.

From the bridge at ST504471 turn L and follow the road. Cross the bridge, Knowle Bridge and turn L, then R over a plank bridge and stile. Head towards the gap between the hills ahead. The waymarks show the path as Samaritan's Way. From the high point head towards a church, down to the bottom L corner of the field where a gate and stile access a narrow track between hedges that eventually becomes a gravel farm road and joins a lane at ST 497459.

Go ahead on the lane around a couple of bends. Look for and take a waymarked stile on the L at ST495460. Cross 2 hedge lines and look for a waymark post, turn L and follow hedge keeping it on your L to reach a gate at ST492458. There is a triple waymark here, take the middle way and cross a horse paddock to a stile.

The tape fences for the paddocks are not friendly.

Follow the L hedge until you reach a stile, cross this, turn R and go past a house to a road B3139 in Henton village. Here turn R and take a path on the L after a very short distance. It is by a road junction and is marked, it goes up some steps to a stile ST491454. Cross the stile and up the steep hill to another stile. Over this and head diagonally L to the field corner where a gate gives access to a lane. Turn R up the lane to the ridge.

Follow round L and continue with views to Glastonbury Tor until you can turn off L uphill across a field to a stile in the distance, ST494449 . Pass this stile and continue on the same line to reach another stile at ST497450. This is the left of two obvious stiles. Cross the field bearing slightly R, over another stile. Turn R and go to bottom L corner of field (out of sight from the stile). Cross stile, head down field edge to a gate into a lane. Turn L on lane.

You will reach a T junction where you turn L and then R just before the first house. Cross a stile in the first hedge, ahead you will see a grassy dome (a reservoir) beyond the next hedge. Cross the stile on the L of the dome then head R of the dome to a stile onto a road. Go ahead along the road, after a short distance it descends a steepish hill to a crossroad at West's Grave Batch. Turn down the R lane for about 0.25mile. Turn L onto a signposted track at ST512447 and follow it

until you find a stile into a field on the L. Cross the field diagonally to a stile and plank bridge onto a lane. Follow ahead on the lane to a road junction and take the marked footpath ahead.

Follow the left hand hedge past a couple of stile and a gate until you find an open hillside ahead. Go up the hill and use the left of two stiles. Cross the hillside in the same direction but do not descend. There is a stile in the hedge just below the woods and about 100m up hill above some metal gates. Cross the stile and walk along the edge of the wood past various horse jumps. After the second stile descend the hill to a stile with a gate and track beyond it. Follow the track, do not go to the buildings, cross a stile and join a road. Turn L to Lower Burcot Farmhouse and a stile on the L at ST528451.

Cross this stile then a double stile and head towards Mendip Mast. Do not go through the obvious gateway, follow the hedge to the left of it to a stile. Go straight on to the obvious road junction.

We diverged from Bob's route here, all ways looked equally boring so we took the shortest.

Cross the road and take a marked footpath through a stile and gate. Up the hill to the gate and stile exiting the field. Cross the A 371 road and turn L for about 0.5 miles and turn R on side road marked for Wookey Hole. After 0.25 miles turn R on cycletrack and follow the old railway towards Wells.

At the Sports Centre bear off L and go the a squeeze gate onto a path into suburbia. Turn R to Mount Pleasant Ave and follow it a long way eventually turning L into Blake Rd. R at T junction, the L into Kennion Rd.

